In the name of God Amen

I Thomas N. McDonnell of the County of Macon & State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and knowing my bodily afflicted for some months past which has warned me of the uncertainty of life and that what little of estate God has blessed me to acquire and retain I am desirous that it should be disposed of with as little expence and trouble as possible, do make and ordain this as my last will and testament

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my loving wife Jane McDonnell the one half in value of all of my home lands which lie adjoining to my home tract and present residence including all the houses, stable and orchards upon said home lands to hold in fee simple during her life, then at her death to be equally divided among my children heirs at law and issue of the body of Jane, my wife if of age, otherwise to vest in my Executor in trust to be put out or leased out for the benefit of my before described children until of age, then to be equally divided as before named,

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my children Mary, Jane, Andrew, E. James, Thomas H. McDonnell, Rebecca, Caroline & and Andrew Patton McDonnell after the partition the other half of my home land as described in Item 1st consisting of several parts of tracts adjoining & lying in Cartoogechaye & Burton, I bequeath to the before named children all my other lands consisting of several tracts not adjoining my home lands except tract No 40 in the 6th

of Macon County being the tract acquired by my wife Jane from her Father John Hall, it being the place he resided on immediately prior to his death, all of the foregoing bequests with these exceptions I bestow in my worthy and confiding friend Andrew J. Patton whom I do appoint my sole executor to be rented or leased annually by him for their schooling and other necessary wants & comforts until they arrive to the age of twenty one

Item 3rd

I leave and bequeath to my stepson John Hester tract of land containing forty in District No 16 the same having been excepted and described in Item 2nd to have in fee simple after the death of Rebecca C. Hall whom I have before excepted a lease during her life, also I leave and bequeath to the said John Hester one Horse saddle and bridle with the injunction that he remain with his Mother until he arrives at the age of twenty one and will be a good and obedient and dutiful son to assist in raising her young and dependant family

Item 4th I leave and bequeath unto my wife Jane four head of such choice of horses or mules all the cattle, Hogs, sheep, poultry, house hold and Kitchen furniture, all the waggons and gearing all the farming implements of every description all the debts due me of every description, all the corn, fodder, oats, wheat, rye, and potatoes on hand all the Bacon and pork on hand to be used by her after my death for the support of herself and family

Item 5th I leave and bequeath to my children

Mary A. Priscilla C. Thomas H. Hubbard
Rebecca L. Caroline L. and Andrew J.
McDonnell after paying all my debts
all the property of every discription, not
willed in any of the foregoing Items, 1st
2nd 3rd 4th or 5th to be vested in my said
Executor and Executrix and sold and put
out at interest annually until they
arrive at the age of twenty one
In testamony of which I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this the nineteenth day
of January one thousand eight hundred
and sixty six
attest Thomas H. McDonnell (Seal)
Wm. Siegel
James Taylor
W. J. Patton

A true copy of the original
R. B. Talley to C.C.C.