

John J. McCain's last will & testament

John J. McCain of the County of Union and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say
First that my executor pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate
Second. It is my will and desire that my estate both real and personal be sold and the money arising from said sale be equally divided between my brothers and sisters with the following exceptions that is to allow Sister Jane Flynn, Agnes A. Flynn and Sarah C. Hancock to have only the interest of their respective shares to be paid to them Annually, and at their death or either of them. Their respective shares to be equally divided amonge their children if any and if no children then to be equally divided between my brothers and sisters
And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Hugh Nelson my lawfull executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof
In testimony whereof I the said John J. McCain do hereunto set my hand and seal This 8th day of July A.D. 1861

Signed sealed published and
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to be his last will and testament
in presents of us who at his request J. J. McCain
and in his presents do subscribe
our names as witnesses thereto

H. Nelson
W. Crou

State of North Carolina
Union County, D. County Court January Term 1862
Then the last will and testament of John J. McCain was brought
into Open Court and the due execution thereof proven by Hugh
Nelson and William Crou. And Hugh Nelson sworn as
executor of the same

J. C. Hays C. C.