

Mother would advise you to direct  
some of your efforts to Father. ~~He~~  
has not said so but she imagines  
that he does not altogether like  
the mission. She tells me day  
that it is intended merely as a  
hint & you need not care what  
to it hereafter. I was rather  
astonished to hear you tell  
of how so soon - for perhaps  
we have had an unusually  
mild season not yet a single  
cold day - Lucy has at last  
gone to school. She spends every  
day with Mrs. Ayres who lives  
in Cranston Square. I expect  
by the time you get back she  
will be an accomplished "piano"  
and musician. Give my best love  
to John & tell him he must  
please take this scratch as much  
for himself & for you. I do not  
ask any excuse much as it makes me  
for I really do think it is just all  
defenceless. With much love believe me  
most affectionately Yours - A -

Thursday Nov 7th

My dear Brother

I have been  
for some time meditating on  
attack on you & John & after  
the receipt of your letter I feel  
compelled to put my good  
resolution into practice.  
To day is Ella Birchhead's  
wedding day - I believe you  
have been told that her  
intended is a widower with  
ten young children the eldest about  
ten years of age - the  
wedding is to be in great  
style & the bride is to wear  
the honey moon & then



New York Hotel -

The one thing that at present  
seems to engross the public  
attention is "Old Mc Dougal's"  
will - You may remember  
to have heard of a brother  
of Mr. Coler who was immensely  
wealthy and with it all  
very miserly - He had just  
died in New Orleans & has  
willed an immense fortune  
to be appropriated to public  
charities with the exception  
of \$5,000 to his family -

You may be sure this  
does not suit all parties  
concerned & the family will  
use every endeavour to break

~~the~~ will on the ground of  
pecuniary disposition &  
incapacity of judgment - Mr  
Murdock accompanied by  
~~the~~ Hon. E. Mason started  
on Wednesday next for N. C.  
& the latter is to have a  
success - Mrs. S. is arising up  
the house in the square &  
intends to keep the gayest  
establishment in the city -  
This winter - Mary Morris has  
gone to housekeeping but  
not but one to Mr. Pitts -  
I seem very well pleased with  
the change - You complain of  
having nothing to say; but I  
doubt whether you are worse off  
than I am for I lead such  
a very secluded life that I might  
as well be any where else -  
Hattie -



## Abstract of the Will of John McDonogh.

### Three Millions Dollars left to Baltimore.

The evening edition of the New Orleans Picayune, of Monday the 28th ult., furnishes the following interesting particulars relative to the funeral and the contents of the will of Mr. John McDonogh:—

Mr. McDonogh was buried yesterday afternoon in the cemetery erected by himself, near his residence, at McDonoghville, for his negroes. It was his wish that he should be buried among them. The funeral was plain and unostentatious. Prayers and a short sermon were delivered in the small church attached to the house, built for the negroes, and where the deceased himself often preached to his slaves. A very large number of persons, white and colored, were present. The coffin was placed in the plain oven-shaped tomb usual here.

On Saturday evening, C. Roselius, Esq., for fifteen years the legal adviser of the deceased, appeared before Judge Buchanan, of the Fifth District Court, and informed him that Mr. McDonogh had left an olographic will, which was deposited either in the Louisiana State Bank, the Bank of Louisiana or the Union Bank. An order of court was issued, in consequence, for any of the cashiers of said banks to bring the will into the Fifth District Court this morning at 10 o'clock.

Accordingly, at the above hour, the Cashier of the Union Bank, Mr. Frey, appeared, having a tin box containing a duplicate copy of the will, with a portfolio containing memoranda for executors, notes, &c. Another copy of the will is in the possession of Mr. Joseph Montgomery, of this State. The court-room was crowded. Mr. Roselius presented the will, which was proved by Messrs. Grymes, Frey, and Grivot. The will is of twenty-four foolscap pages, closely written in the testator's own handwriting. Judge Buchanan unsealed, opened, and read it, occupying in so doing some hours' time. After leaving \$6,000 and some landed property in Baltimore to his sister and her children, the deceased bequeathes his entire estate, of which he gives no aggregate amount, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of New Orleans and Baltimore, half to each city, for the purpose of establishing here a free school for poor children of all classes, and an asylum for the poor. To the Protestant Male Orphan Asylum of this city, he gives \$400,000 in yearly instalments. The two other institutions' bequests are also in yearly instalments.

A school farm is to be established in Baltimore and an asylum for the poor. The school farm for the education of the poor children, from four to fourteen years of age, of Baltimore first, and the other large maritime cities of the Union. They are to be taught the pursuits of agriculture and the principles of religion. A common English education to be given in all the schools, here and at Baltimore, and the bible to be their principal class book. The inmates of the two poor asylums to defray, as far as possible, the expenses of those institutions so far as their own labor can go. The cultivation of the mulberry tree and making of silk in these asylums are recommended. To the school farm at Baltimore the sum of \$3,000,000 is bequeathed in yearly instalments.

The estate, after the annuities above mentioned are paid, and a number of negroes, named, are freed and sent to Africa, to be managed by a certain number of commissioners appointed by this city and of Baltimore; no commissioner to be a member of any council, to serve more than twelve months, or twice in succession. The two cities to act as a check on each other. None of the property ever to be sold, but to remain forever as a fund for the above charitable purposes.

A large sum is bequeathed to the American Colonization Society at Washington. After all these bequests are settled, which the donor expects will be in forty years from now, the entire estate to be divided between the States of Louisiana and Maryland, and the Legislatures to carry out the objects proposed. If the commissioners do not follow his instructions, the estate to fall immediately to the two States. Every precaution is taken to prevent these noble bequests from being diverted from their original purpose. The instructions to carry them out are full and minute.

Many high-minded and benevolent sentiments concerning education, morality, the duties of the poor and the rich, and the preservation of the Union are to be found in the will. The testamentary executors are Messrs. Christian Roselius, A. D. Crossman, Judah Touro, Louis Philip Pelie, Jonathan Montgomery, Joseph A. Maybin, Wm. E. Leverich, Francois Bizoton D'Aquin, and in case of his death his brother Francois Adolphe D'Aquin, of this city; Messrs. Benjamin C. Howard, John P. Kennedy, John Spear Smith, Brantz Mayer, Henry Didier, merchant, John Gibson, son of the late Wm. Gibson, clerk of court, of Baltimore; Henry Clay, of Kentucky, President, and R. R. Gurley, Secretary of the American Colonization Society at Washington, and Walter Lowrie, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions at New York. The will is dated at the residence of the deceased, 27th December, 1838.