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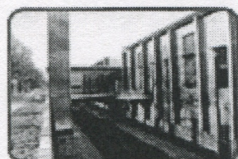
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Will of J. Y. McDonald Esq. dated 4th May 1917

Salter & Pinkerton, Solicitors, Ballarat

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Young McDonald of Eyre Street Ballarat in the State of Victoria Gentleman

I appoint "The Ballarat Trustees Executors Agency Company Limited of Camp Street Ballarat in the said State Executor and Trustee of this my Will and I declare that the said Company may execute any of the Trusts or powers herein contained by its officers.

I direct my said Trustees to permit and allow my housekeeper **Rose McHattie** to select any article of furniture or any picture in my residence that she desires as a souvenir and allow her to remove the same and any other articles or things which belong to her personally and are in my residence at the time of my death.

I give devise and bequeath to **Jane Laurie, Sara A Laurie, Alison Laurie, John Laurie and William Murray Laurie** of Calder Park Maryborough in the said State as tenants in common my residence know as Number six Eyre Street Ballarat in the said State together with the remainder of the household furniture and household effects and other articles and things that shall be in or about the same at the time of my death.

I bequeath to **John Laurie** of Maryborough my gold watch and chain and

I bequeath to **William Murray Laurie** of Maryborough my two diamond rings and my scarf pin and sleeve links and

I bequeath to **Mrs William Laurie** my gold eye-glass.

As to the rest residue and remainder of my real and personal estate and effects whatsoever and whosoever situate and being

I give devise and bequeath the same unto my said Trustee Upon Trust that my said Trustee shall sell call in and convert the same into money and shall stand possessed of the monies arising from such sale calling in and conversion Upon Trust to pay the following legacies namely

To my faithful housekeeper **Rose McHattie** the sum of four hundred pounds

To the daughters of my old friend the late **James Erskine** namely **Mary J Erskine** the sum of Three hundred and fifty pounds free of probate duty and

Maggie Erskine the sum of Three hundred and fifty pounds free of probate duty.

To each of the children of my old friend the late **George Hale** late of Buninyong namely **Maude,**

Florence, Nellie, Marion, Philip, Edgar, Ernest and Robert the sum of Fifty pounds each

To the said **John Laurie** the sum of Three hundred pounds

To the said **William Murray Laurie** the sum of Three hundred pounds

To the said **Jane Laurie** the sum of Three hundred pounds

To the said **Sarah A Laurie** the sum of Three hundred pounds

To the said **Alison Laurie** the sum of Three hundred pounds

To **Rose Morey** the daughter of my old friend **Edward Morey** deceased the sum of One hundred pounds

To **Mrs Ann McCleary** of Pascoe Vale near Melbourne the sum of Three hundred pounds

To **Mary Anderson** of Doveton Street Ballarat the blind girl the sum of Three hundred pounds

To **Maria Quigley** of 37 Grant Street Ballarat the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds

To **Charles Quigley** of Ballarat Miner the sum of Fifty pounds

To the two children of the said **Charles Quigley** namely **Frank and Jack** the sum of One hundred pounds and which is to be divided equally between them.

To my friend **J. M. Barker** of Ballarat Accountant the sum of One hundred pounds free of Probate duty

To my friend **R. J. McVitty** of Ballarat Timber Merchant the sum of Fifty pounds free of Probate duty

To my god-daughter **Madge Young McVitty** the daughter of the said R. J. McVitty the sum of One hundred pounds free of Probate duty

To my god-son **Edward McDonald Naylor** now living with **James Walker** of Armadale Surveyor the sum of One hundred pounds free of Probate duty

To **Miss Kate Martin** of Bond Street Ballarat East the sum of Two Hundred pounds

To **Daniel Simmons** of Number 7 Cochrane Place off Links Leith in Scotland the sum of One hundred pounds free of Probate duty

To the **Ballarat District Benevolent Asylum and Lying in Hospital** the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds

To the **Ballarat District Hospital** the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds

To the **Ballarat Orphanage** the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds

To the **Town Mission of Ballarat East** the sum of Two hundred pounds

To the **Ladies Clothing Society of Ballarat** the sum of One hundred pounds

And I declare that the receipt of the Treasure for the time being of the respective Churches and Charitable Institutions shall be a sufficient discharge to my said Trustee

As to the rest residue and remainder of my estate and effects and all other my residuary real and personal estate Upon Trust to divide the same into four equal shares or portions and to pay one of each four equal shares or portions to St Andrews Presbyterian Church Ballarat and to pay another of such four equal shares or portions to The Ballarat College Ballarat and to pay another of such four equal shares or portions to the Ballarat District Hospital Ballarat and to pay the remaining fourth equal share or portion unto the Mayor Councillors and Citizens of the City of Ballarat for the purpose of beautifying the Botanical Gardens Ballarat

In witness whereof I the said John Young McDonald have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand this Fourth 4th day of May One thousand nine hundred and seventeen

Signed by the said John Young McDonald the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us both being present at the same time who at his request and in his sight and presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the word "two having been previously interlined in the second line from the top of this side of this my Will.

Signature of J.Y. McDonald, Frank Pinkerton Solicitor Ballarat, Belle Hudson Clerk to Salter & Pinkerton Solicitors Ballarat. *b 1858 Ballarat.*



£4450	legacies to 28 people
£800	legacies to 4 institutions
£5250	remainder
£2868	fourth share of remainder



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John Y McDonald, Gent, late of Ballarat, died 7 Sep 1917, Grant date 19 Oct 1917, Probate.

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Total £16,723.17.11 consisting of real estate valued at £7670 and personal estate valued at £9053.17s.11p.

Probate notice in Argus 12 Sep 1917

Will dated 4 May 1917 (but no transcription)

Frank Pinkerton solicitor



J.Y. McDONALD - will - BDMS

Robert James McVITTY bp Vic in 1897 Annie Sutherland WITHERDEN bp. Mt Egerton 43R
Margaret Young McVITTY b 1908 Ballt, Robt. Jas. McVITTY, Annie Sutherland " 371
1907B NAYLOR Edwd McDonald Walker, Jno Dudley/Alice Jane MOREY, B'DALE 7566
1902M NAYLOR Jno Dudley bp. Stawell, Alice Jane MOREY bp Ballarat 283
1897 QUIGLEY Chas Britten bp Ballt m Wfred Ann Mary Dingle SAWYER bp Ballarat 7419
1902B QUIGLEY Chas Francis, Chas/Wfred SAWYER, Ballarat 460
1904B " Jno Wm " " " 388
1904D ERSKINE Jas, Alexr ERSKINE/Mary McFARLANE 81 yrs Hoth W 9097
1910D HALE Geo Arth, Wm HALE/Elizth BULL, 77 yrs Burinyong 11853
1910 HALE Elizth Hawinia, Alfd BOCK/Sarah GREEN, 76 Burinyong 4633
? 1910

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Letter dated Feb. 1, 1921 from JR Lawrie, Gregory St

Applying for 1 month extension to Contract re Entrance etc (*JY MacDonald Gates*) at Botanical Gardens due to getting the timber from Western Australia, owing to its being special lengths and sizes. Some only arrived last Saturday, Christmas etc.

Handwritten note from Finch saying extension reasonable.

VPRS 2500/P/0 Unit 128 folder 3 JY MacDonald Bequest folder

Council meeting 12 august 1918 Resolved that Council inspect site for the erection of a meorial to the late Mr JY MacDonald on Saturday 17th inst. Clause (f) of Finance committee's Report dated 12th June 1919 JY MacDonald Bequest That a memorial bandstand be erected to the memory of the late JY MacDonald and that the Engineer bring up a report as tto the estimate of cost of same. *Hand written note 'matter deferred till next meeting'*

JY MacDonald Bequest:-

The various amounts advanced by the Ballarat Trustees in this bequest are as follows

	£502	4	2
	£379	18	4
	£ 38	4	7
	£147	7	0
	£ 21	6	8
	<u>£858</u>	9	8
	£1947	10	5
Int accrued	£35	5	7
Total	£1982	16	0

The Amount of this bequest is invested in the Land mortgage at 4% at call with the exeption of £147.0.0 which is xxxxx invested at fixed deposits in the Royal Bank and £858 which is on the Current account in the xxxxx Commercial Bank. There still remains in the estate a property at Moorabbin, proceeds of which will be divided when sold.

4/3/20 Geo Morton

Letter 12/6/20 Lydiard St S, Ballarat
To His Worship the Mayor

City of Ballarat

G Crocker Esq

Sir, I have the honor by request of the Members of the Municipal Art Advisory Committee to state that they have inspected plans executed by Mr G Clegg for the proposed expenditure of portion of the JY MacDoald Bequest for the beautifying of the Botanical Gardens, and that they meet with their entire approval.

They would like however to suggest, if sufficient funds are avaikabke, that the pergola between the Entrance and the Arbor shown in the plan should be repeated on the other side of the Arbor between it and the meeting point of the proposed MacDonald Walk and the Chestnut Avenue, thereby completing the decorative avenue.

The Committee is pleased to note that the plan is in accord with the recommendations made by them to the Council last year, and feel sure that if carried into effect it will not only meet with the approval of the ratepayers, but will also be a permanent attraction in the Gardens and a beautiful and fitting memorial to the late Mr JY MacDonald.

I have the honor to be sir

Yours faithfully

Herbert H Smith.

Letter 12 Sept 1917

The Ballarat Trustees Executors & agency co Ltd

Re John Young McDonald Bequest

I have the pleasure to inform you that under his will the above named bequeathed a one fourth share of the residue of his estate to the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Ballarat for the purpose of beautifying the Botanical Gardens, Ballarat

We are at present unable to estimate the value of the residue but will advise you regarding same when in a position to do so.

Your Truly

Manager

Hand written 3rd June

Unrealised assets Sturt St Properties say £3000

Fixed deposit Bank of Victoria £1000

Mortgage " 1st April 1010 £ 500

£4500

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McDonald, John Young

Born 1837 (Leith)**Died** 7 September 1917. (Ballarat)**Marriage:** Unmarried**Occupation:** Broker and mining director**Religion:** Presbyterian

Career: Arrived Melbourne c1855; briefly on Ballarat goldfields, then took up his trade as a plumber and was in business Ballarat for 30 years; after retirement became a sharebroker. Director of mining companies, mainly at Creswick; council member Ballarat School of Mines; chairman Ballarat Gas Company; president Caledonian Society; life governor charitable institutions, made bequests to charities, the church and Ballarat Council.



House	Electorate	Start *	End *
MLC	Wellington	September 1898	January 1917

Appointments: Minister without office 16 Nov 1908-8 Jan 1909

References: Argus, 8, 10 Sept 1917; Ballarat Courier, 8, 11 Sept 1917

Initial data source: Thomson, K & Serle, G, 'A Biographical Register of the Victorian Legislature 1851-1900', ANU Press, 1972

Last update: 1972 (last date the record was checked and updated)

*The Start date for Members elected after 1900 is the date they were elected. The start date for pre-1900 Members is the date they were sworn in.