

Individual Narrative of John⁷ McDonough [116] Son of James McDonough and Hannah⁶ Leverich [56]

John McDonough was born circa 1786 probably at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of James McDonough and Hannah Leverich. The birth date is an estimate based upon John's age at the time of his death.^{1,2,3}

John McDonough married Hannah Johnson 16 April 1812 at the Brick Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. The 1915 New York City death certificate for Mary Eliza Morgan names her parents as John McDonough and Hannah Johnson. Mary Eliza was age 84 and widowed at the time she died, hence born about 1831, a date consistent with other data pertinent to John McDonough.^{4,5,6}

Hannah Johnson was born in New York State about 1793. The birth date is an estimate based upon Hannah's age in the 1880 U.S. Census and Hannah's age at the time of death. The names of her parents have not been identified.^{7,8}

John McDonough volunteered for service in the New York Militia during the war of 1812. John saw active duty 15 September 1812 to 15 December 1812 in Captain Hodgeson's company; and 2 September 1814 to 1 December 1814 in Captain Wilkie's company. John's widow Hannah applied for a widow's pension based upon John's service on 19 June 1855 and 24 March 1871. Hannah's pension applications confirm both John's marriage date as well as his date of death.^{9,10}

An applicable John McDonough is not found in the New York City area in the 1820 U.S. Census or the New York City Directory.^{11,12,13,14}

John McDonough's mother, Hannah Leverich McDonough, had a brother William Leverich, who made a will in February 1824, which was proved in the Queens County Surrogate Court on 15 August 1831. One of the provisions of William's will was that "... estate to be sold and proceeds divided equally among the surviving children of my brothers and sisters, except the following: John, James, and William McDonough, sons of my sister Hannah; and Sarah, daughter of my sister Abigail Whaley; to these I cannot with justice and propriety leave any part of my estate." The will does not explicitly state a reason for these exclusions.¹⁵

A John McDonough is found in Manhattan, Ward 1, New York Co, New York in the 1830 U.S. Census. The census tallies suggest a wife, 3 sons, and 1 daughter, born between 1811 and 1830. However, a pertinent entry for this John McDonough is not found in the 1830 New York City Directory.^{16,17}

John McDonough died 11 November 1836 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. John's death notice states "Suddenly yesterday morning after a short illness, John McDonough Esq died in the 50th year of his age. His friends and acquaintances, and those of his brother William McDonough, Esq, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral on Sunday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock, from his late residence number 151 Bowery, corner of Broome Street." The mention of brother William confirms that this John McDonough was the son of James and Hannah McDonough. The significance of using the title "Esquire" for John and William has not been determined. There is no evidence that either John or William were either a lawyer or a judge. No estate or burial record has been found for John.^{18,19,20,21}

The 1840 U.S. Census lists a Hannah McDonough living in Ward 11, Manhattan, New York County, New York. The census tallies record 2 free white females age 5-9 (daughter Mary Eliza, and unidentified); 1 free white female age 20-29 (daughter Phebe); 1 free white female age 40-49 (widow Hannah). There is no tally corresponding to son James born c 1834. There is no entry for Hannah McDonough in the 1840 New York City Directory.^{22,23}

The 1849-1850 New York City Directory lists a Hannah McDonough, widow of John, 122 Suffolk St.²⁴ The 1850 U.S. Census of Manhattan, ward 17, New York Co, New York records a Hannah McDonough age 60 (hence born c 1790) born in New York. The record also includes a Phebe Ann McDonough, age 40 (hence born c 1810) and a James McDonough, age 16 (hence born c 1834), both born in New York. This Hannah McDonough could have been the widow of John McDonough, the dates involved being consistent with other data relevant to John McDonough.²⁵

Hannah McDonough is not found in the 1860 U.S. Census in New York City. Hannah MacDonough, Widow, is listed at 49 Clinton in the 1860 and 1861 New York City Directory.^{26,27,28} Hannah McDonough is not found in the 1870 U.S. Census of New York City, nor the 1870 New York City Directory.^{29,30} Hannah McDonough, age 87, is listed in the 1880 U.S. Census in the household of her daughter and son-in-law Mary and David Morgan in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Her father was born in New Jersey, her mother was born in New York. Also living in the household is Hannah's daughter, Mary's sister, Phoebe McDonough, single, age 67.³¹

Hannah McDonough died 5 November 1881 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Her death record indicates that she was born about 1793. The funeral was held from the Willett Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Manhattan.^{32,33} Hannah was buried in Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on 7 November 1881 in a plot used primarily by her son William E. McDonough and his immediate family. The cemetery lot is owned by James Hall, whose relationship to the McDonough Family is unknown.³⁴

John and Hannah McDonough had at least five children surviving to adulthood, born between 1813 and 1834. There may have been additional children, there being gaps in births 1816-1824 and 1826-1830. This family used both "Mc" and "Mac" spellings of the surname.³⁵

- i. Phoebe McDonough was born about 1813, probably in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Phoebe was never married. Phoebe died 23 October 1892 and was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Phoebe McDonough is recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Census New York Co, NY.^{36,37,38,39,40,41}
- ii. William E. McDonough was born about 1815, probably in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. William was married c 1837 to Mary Ann Clark, who is identified as "mother of groom" in the 1872 marriage record of William E. McDonough Jr. William Sr is listed in the 1851 New York City Directory, a clerk living at 41 Clinton. William is recorded in the 1860 and 1870 U.S. Census in Manhattan; and the 1880 U.S. Census in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY. William E. McDonough Sr, identified as a bookkeeper, died 19 January 1891 in Brooklyn. William was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{42,43,44,45,46,47,48}
- iii. John McDonough was born about 1825, probably in Manhattan, New York County, New York. John was married c 1850 to Margaret Bedell, who is identified as "mother" in the 1907 death record of her son Adolph McDonough. John McDonough served as a private during the civil war in Company G, 133rd New York Militia Regiment 24 September 1862 to 6 June 1865. John's wife Margaret died on 9 October 1863 at the age of 32, and the funeral was held from 77 Lewis Street, Manhattan. John McDonough, letter carrier, age 45, and his son Adolphus, age 18, are recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census Manhattan, Ward 13, District 10, living in the household of his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Eliza and David Morgan. John McDonough died 19 February 1875. His death notice indicates that "the relatives and friends of the family, also the members of Post Sumner, No. 21, G.A.R. and the employees of State G post office, are respectfully invited to his funeral, from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 57th St between 8th and 9th avenues" in Manhattan.^{49,50,51,52,53,54}
- iv. Mary Eliza McDonough was born 15 March 1831, probably in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Mary Eliza married David Morgan about 1850. Mary Eliza and David Morgan are identified as "parents" in the marriage records of Alpheus Moran in 1878 and Mary Morgan in 1879. Mary E. Morgan is recorded in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Census in Manhattan. Mary Eliza Morgan died 22 September 1815 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Mary Eliza was buried in Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{55,56,57,58,59}
- v. James Henry McDonough was born 29 July 1834, probably in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. James married Eliza Brown c 1870. James is recorded in the 1850, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Census in Manhattan; as well as the 1900 and 1910 U.S. Census in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. James Henry McDonough died 20 December 1916 in Brooklyn, and was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{60,61,62,63,64,65}

On 19 November 1881, Letters of Administration were granted on the estate of Hannah McDonough, widow, to her son William E. McDonough, in the New York Co, New York Surrogate Court. The estate file confirms four children then living as Hannah's heirs, i.e. William E. McDonough, James H. McDonough, Phebe Ann McDonough, and Mary E. Morgan.⁶⁶

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