

4th To my wife Jane Monroe and my four daughters Harriet J. Ann E., Sarah E. & Nancy E. Monroe I give and devise the remaining portion of said 1773 acres, the same being $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same to them and their heirs equally, subject however to life estate in the whole which is hereby expressly reserved to my wife Jane.

5th To my son Arch William Monroe I give and devise two hundred acres of land in the county of Bladen ad. joining the village of Mayesville being in two surveys of 100 acres each to him and his heirs except forty acres on the lower 100 acres thereof which I give and devise to my daughter Margaret E. Melvin to have during her natural life and to the heirs of her body living at her death.

I hereby appoint my friend Nathan Bryan executor to this my last will and testament signed, published and declared by me to be my last will and testament the 19th day of March A.D. 1877 in the presence of these witnesses before whom I executed my said will and who witnessed the same at my request, in my presence and in the presence of each other.

Witnesses } A. Munn
D. Munn

John Monroe (Seal)

State of North Carolina } In Probate Court
Bladen County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of John Monroe, test., is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for Bladen County by Harriet Monroe of the heirs, and the due execution thereof by the said John Monroe by the oath and examination of A. Munn and D. Munn the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself depose and oath that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now

shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of John Monroe, that the said John Monroe in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 19th day of March 1877. And the deponent further saith that the said John Monroe, the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him, and exhibited to be his last will and testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said John Monroe was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent. And further these deponents say not.

Sworn to and Subscribed
this 6th day of Dec. 1878
before me

E. Sangledary
Judge of Probate.

A. Munn (Seal)
D. Munn (Seal)

Will of } In the name of God Amen.
Mrs. A. E. McKay } I, Ann Eliza McKay of the County of
Bladen and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory do
make and declare this my last will and
testament in manner and form following
that is to say
I give and devise unto my grandson
Eliot McKay Esq. my house and

forever my plantation on Hammons creek
whereon I reside.

2nd I give to my daughter Mary Ann Cromatic dur-
ing her natural life the plantation on Baker's creek
on which she now resides, after her death to be
equally divided between my granddaughters Eliza
Ida, Della, ^{Miriam} (Marion) Elizabeth, Emmeline and Isabella
to them and their heirs forever.

3rd I give and devise to my granddaughters Eliza,
Ida, Della, ^{Miriam} Elizabeth, Emmeline and Isabella
to them and their heirs forever, all the balance of my
real estate wherever it may lie to be equally
divided between them.

4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann
Cromatic one fourth part of all my personal
property of whatever kind, the balance to be
equally divided between my grandchildren
Lloyd, Elizabeth, Ida, Della, ^{Miriam} Elizabeth, Emmeline
and Isabella. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
this 18th day of August A.D. 1865, hereby revoking
all will heretofore made by me. Signed
and sealed in presence of Thos. McDowell
and W. H. White

Witnesses

Thos. McDowell
W. H. White

A. E. McKay (Seal)

State of North Carolina

Bladen County

Probate of Will

A paper purporting to be the last will and testa-
ment of A. E. McKay, deceased, is exhibited be-
fore me the undersigned Judge of Probate for
Bladen county, by Duncan Cromatic, and
the due execution thereof by the said Ann E. Mc-
Kay by the oath and examination of W. H. White
and Thomas McDowell who being duly sworn do
depose and say and each for himself deposes
and saith that he is a subscribing witness
to the paper writing now shown him purport-

ing to be the last will and testament of Ann E. McKay,
that the said Ann E. McKay in the presence of this de-
ponent subscribed her name at the end of said
paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid
and which bears date of the 18th day of August 1865. And
the deponent further saith that the said Ann E.
McKay the testator aforesaid, did at the time
of subscribing her name aforesaid, declare the
said paper writing so subscribed by her and
exhibited to be the last will and testament of said
Ann E. McKay. And this deponent did thereupon
subscribe his name at the end of the said will
as an attesting witness thereto and at her re-
quest and in the presence of said testator. And
this deponent further saith that at the said time
when the said testator subscribed her name to the
said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the
deponent subscribing his name as an attest-
ing witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Ann
E. McKay was of sound mind and memory,
of full age to make a will and was not under
any restraint to the knowledge, information
or belief of this deponent.

And further these deponents say not.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 31st day
of March 1879

Erander Snigletary
Judge of Probate

W. H. White
Thos. D. McDowell