

Last will and testament of Absalom Wilson, decd. is exhibited in open court for probate by John Wilson one of the executors therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Absalom Wilson is proven by the oath and examination of Barnabas Brown, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of the said Absalom Wilson and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said John Wilson one of the executors, as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law.

Nelson Hurlaw and Tryon Hilburn, named in said will to be executors also thereto having renounced in open court and refused to take upon themselves any part in the execution of the said last will and testament

Witness, D. Blue, Clk.
 L. J. Wall DC.

In the name of God Amen.

I, Colin Monroe, of the county of Bladen in the State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament, as follows.

1st. I want my executors hereinafter named to pay my funeral expenses together with my just debts as speedily as possible.

2nd. I give and bequeath unto my wife Sarah I. Monroe the plantation on which I live my part of 100 acres granted to Isaac Bryan, my part of 100 acres granted to James White, etc. and 14 acres granted to myself, 100 acres bought of Daniel Monroe, 100 acres of the land I bought of Jas. A. Butler, adjoining the other lands to suit my wife's convenience, the piece of land I bought of John S. Richard, Lucy A. and William Willis and W. I. Monroe, my part i.e. 6 shares out of seven (7) of a 100 acre tract granted to Thos. Bryan in 1754 - 67 acres bought of Daniel Hingleary and 7 acres bought of William White and sons, said lands lying in and on both sides of Bryan swamp, supposed to contain 700 acres, to her and her heirs forever.

I give unto my said wife 4 cows and calves and one beef, one horse, bridle and her side saddle, 2 sons and pigs 10 head of other hogs, 10 head of sheep, all the domestic poultry - her choice in all the stock - all our beds, bedsteads and all their furniture, one clock, as much of the household and kitchen and plantation tools, as she may want or all in case she will have a call for it and one year's provisions.

3rd. I give and bequeath unto Mary, Jane Bryan the negro girl Mary to her and her heirs forever.

4th I want the balance of my negroes sold. I want the woman and children sold in lots together.

I give unto my mother Nancy Monroe \$100 Dollars and to my sister Margaret Kelly and Catharine McKee and Mary G. Monroe \$100 each.

5th I give unto my nephew Colin Kelly 62½ ACRES of land lying in Oaky Swamp to him and his heirs forever.

6th I give unto my brothers Dugold, John and Peter \$50 each, to Malegon Monroe David and James \$10 each to John W. Monroe son of Daniel \$25 to Monroe and Colin Singletary, son of Roland Singletary, and to Colin Monroe son of Peter Monroe \$50 each.

7th The residue of my land and all the property belonging to my estate, except the loom, shute and harness, wheel and cards, I want it sold. All the money on hand, all the money due my estate at my death together with the money arising from the sale of my negroes, land and stock kept at interest and my wife shall be supported out of it during her life time and at her death whatever remains I want it equally divided - one-half to go to my wife's heirs - to leave it to her disposal - and the other half to be divided equally between my 3 sisters.

Dugold Monroe, John Monroe and Peter Monroe, my other brother I leave out, but before such division is effected I want my executors to set up tombstones at the head and foot of William Johnson and wife, in case I shall not do it myself. And I want tombstones put up at the head and foot of my own and my wife's graves, and children's graves.

8th I have subscribed 10 shares in the W. C. and R. R. road. I want these shares to pay off some of the legacies I have left to my brothers and sisters and in case they are not

disposed of in that way let them be sold and let the money go with any other money for the support of my wife.

I hereby make void and null any will or wills by me heretofore made.

I constitute and appoint my friends Thos. D. McDowell and, H. H. Robinson executors of this will to execute the same to all intents and purposes &c

Colin Monroe (Seal)

North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter
Bladen County } Session
May Term 1865.

Whereas, it appears to the Court that the original will of the late Colin Monroe was admitted to probate at July term 1865 and that Thomas D. McDowell and H. H. Robinson qualified as executors of the same, and whereas upon the evidence produced, it further appears that the said will has been lost or destroyed without being recorded, and whereas the Court is satisfied from the examination of Thos. D. McDowell that the paper here produced marked (A) is an exact copy of the said original will. It is therefore declared by the Court now here, that the Clerk file said copy among the records of his office and that the same be recorded as if it was the original.

Dugald, Blue Sec
J. J. Hall Sec