

of James E. Kelly, that C. Monroe, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto is dead, and it is further proved by the oath of said James E. Kelly that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said C. Monroe, having seen him write and the name of the said C. Monroe subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said C. Monroe and it is also proved by the oath and examination of the said David Callahan that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said John M. Lennon and that the name of said John M. Lennon subscribed as a witness to the said will is in the handwriting of the said John M. Lennon. And it is further proved by the oath and examination of James E. Kelly, and D. L. Singletary that they are acquainted with the handwriting of Charity Jones, they having seen her write her name and that the name of the said Charity Jones subscribed to the said paper writing is in her handwriting. It is further proved by the oath and examination of D. L. Singletary, and James E. Kelly, that the codicil attached to the said will was subscribed by said Charity Jones in their presence and in the presence of each other and they do further declare that they subscribed said codicil as witnesses thereto in the presence of said testator and at her request and that said testator was of sound mind and memory and of full age to execute a will and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of these deponents.

I now to and subscribed
before me this 17th day of
August 1898
E. Singletary
C.C.

James E. Kelly
D. L. Singletary
D. Callahan

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 Charity Jones and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed together

with this order and proof and therefore the said George W. Jones, executor as aforesaid, duly qualified in such by taking the oath required by law

E. Singletary
Judge of Probate & C.C.

Will of
John Monroe

In the name of God Amen.
I, John Monroe, of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following - I give and bequeath to my wife Jane Monroe and my four daughters Harriet J., Ann E., Sarah E., and Nancy C. Monroe all my personal property of every description - household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, all my stock of every kind, all the provisions that may be on hand at the time of my death, all the crop whether growing or gathered which may be on hand at my death to hold and to them jointly during their natural lives and upon the death of either one of them to the survivors.

I give devise to my son George W. Monroe one sixth part of one hundred and seventy-seven and one half acres of land (177½) in Bladen county, and one hundred and seventy-seven and a half acres being comprised of 3 surveys the portion intended to be devised to my said son George W. Monroe his or what is known as the lower portion, and southeastern portion of said 177½ acres - to have and to hold to said George W. Monroe for and during the term of his natural life and then to belong to my other heirs share & share alike, unless the said George W. Monroe shall have children surviving him, in which event they shall have said land in fee.
To my grand children Jane Hunt, John Hunt, Robert Hunt, Gaston Hunt, I give and devise one sixth part of 177½ acres, to them their heirs equally, their portion to be in that part known as the upper part and joining the lower

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. Sanglardary
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