

Will of Sarah
Monroe.

I, Sarah J. Monroe of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina make this my last will. I give, devise and bequeath my estate and property real and personal as follows, that is to say I wish full of my burial expenses and just debts paid.

Under the will of my late and deceased husband I am entitled to one-half of the principal and all of the interest which shall have accrued at my death of the proceeds of certain lands sold by J.D. McDowell, executor of my said husband, and now in the possession or custody of said executor and it is my will and desire that the aforesaid principal and interest be divided into four equal parts and I do hereby give and bequeath the same as follows viz: one share to my brother William S. Johnston's heirs, one share to my sister Margaret Williams' heirs, one to the heirs of Mary J. Brown and one to George W. Tait. I also give and bequeath to the heirs of my said deceased brother William S. Johnston my bureau.

I also give and bequeath to the heirs of my said deceased sister Margaret Williams my folding table. I also give and bequeath to the heirs of Mary J. Brown, dead, my slatted bedstead. I also give and bequeath to George W. Tait and his heirs my clock.

It is my will and desire that my beds and bed clothes be divided into four equal parts and one share to be given to the heirs of William S. Johnston, one share to the heirs of my sister Margaret Williams, one share to the heirs of Mary J. Brown and one share to George W. Tait. I give and bequeath to each of Robert Tait's children younger than George W. the sum of ten dollars and to W. A. McLean and Colin McLean, sons of Duncan McLean ten dollars each and and Jack Monroe (colored) ten dollars. I also give and devise to the said Jack Monroe and his heirs five acres of land to be located by my executors hereinafter named. I give and bequeath to Jim Monroe (colored) five dollars. I give and devise to William Monroe (colored) and her heirs twenty five acres of land to be located by my executors hereinafter named. I also give and bequeath to her one cow and calf

two sheep in case I may have them at my death and also the corn and wheat which may be on hand at my death. I also give her the privilege of moving the kitchen I now use.

I give and devise to Calvin Monroe (colored) and his heirs five acres of land to be located by my executors. I also give him the privilege of moving the house where he now resides. I give and bequeath to Sabina Lewis (colored) one heifer in case I should have the same at my death. I give and bequeath to John N. Kelly the two last draws of my pension money with an addition of two dollars amounting to fifty dollars.

I give and bequeath to trustees Methodist E. Church (white) at Abbottsburg, N.C. the amount of a certain note when paid which I held against Snowden Hester for one hundred and eighty dollars with interest.

It is my will and desire that my executors hereinafter named shall sell all the balance of my real and personal estate upon such conditions and in such manner as may be deemed most advantageous and the proceeds of such sale together with all money on hand and all money due my estate shall be divided into four equal shares one share to the heirs of William S. Johnston, one share to the heirs of Margaret Williams, one to the heirs of Mary J. Brown and one to George W. Tait and heirs. I appoint John M. Johnston and John N. Kelly Executors of this my last will.

In witness whereof I have signed, sealed & published and declared this instrument as my last will this 6th day of June A.D. 1883.
Intestatement in the 15th line 1st page 21st line 2nd page 2nd & 9th lines in 3rd page made before signing.

Witness
A. W. Cromartie
Snowden Hester

Sarah Monroe (Seal)

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah Monroe deceased is exhibited for probate in open court by J. M. Johnston on whose behalf the said will was lodged for probate before the

said deceased and the due execution thereof by the said Sarah Monroe is proven by the oath and examination of A. H. Cropper and Edward Foster 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 said Sarah Monroe and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed.

G. F. Melvin C. J.
 North Carolina } Superior Court
 Bladen County } December 15th 1873

J. M. Johnston, one of the executors named in the last will and testament of Sarah Monroe, deceased, comes into open court and duly qualifies as such by taking the oath of office as executor as required by law.

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 J. N. Kelly, one of the executors named in the last will and testament of Sarah Monroe, deceased, comes into open court and renounces this executorship.

G. F. Melvin C. J.

Will of
 Harriet McCall

I, Harriet McCall of the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sane mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First

That is to say that my executor hereinafter nominated shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay my funeral expenses together with all my just and lawful debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2nd

I give and bequeath to Randall McCall the grandson of my late beloved husband John McCall the following tracts of land the appurtenances situated thereon to wit: the tract upon which is situated my residence granted toNeill McCaulskye April 25th 1845 containing two hundred and fifty (250)

acres more or less, a tract of twenty-six (26) acres more or less granted to Duncan McCall Oct 25th 1830 on which is situated my mill, making in all two hundred and seventy-six (276) acres more or less to have and to hold to him and to his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 3rd

I will and bequeath to Minerva McCall the wife of Chas. McKee and the granddaughters of my late beloved husband John McCall one tract or parcel of land containing two hundred (200) acres more or less granted to Neill McCaulskye Oct. 10th 1847 to have and to hold to her and to her heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 4th

In view and consideration of the kindness and services of Flora Clark to my late beloved husband John McCall and to myself rendered during a number of years I will and bequeath to said Flora Clark the following tracts or parcels of land to wit: one tract granted Duncan McCaulskye April 1st 1851 containing two hundred acres (200) more or less, a tract granted to Ann McCaulskye Sept. 29th 1804 containing forty-five (45) acres more or less, and one-half according to valuation of all the land or parcels of land that may be in possession at the time of my death and herein not disposed of, to have and to hold to her and to her heirs in fee simple forever with this consideration that the two (2) acres laid off and including the graveyard on the (200) acre tract granted to Duncan McCaulskye April 1st 1851 be respected and held sacred as a burial place.

Item 5th

In view of and for the reasons mentioned in Item fourth of this my last will and testament I will and bequeath to Flora Clark all the money that may be in my possession or owed to me at the time of my death, all the provisions of whatever kind that may be in my possession at the time of my death and one-half of all the other property of whatever character which may be in my possession at the time of my death and herein not disposed of.