

Robert Monroe, Sr.'s Will

Last Will & Testament of Robert Monroe In the name of God, Amen.

I, Robert Monroe of the County of Grainger and State of Tennessee, being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous do dispose of such worldly substance as it hath pleased God to blessed me with. I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to my desire that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my perishable property.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Rosanna Monroe, one Negro woman named Meredith.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nancy Monroe, one young gray mare. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife and daughter all my household and kitchen furniture, 2 cows, 2 breeding sows, the choice out of my stock to dispose of as they please.

I give and bequeath unto my son, Robert Monroe, two hundred acres of land being the tract that I bought of Robert Nash with all my farming tools of every kind after my wife Rosanna Monroe and daughter Nancy Monroe having their support off of said tract of land during their natural lives.

My desire is that my said beloved wife and daughter should live with my son, Robert Monroe, and see to the maintaining of them.

My desire is that after my just debts be paid that the remainder of my property be equally divided among five of my children yet alive whose names is as follows: George Monroe, Elizabeth Atkins, John Monroe, Barbara Kitts, Mark Monroe. I also give and bequeath unto the heirs of my daughter, Peggy Wyrick, deceased one dollar. I also give and bequeath unto the heirs of my daughter Polly Atkins, deceased, one dollar to come out of the above property before divided.

I also give and bequeath unto my son, Robert Monroe, all the grain and provender of every kind now on the place, to have for the use of himself, his mother, and sister.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my son, Robert Monroe, executor of this my last will and testament. In witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of January 1834.

**Witnesses: James Salling, Robert Monroe, William Hamilton William Long
Recorded 6 July 1836 by E. Tate, Clerk**

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