

ZERAH MARVIN

Be it remembered that I Zerah Marvin of the township of Union in the County of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania on the eighteenth day of October, A.D. 1853 do constitute and make this my last will and testament.

FIRST: It is my will and I give and bequeath unto my son John Marvin and William S. Monroe and Martha Monroe his wife my daughter my Homestead I now reside on divided as follows: Beginning at a White Oak tree marked standing in the public highway on the line of land of R. Gregory and myself thence Eastwardly along the highway as far as my Store House Door to a corner thence southerly along a lane to a stone corner marked with a cross on the top thence Eastwardly to a hickory tree marked nearly opposite John Marvins Barn thence more northerly to a Black Ash tree marked and standing in the sun in the public highway thence Eastwardly along the Highway as far as to the road leading to Shickshinny and to E. Roberts line of land. My son John Marvin to have the North part thereof and William S. Monroe and my daughter Martha Monroe and their heirs is to have the southerly part thereof; with a reserve for a Road from the stone corner aforesaid marked with a cross on the top thence southerly to a large stone marked with a cross on the top, thence along the west side of a row of stones to the Kithline corner the road to be twelve feet in the clear this road to be kept up as long as needed and a good fence made on the west side of the road and to be kept in good repair as long as said road shall be used at the expense of John Marvin his heirs or assigns the above I give and bequeath to *them and their heirs I give and bequeath to* my son

2. Give Marvin all that lot of land on which he lives supposed to be fifty acres more or less: Further it is my will and I do order that my beloved wife Rhoda shall have the use occupancy of the House in which she shall now resides during her natural life and one third of the proceeds of my Homestead yearly if she requires it to make her comfortable and more if necessary and I do hereby appoint Matthias Williams to be her Guardian and see that she is amply provided for if she should happen to survive me and after her decease it is my will that John Marvin, William S. Monroe and Martha

Monroe my Daughter shall have their portion as aforesaid. Further: I give and bequeath to my son William Marvin Five hundred Dollars. Further: I give and bequeath to my son Matthias Marvin seventy five Dollars with four hundred and twenty six Dollars which I paid for land in the State of Ohio Hancock county bought of Min r Nesbit for him which makes five hundred Dollars. Further: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Rhoda Leon Folmer One Hundred and sixty seven dollars and two hundred and thirty three Dollars a Debt I hold against David Folmer her Husband which I paid to William Bryant making four hundred Dollars, And I order and direct and constitute and appoint John Marvin my Executors of this my last will and testament, And it is further my will that he shall settle up my debts and afterwards pay over as directed above named I also empower him to bargain and sell my lands if any at private sale to best advantage and to convey and ~~is~~ confirm unto the purchasers as he can agree. Further it is my wish that my personal property to be equally Divide to each heir if they can so agree. And further all the beds and bedding to be kept according to the counsel of my wife Rhoda as she shall choose and after her decease then to be Divided if any left with the heirs in this county if they cannot agree it is my wish that they shall appoint one two or three disinterested persons to make the Division and cast lots for their part and to be contented with their portion without a murmuring word. And it is further my will that after my decease all my debts paid and collected the overplus if any to be Divided amongst my heirs. I publish and declare this and none other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Eighteenth day of October, A. D. one Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty three.

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Witness

James Johnston

Lot Fink

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