

Marcus Monroe and the Creation of Maynardville, TN

The counsel on behalf of the county in the creation of Union County was Horace Maynard, and in gratitude for the service rendered by him, the seat of justice was named in his honor. The site of Maynardville was formerly the property of Marcus Monroe, who donated to the county the lots north of Main Street, reserving the proceeds of the sale of the remainder for his own use. The first house erected was a stone building, erected in 1854 by A. L. Leinert, who still occupies it.

What is now Maynardville began in the early 19th century as a small community known as Liberty. When Union County was created in the 1850s, Liberty, being nearest the center of the county, was chosen as the county seat. The land for the courthouse square was donated by Marcus Monroe (1793–1870), a local minister.

MARCUS MONROE (ROBERT, WILLIAM, JOHN) was born August 03, 1793 in Grainger County, TN, and died September 06, 1870 in Maynardville, Union County, TN. He married (1) NANCY DAVIS September 30, 1814 in Grainger County, TN. He married (2) TEMPERANCE WARWICK Aft 1853. Mark Monroe performed marriage ceremony for first couple to obtain a license in Union County, TN. Rev. Monroe donated the lots in Maynardville on which the County Court House was built.

Children of Marcus Monroe and Nancy Davis are:

- i. LEA ANDERSON MONROE, b. May 13, 1815, Grainger County, TN; d. 1887.
- ii. LUCINDA MONROE, b. April 27, 1816, Grainger County, TN; d. October 14, 1871, Union County, TN.
- iii. CALVIN MONROE, b. May 22, 1818, Grainger County, TN; d. February 07, 1871, Union County, TN.
- iv. JAMES L MONROE, b. March 30, 1820, Grainger County, TN; d. September 23, 1936.

- v. CIRENIA MONROE, b. January 03, 1822, Grainger County, TN.
- vi. ORLENIA MONROE, b. September 05, 1823, Grainger County, TN; d. November 08, 1849, Union County, TN; m. EMANUEL WARWICK.
- vii. VILENIA JANE MONROE, b. July 05, 1825, Grainger County, TN; d. May 04, 1850, Union County, TN; m. EMANUEL WARWICK, October 31, 1849, Grainger County, TN.
- viii. ISAAC JOHN MONROE, b. September 01, 1827, Grainger County, TN; d. March 21, 1891, Union County, TN.
- ix. MARY NERVY MONROE, b. April 01, 1831, Grainger County, TN; d. March 21, 1891, Union County, TN; m. ALEXANDER L. LEINART, October 10, 1857, Union County, TN.
- x. AMANDA LOUISA MONROE, b. August 01, 1833, Union County, TN; m. JOHN P. WARWICK, September 14, 1852, Grainger County, TN.
- xi. ELIZABETH SARAH MONROE, b. March 25, 1836.
- xii. WILLIAM GEORGE MONROE, b. March 25, 1836, Maynardville, Union County, TN; d. October 02, 1907, Maynardville, Union County, TN.
- xiii. JOHN L. MONROE, b. June 27, 1839, Grainger County, TN; d. Bef 1865.