

A Writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert P. Taylor, deceased, bearing date on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1861, with a Codicil thereon written bearing date on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1861. Was this day presented to Court and was proven by the Oath of James R. Warren one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, who testified that the testator signed and acknowledged the said Will and Codicil in his presence and in the presence of Cephas M. Strout the other subscribing Witness thereto, they both being present at the same time and signed the said Writing & Codicil as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator and the said writing being fully proven to the satisfaction of the Court, as the last will and Testament of Robert P. Taylor dec<sup>d</sup>. Was thereupon ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Ro. P. Taylor dec<sup>d</sup>.

And on the Motion of Talemachus Taylor, he is permitted to qualify as administrator with the will annexed of Ro. P. Taylor dec<sup>d</sup>. (Mary Taylor the Executrix named in the will having in writing relinquished her right to qualify under the said Will) Whereupon the said Talemachus Taylor appeared in Court and took the Oaths prescribed by law and together with William H. E. Morecock and George T. Brumley, by William H. E. Morecock, his attorney in fact (who justified on Oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs. Thereupon it is ordered that letters of administration be granted the said Talemachus Taylor in due form of Law.

Teste

Wm. C. Gerby C.

KNOW all men by these presents, that I Elizabeth B. Pierce of the County of James City, in possession of all my faculties unimpaired, do constitute and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others in manner and form hitherto made by me.

I direct my executor hereinafter named and appointed, As soon as practicable after my death to discharge all my just debts including funeral expenses.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my brother John R. Pierce & daughter Susan A. and Mary A. Pierce, the residue of annuity of thirty six dollars, which annuity will appear by a certain instrument of Writing in my possession to be due & payable by obligors Susan E. Pierce, James H. Pierce & John P. Pierce the amount of the same as shall appear uncollected at my death to the said John R. and Mary A. Pierce & their heirs forever.

Thirdly: I give the residue of my estate to my Brother Felix Pierce and I hereby appoint my brother Felix Pierce executor of this my last Will and Testament and request that the Court in which this instrument is admitted to probat. will require no security of him.

All of the foregoing I publish as my last will. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this the eleventh day of February 1864.

Acknowledged and published in presence of -

J. T. Martin

Elizabeth B. Pierce *(Sd)*

Mary C. Warren

Fannie R. Allen

A quarterly Court held for the County of James City at the Courthouse thereof in the City of Williamsburg On Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866

A writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Elizabeth B. Pierce. Was this day presented to Court and was proven by the oath of John T. Martin one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto who testified that the testatrix signed and acknowledged the said will in his presence and in the presence of Mary C. Warren and Fannie R. Allen the other subscribing Witnesses thereto, they all three being present at the same time and signed the said writing as Witnesses in the presence of the testatrix and the said writing being fully proven to the satisfaction of the Court as the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth B. Pierce a/c. Was thereupon ordered to be recorded to be recorded as the true last will and Testament of said Elizabeth B. Pierce a/c. And on the motion of Felix Pierce the Executor therein named he is permitted to qualify as Executor upon the estate of said E. B. Pierce a/c. Whereupon he appeared in Court and took the oath prescribed by law and entered into and acknowledged his bond in the penalty of three thousand dollars (No security being required by the testatrix) with condition as the law directs and the said Felix Pierce is therefore legally qualified a/c. Executor of a/c.

Teste

W. H. Gentry C.

County of James City Sdms.