

Copy of the last will and testament of William M. Pearson  
made 6th day of December 1869.

In the name of God Amen, I Wm M. Pearson  
of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being  
in sound mind and memory blessed be God, do  
make and publish this my last will and testament  
that it to say,

1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth the farm I now live  
on, and all my tools and money and all the home  
hold and kitchen furniture, all my stock, to have  
and to hold during her natural life and at her death  
to be equally divided between my two daughters Martha Ann  
and Mary Elizabeth.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Ann her  
half my lower place lying in the north side of Church man-  
tice joining the land of George H. Davis on the east, and  
Stokely S. Pearson on the west, 1 nag and saddle, 1 cow and  
calf.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Elizabeth all  
my part of Father's land, and the rest of that lot as to  
be equally divided between my two daughters and 1 nag  
and saddle, 1 cow and calf.

This I made the 8<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Witness

John Gilbert

W. M. Pearson

William M. Pearson

Copy of Betsy, Martha and Susannah Patten's joint  
will, made 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1869.

I Betsy, Martha Patten and Susannah Patten of  
the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, do make  
and publish this as my last will and testament hereby re-  
pealing and making void all other wills by us at any time  
before made.

1<sup>st</sup> We direct that our funeral expenses be paid.

2<sup>nd</sup> I Betsy Patten, wife and bequeath unto Eddy Patten  
the son of Susannah S. Patten three head of horses,  
one brown mare and yellow Colt 3 years old, one black  
Colt, and all of my cattle, and hogs and furniture and  
my clothes.

3<sup>rd</sup> I Martha Patten, wife and bequeath to Eddy Patten, the son of Susannah  
S. Patten, all my personal property, to have at my death.

4<sup>th</sup> I Susannah S. Patten, wife and bequeath to my son Eddy Patten all  
my personal property.

5<sup>th</sup> Betsy, Martha and Susannah S. Patten give full permission of  
all stock now in the place, or now live as, to have and to have and  
manage as he thinks best.

6<sup>th</sup> Further the said Eddy Patten, is to support and take care of us, as long  
as we may live.

7<sup>th</sup> And further we are to stay here in the place, as long as we may live.

8<sup>th</sup> We each of us, it is our will and desire that said Eddy Patten, the son of  
George Patten, have the support here in the place, as long as the  
may live or remain single and may stay here as one of the family, and  
that she be taken care of as long as she may live with us or Eddy.

9<sup>th</sup> We wife and bequeath unto Eddy Patten our land that we now live  
on, the said land jointly belongs to us, we Betsy, Martha and Susannah  
Patten, wife and bequeath all our right title and claim that we have  
to any tract or parcel of land, as well as the land we now live on,  
further the said Eddy Patten, has now full control of said land to  
farm and manage as he thinks best, and is to pay all taxes on said  
land, and at our death, we wife unto Eddy Patten, the son of Susannah  
S. Patten, all of our land and all our personal property. And that  
the said Eddy Patten is to take care and support us, as long as we  
may live, further if the said Eddy Patten, should die first, or the  
said Betsy, Martha and Susannah S. Patten is to have our support of  
out of said land, as long as we may live.

And that there is to be ~~known~~ administration as we have witnessed all we have  
to Eddy Patten at our death, Land and all other property.

Seeing this is our last will as we understand each other and  
as none of us is heard of hearing, Signer in our presence and witness  
in our presence. This 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1869.

Betsy Patten  
Martha Patten  
Susannah S. Patten

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Susannah S. Patten

Test  
John Gilbert  
W. M. Pearson