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Last Will & Testament Probated April
Jenn 1898
Samuel Pearce, Dec'd.

State of Tennessee Sullivan County.

I Samuel Pearce a citizen of the Town of Kingsport, in the aforesaid County and State, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

First. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of my monies that I may die possessed of or may come into the hands of my executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife that part of my homestead tract of land lying South of the main road including buildings North of said road as far as she may need them, and also sufficient land North of the road for her ample support, and the right to use timber any where on the farm for her own use, as she may desire. A choice span of horses and a couple of good set of harness, and one best wagon, two good milk cows and calves of her own choice, and any other stock that she may need to use or desire to have, and pasture any where on the farm that she may need for her use all the household and Kitchen furniture, and all the farming tools that she needs to use in her farming and what machinery she may think she needs or may want, also One thousand dollars in cash, and a sufficient amount of provender + grain and eatables necessary for a years support and she has a right to use and to donate the personalty to whom she may desire and she is to have the Realty herein above mentioned during her natural life.

Thirdly, it is my will and desire that N. P. Roller, Elijah Roller, A. J. Roller, Geo. P. Roller and Pearce Roller the five sons of John + Berilla Roller Dec'd. - have an equal division of my entire real estate, and personal property that remains at the death of my wife, and they are to use of my realty and personal property, not used by my wife, while she is living. Fourthly, I give and bequeath to N. P. Roller

The above said son of John + Berilla Roller deceased
One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) additional out
of my estate, because of his services in helping
me to settle up his father's estate and because
he educated himself at his own expense.

Fifthly - It is my will and desire that Jim
Godman - Colored boy now living with one
if he remains with my wife until he is 21 years
of age, shall have a good horse saddle and
bridle and two suits of good clothes and One
Hundred Dollars (\$100) in money out of my estate,
that is if he remains here and does right as he
has been doing. In the event my wife dies before
said boy John arrives at 21 years of age, and the
remain on the farm with any of the devices
in this will, then my executor aforesaid to see that
he gets the above bequest and they that get his
labor shall pay him for his labor besides.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
N. P. Roller and C. J. Roller my executors. In
witness whereof I do to this my will, set my hand
this the 22 day of February 1894.

Samuel Pearce

Signed and published in our presence, and we
have subscribed our names here to in the presence
of the testator, this the 22nd day of February A. D. 1894.

T. N. W. Gaines

J. N. Keller

James Tranbarger

CODICIL

Whereas I Samuel Pearce did on the 22nd day of
February 1894 make my last will and testament,
I do now by this writing add this codicil to my
said will to be taken as a part thereof.

Whereas by the dispensation of Providence, my wife
has deceased July 22nd 1897 and that she was
buried on a spot of ground that I have set apart
as a family graveyard whose miles and bounds
are as follows: Beginning at a planted rock on
the hill in the N.W. corner of orchard lot and is 42 1/2 W
532 feet surface measure from the N.E. corner of Saml
Pearce's brick residence which stands on the E. side
of main street thence N. 28° 15' W. 28 ft. to a P. Rock: N 69°
45' E. 32 ft to a stone: S 28° 15' E 28 ft to a stone: S 69° 45' W
32 ft to the Beginning containing 896 sq. feet. I hereby

nominate Elijah Roller + Pearce Roller + my two Executors
mentioned in this will (C. P. + N. J. Roller) as trustees
for this family graveyard above mentioned, who are
to see to the keeping of it in repair + proper shape
as to condition and to see that it is used for no other
purpose than a family burying ground that it is
never to be sold or turned out any outsiders + to be
sacredly kept for the above purpose + no other.

Secondly - It is my will and desire that Robert
Smith and Sarah Smith his present wife and
James Tranbarger and Lydia Tranbarger his
present wife (and Wm Bailey and Lizzie Bailey
his present wife remain where they now live their
natural lives to use the lots around their houses
and stables + the said Tranbarger + wife to use the
lot across the branch from his house that now has
some apple trees in it + they are to use necessary fire
wood. This all subject to the condition that they
do right and keep up their buildings fences +
ground keeping up in good repair during their
natural lives on these conditions they are to pay
quitrents for the same. In witness whereof I hereunto
place my hand and seal this 6th day of October 1897.

Samuel Pearce

Signed sealed published and declared to as by
the testator Samuel Pearce as and for a codicil
to be annex to his last will and testament. And
see at his request and in his presence, and in the
presence of each other have subscribed our names
as witnesses thereto, at the date hereof.

N. B. Vaughan

T. S. Winkley

T. N. W. Gaines

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the
oaths of T. N. W. Gaines and James Tranbarger
subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will on this
the 18th day of April 1898. And the codicil
to the same was proven in open Court by the
oaths of T. S. Winkley and T. N. W. Gaines subscribing
witnesses thereto on the same day, and the same
was adjudged and decreed by the Court to be
the last will and testament of Samuel Pearce
deceased and ordered to be recorded in the Book
of Wills. This the 18th day of April 1898.

J. M. Fair Clerk of Co. Court

State of Tennessee, I J. M. Fain Clerk of the
Sullivan County) County Court of
said County do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a full, true and
perfect copy of the last will and testament and
the codicils thereto of Samuel Pearce, deceased,
as appears from the original will and codicil
now on file in my office. Given under my hand
and seal of Court at office, in Blountville, on
this the 19th day of April, 1898.

J. M. Fain Clerk
By L. W. Denny D.C.

Last Will & Testament

Dated April
1898.

Nathaniel M. Taylor, Decd.

The last Will and Testament of Nathaniel M.
Taylor.

I do the same of God Amen.

Nathaniel M. Taylor, a citizen and re-
sident of the Town of Bristol, Sullivan County, Tennessee,
being of sound and disposing mind and memory,
and realizing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty
of death, and desiring to make such disposition of my
worldly effects with which God has blessed me, as will
be in accordance with my desires, do make and publish
this my last will and testament, hereby revoking
and annulling all other wills that may at any time
heretofore have been made by me.

I will and desire, that: Immediately after my
death, or as soon thereafter as my Executors and Executors
hereinafter named, can do so conveniently, all my
just debts and funeral expenses be paid, out of
any monies I may have on hand at my decease
that can be used for that purpose, or out of the proceeds
of the sales of any of my property that my Executors and
Executor may deem proper to sell for that purpose.

I will and desire, that after the payment of all
my just debts, that all my property and estate
I may own at my death, situate in Sullivan

County, and Carter County, or wherever else the same
may be located, including all real and personal prop-
erty, choses in action of whatever nature, shall go
to and become vested in my beloved wife Mary H.
Taylor, to be held and used by her during her natural
life, for the benefit and comfort of herself and my
three children, Mary W. Winston, wife of J. H. Winston
Esq., Janita J. Taylor, and Bessie C. Taylor. I will
and desire that my beloved wife Mary H. Taylor,
during her natural life aforesaid, shall have
absolute and uninterrupted control, management
and direction of my said estate, real and per-
sonal, or otherwise, so called to her as aforesaid,
to be used by her in such way and manner for the
benefit, comfort and well being of herself, and
my said children above named, as in her judgment
she may deem best. I desire that those of my
children who are not completed their education,
shall complete the same, the expense thereof to
be paid out of my said estate as my beloved wife
shall determine. It also will and direct, that if at any
time my wife should find it necessary, for the benefit
and comfort and well being of herself and my said
children, and for the education of my said children, or
for the payment of debts, my said wife shall have full
power to sell and dispose of my said estate, real or
personal, or any part thereof she may deem proper, and
for the best interest of the estate, and the parties in-
terested therein, and I hereby invest her with full power
and authority to make and execute all deeds and
other papers that may be necessary to enable her to fully
carry out and make good the above. It is my purpose
and will to invest my beloved wife with full power to
act in these matters as she may deem best, and in as
full and ample manner as if I was living at the
time and acting myself in person.

Third. I will and desire that at the death of my
beloved wife, whatever of my said estate may be
left and remaining on hand, shall descend to
and become vested in equal interests in my
three children Mary W. Winston, wife of J. H. Winston
Esq., Janita J. Taylor, and Bessie C. Taylor, to
be held by each one in fee simple to her own
separate use and benefit, free from the marital
rights or claims of their or her husband or