

WILL OF PRESTON TAYLOR

I, Preston Taylor, of Nashville, Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and publish this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all other wills heretofore by me at any time made.

ITEM I. I nominate and appoint my devoted wife, Ida D. Taylor, the executrix of this my will, and request that she be allowed to act as such without being required to give bond.

ITEM II. I direct my executrix as soon after my death as convenient to pay out of the first monies that shall come into her hands all of my just debts.

ITEM III. I hereby give and devise to my beloved daughter, Mrs. Hattie Tyree, now of Washington, D.C. a lot of land in North Nashville, Tennessee, on which is situated two dwelling houses, one fronting on Jo Johnson Avenue, the same being city number 1310, and the other on the rear of the lot, facing on Milson Avenue. Said gift is in fee, for her own separate use, free from the contracts and liabilities of her present husband, or any future husband she may have.

My said daughter has purchased a house and lot in Chicago, Illinois, on which she still owes a considerable sum, perhaps \$1000. It is my intention to advance to my daughter in the near future, a sufficient sum to pay off the debt or encumbrance, but if I fail to do so before my death, I direct that my executrix pay said encumbrance in full and have the proper release executed.

ITEM IV. I give and bequeath to my wife, Ida D. Taylor the proceeds of all of my life insurance policies; all cash on hand, and I also give to her absolutely all of the personal property in our home on the Lebanon Pike, including household goods, pictures and silverware. I also give to her the family automobile, live stock and all other personal property used immediately in and about our home.

ITEM V. All the rest and residue of my property, real and mixed, wherever situated, I give, bequeath and devise to my wife, Ida D. Taylor in trust for her life, with remainder in fee to the "National Christian Missionary Convention," a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Tennessee under the following limitations, terms and conditions:

(a) The Trustee after my death is to carry on the Undertaking Business of Taylor & Company, now situated at 449 Fourth Avenue, North, in Nashville, Tennessee, as long as the same is profitable, and if the same should become unprofitable, sell the same to the best advantage and turn over the proceeds to the National Christian Missionary Convention.

(b) The Trustee is also to operate Greenwood Park, a pleasure and recreation Park for colored people, as she and I have been doing in the past.

(c) The Trustee is to have charge of the Cemetery situated on my property on the Elm Hill Pike adjoining the Park and to sell plots of ground for burial purposes as in the past.

It is my desire that the Trustee maintain Greenwood Park for the pleasure and recreation of colored people and that the Cemetery be maintained and kept in a refined and decent condition for the burial of colored people.

Out of the proceeds of the operation of the Undertaking Establishment, Greenwood Park and the Cemetery, all expenses are to be paid, including a charge of \$100.00 per month to my wife for her services in operating the business, the balance to be paid to the National Christian Missionary Convention for the purpose hereinafter set out.

ITEM VI. I have been a Minister of the Christian Church for fifty six years and am very much interested in the christian education and training of young colored people, the missionary enterprises of my church, and the preaching of the Gospel at home and property of the said National Christian Missionary Convention, to be used by it for the purposes set out in the charter. I hope the National Christian Convention in its work and activities may continue to cooperate with the United Christian Missionary Society, a like organization among the white people of the Disciples of Christ with headquarters at St. Louis, but if it should fail to accept my bequest, or if after accepting same it should refuse or fail to carry on the work designated in its charter, then said property herein given to it as to be and become the property in fee of the United Christian Missionary Society to be used by it for the benefit of colored people, in the manner designated in this will and in the charter of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

It is my desire that the National Christian Missionary Convention after my death, if it meets with the approval of my wife, establish a school or college in Greenwood Park for the education and training of young men for the Christian ministry and also for the training of both men and women for christian leadership and for missionary work at home and abroad, however, I leave this matter entirely to the wisdom and discretion of my wife and the Board of Directors of the National Christian Missionary Convention. I realize that it will require a greater income than can be realized from my estate to build, equip and maintain such a school or college; but if the additional funds can be raised by said corporation, then if the matter is undertaken in the life time of my wife, and if she consents, any and all of my property, herein given to her in trust may be sold and the proceeds used for the purpose of building and carrying on said school or college, except \$100.00 per month to be reserved and paid to my wife as provided in Item 5 of my will.

ITEM VII. In the event my wife should remarry \$100.00 monthly payment shall cease and all the property here left her in trust is to be and become the property of the said National Christian Missionary Convention to be used according to the terms of its charter.

ITEM VIII. In the event that either my daughter or my wife should contest my will in the courts then the bequest and devises hereby given her or them shall be forfeited and the same is to be given wholly and absolutely to the National Christian Missionary Convention.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 29th day of ^{July} 1925.

Preston Taylor

We, the undersigned, at the request of the testator here subscribe our names as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other.

P. D. Houston

J. T. Howell

V. J. Alexander

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