

I Bartlett I Graves sign of sound mind and memory, now in
 bad health and knowing the certainty of death and the uncer-
 tainty of life and being desirous to make such distribution of
 my estate as I think best for the mutual benefit of my children
 and to put as little trouble on those who may have to manage
 my estate do make this my last will and testament revoking all
 former wills, either by word or otherwise. First, I wish all
 my just debts to be punctually paid so soon as they can without
 sacrifice, which I wish done out of any cash or cash notes I may
 have, or to sell any personal property to do the same.
 Secondly, I wish my grave and those of my wife and daughter
 if not done before my departure, to be entered as those of my son
 and daughters, and to be paid for out of my estate.
 Thirdly, I give to my daughter Martha Ann Bvents the ~~the~~
 track of land I now live on which shall be bounded as follows
 Beginning at a hickory near the gate going towards Martins and
 running thence a straight line to a post oak one of the corners
 between Thomas and William Motley thence with that division
 fence to the Motley Spring a walnut thence up the branch to a
 small spanish oak thence around my outside boundary to a post
 oak or live in the direction to Rich Youngs and in the forks of the
 road thence a straight line from that corner to 2 post oaks not
 far from the upper corner of my Nevel field and old corner of
 the Nevel survey and also of the Deewease survey thence around
 the Deewease survey and the Men survey to a small hickory near
 where was called the Sedmore houses thence to the 1 Beginning
 to it more or less, also ten negroes which will be found charged
 in a book marked the childrens book with all other articles
 I have furnished her and it is my wish that said book be taken
 as part of my said will. Fourthly, I give to my daughter Mary
 Jane Thompson the land I bought off Henry W Danks and the
 tract of one hundred acres I have in the 1 Darrens near John
 Walton, be it more or less. I But should either of my daughters
 die without leaving ^{any} bodily heirs my wish is that the amount
 of property both real and personal shall be equally divided
 giving her husband one half, the other half to revert back to
 my other children but should they leave bodily heirs, all the
 lands and negroes with their increase is to go to their child or
 children as it may be but their father may have the use of it
 untill they arrive of age or marry. Fifthly, I give to my son
 Bartlett I Graves my only son, the lands not laid off to his sister
 Martha Ann, comprising the place called the Quarter place, the
 Forest tract, Nevel and Mahan lands, containing all I have from

Martha Ann below her be it more or less, also I give him the
 following negroes first, Harrison, Washington, Martin, Rachel
 Sam, Sam, John, William, Granville, James & Rachels youngest
 child and Hannah, the one sixth I do not own in Martin I wish
 brought and paid out of my estate of Mrs May, I also give him my
 gold watch and four the best beds and bedsteads I have with plenty
 of furniture for them, to be taken care of for him, by his sister Mary
 Ann, also my 10 Dances and book case, 2 Madison table clock
 and then an equal proportion with my other children as may be
 found charged in my book. Also five hundred dollars to come
 out of my estate without charge to finish this edue time and
 the above named furniture is to be charged in his charge.
 Sixth, I give to my granddaughter Lanny Ann Robertson all the
 land laying along the boundary layed off to Martha Ann
 comprising the Dryman place and the Nevel place more or less
 also the negroes deeded to her in the Clerks office and also a neg-
 girl named Betty and a negro boy named Willie children of
 a woman named Charlotte to her and to her bodily heirs, should
 she die without bodily heirs, the land I give to her father N. A.
 Robertson but the negroes and their increase to be divided
 among my other children. the residue of my estate after all now
 specified are arranged and to be equally divided between my
 three children to be subject to all my other arrangements.
 Seventhly, It is my wish that my old negro Dick and wife
 Myrtle wife, Jacob and Martial have the liberty to choose
 with whom they may live and that a free estimate shall be
 put on them to chose they may wish to live with, I have hereby
 appointed N. A. Robertson, Saml W Danks and James W Thompson
 and my executors as it is my wish that what I have provided
 for my children that they should enjoy the use and benefit
 during life and their heirs, and it is my wish that my executors
 see that this my will be carried into full effect. Whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal, the 6th day of May 1847
 Attest Robt I Thompson

W H Davis

W. V. Harris

B. Graves

Barren County 20 November Term 1847

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will of Bartlett I
 Graves decd was produced in Court and proved in due form of law
 by the oath of W H Davis and William V Harris witnesses thereto.
 Whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded as the true last
 will of said Bartlett I Graves decd

all Tho. S. Nelson 1847