

Last Will and Testament of H. B. Bartlett

Georgia Casswell County.

I Am the name of H. B. Bartlett being of sound and disposing mind and memory, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous of making disposition of the property with which Providence has blessed me to make this my Last will and testament.

I have 1st

I will and desire that all of my property both real and personal, after my just debts are paid, be kept by this for the benefit of my beloved wife Mary Jane Bartlett and our children who remain with her, life or widowhood unless disposed of as hereinafter provided for.

I have 2nd

Should it become necessary to sell any or all of my said property for the purpose of paying debts, or for distribution among my heirs, or should my said wife hereinafter survive and should she deem it for the best interest of those interested in my estate to sell the farm whereon we now live, and reside at the above named place, my executor is hereby authorized to sell said farm at private sale without obtaining any order for the same.

I have 3rd

After the death of my beloved wife, I will that my property be then sold and divided equally between all of my children, including the two children of my deceased son James L. Bartlett, to wit: J. B. & Mary J. Bartlett, they to have the same their father would have had if living.

I have 4th

I hereby constitute and appoint my said son Henry D. Bartlett executor of this my last will and testament and release him from obtaining order from the Court of Ordinary or making returns thereon, giving him authority to dispose of such property as may be necessary for the use of the family without obtaining order therefor.

I have 5th

I also appoint my said son Henry D. Bartlett guardian of the person and property of my two young children, J. B. & Mary J. Bartlett, and release him from the necessity of giving returns or making annual returns.

I have 6th

I request my friend A. C. Brown to assist my said son Henry D. Bartlett in executing this will.

Witness my hand this 15th June 1870.

H. B. Bartlett

Signed, read, & sealed and published as the last will and testament of H B Bartlett in and presence of the same as witnesses in the presence of the said H B Bartlett, and at his request and in the presence of each other.

Wm. Bartlett
J. B. Cole
S. E. Brown

Georgia Council County, S. H. B. Bartlett do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named H B Bartlett so far as it relates to his and that it will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State.

H. B. Bartlett

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this January 8th 1871
S. E. Brown
Ordinary

Georgia Council County, We S. E. Brown and J. B. Cole do swear that we, as well as, Wm. Bartlett, who has since had removed to the State of Alabama) saw the within named H B Bartlett sign and publish the within paper as his last will and testament, that we Subscribed the same as witnesses thereto at the special instance and request of the said H B Bartlett, and in his presence as did also said H B Bartlett - that the said H B Bartlett signed the same freely & voluntarily & was at the time of such signing of sound & disposing mind & memory.

S. E. Brown
J. B. Cole

Sworn to & Subscribed before me
this January 8th 1871
S. E. Brown
Ordinary

Filed in Office Apr. 17th 1878
S. E. Brown
Ordinary