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Graves Will Provides For Home For Old Folks Here

The R. Sterling Graves will, which was probated here last week, leaves the bulk of the estate to the Baptist Foundation of Raleigh, "for the purpose of establishing a Baptist Old Folks Home on this farm, especially for old preachers and their wives, and other church workers, especially who are willing to pay a nominal sum for the support of the institution."

The estimated value placed on the estate was \$100,000 for the home and farm lands and \$175,000 in stocks and bonds. Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. of Raleigh is executor and D. E. Scarborough is attorney.

After directing that the real estate be used for establishing the home, the will provides that the bulk of the remainder of the estate be used for the "enlargement and equipment of said home".

The will further provides that "should the Baptist Foundation find it inadvisable and impractical to establish such Old Folks' Home on my farm, I direct them to sell such property and divide the money equally among the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La." and to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

The will also left the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans \$1,000, Ashe County N. C. Hospital at Jefferson, N. C., \$500, and \$1,000 to be held in perpetuity for the "Yanceyville, N.

C. Baptist Church, interest of which is to be used in caring for the cemetery".

The will was dated Oct. 30, 1940. A codicil made on Sept. 22, 1947, directs that "having made provision for the establishment of Old Folks' Home, it is my desire that it be for the benefit of members of the Missionary and Primitive Baptist Churches of the White race. I understand the other Protestant denominations have already, or are preparing to establish Homes".

Another codicil made May 11, 1953, directs that \$1,000 be held in trust for the benefit of Yanceyville, N. C. Baptist Church, and dividend on same to be used for pastor's salary.

Various other codicils filed with the will direct that small sums be paid to various distant relatives, along with various items of personal property.

A year or so before his death Mr. Graves gave a sum of money to the Milton Baptist Church to establish a baptistry there.

The will of Mr. Graves' sister, Mrs. Sallie Willie Bradsher, who preceded him in death, provides that the bulk of her estate, estimated at \$85,000, be given to the Baptist Foundation in Raleigh, to be used by the Old Folks' Home which was to be established by provisions of her brother's will. In the event, the Home was not established, Mrs. Bradsher directed that the money be used to help educate deserving youths; her kin to be considered first.

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This home of the late Sterling Graves in Yanceyville, along with around 350 acres of land, was willed to the N. C. Baptist Foundation for the establishment of a home for the aged, along with a considerable endowment for the home.