

In the name of God amen, I William Graves of the parish of Dale and county
of Chesters, being of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same, I do
make and give this my last will and Testament, and as for my estate which it hath
pleased God to give me with in this life, I give devise and bequeath of the same unto my
and from following, to wit,

Item I leave to my beloved wife Sarah Graves the plantation wherein I now live
and four negroes named Jess, Helen, Peggy, and Gill, two feather beds and
fourteen two chairs, Tels, and Trues, one sack and bundle, ten head of cattle,
Twenty head of hogs and as much household and kitchen furniture as
she shall think proper to take during the time she shall continue my widow
but after her widowhood my desire is that my son Benjamin Graves his
heirs or assigns shall have the said plantation, and that all the other estate
left to my wife to be equally divided between, Charles Graves, Francis Graves,
William Graves, Henry Graves, Mathew Graves, Sarah Graves, and
Benjamin Graves, their heirs and assigns forever

Item, I give devise and bequeath to my son King Graves and to his heirs and assigns forever

and four negroes named Peter, Peter, Peggy, and Gill, two fatherless and
Frederick two mares, Nell and True, one saddle and bridle, ten head of cattle,
Twenty head of hogs and as much household and kitchen furniture as
she shall think proper to take during the time she shall continue my maid
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Item, I give devise and bequeath to my son King Graves and to his heirs and assigns forever
Three negroes, Timothy, Susan and Brut, six head of cattle, Four sheep, three sows and
pigg, and about ten acres of the land I purchased of Edmund Graves, beginning at
a corner oak adjoining his own land, and fifty pounds current money to be paid
over before August next, to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give devise and bequeath to my son Father Graves, Fourteen negroes

Three Years, three bushels, three bushels, three bushels, three bushels,
Polly and Daniel and five shillings, because many children were
and a young man.

Now I give and bequeath to my son Charles Graves that Tract of land
of land that lays between, between, between Graves and the plantation where
live, part of the lands that was purchased of John Ragon, more, and
Graves, beginning at the mouth of a branch on swift creek, thence up the said
branch to an old path, where ~~Graves~~ line cross it, thence a straight line to
back line where it crosses the major road that goes from the spring to Thomas
Franklin. Thence up the back line to the land that was formerly John
Thence along the said Elliotts line to a corner pine, thence a straight line
from the said pine to a Spanish oak standing on the north side of the road
on Arthur Graves land (formerly Symonds) thence along the said Arthur
Graves line to swift creek, Thence across the said creek to the beginning. two
negroes, Stephen and Bidd, one further bed and furniture, six head of
cattle one bay mare that is now called Biddy, one saddle and a bridle

Graves line to swift creek, Thence down the said creek to the beginning. two
negroes, Stephen and Bedd, one feather bed and furniture, six head of
cattle, one bay mare, that is now called his with a saddle and bridle and
fifty pounds current money to be paid in October one Thousand seven hundred
and seventy seven and ten head of hogs. To him and his heirs forever,
IWM I give devise and bequeath to my son William Graves, all the remainder
part of the plantation that I purchased of John Elliott and eighty nine
acres of the land I purchased of Edmund Graves beginning at a pine on the
land devised to King Graves, Thence along Thomas Wigham line to
a corner ash standing in a branch, Thence a straight line across the county
road to William Ashbrooks line, Two negroes Dick, and Wiley, one feather
bed and furniture six head of cattle, one horse saddle and bridle Four head of
sheep and fifty pounds current money to be paid him when he shall arrive
to the age of Twenty one to him and his heirs forever.

IWM I give devise and bequeath to my son Henry Graves three hundred and fifty acres

of land, part of the land I purchased of Edmund Graves, at the town and adjoining the
of Capt. Thomas Wigham and William school lands which will be adjoining that part
the mid part of land all ready divided to William Graves two negroes Phill and Harner, one
rather bed and furniture, six head of cattle, one horse bridle and saddle Four head of sheep
two sows and piggs and fifty pounds current money to be him when shall arrive to
the age of Twenty one, to him and his heirs forever,

Item I give devise and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Graves three hundred and fifty ac
of land being all the remainder part of the land I purchased of Edmund Graves, and the
upper end of it adjoining the lands of Henry Smith now Tarquison and others, two
negroes old In, and David, one feather bed and furniture six head of cattle one horse
bridle and saddle, Four head of sheep two sows and piggs and fifty pounds current
money to be paid him when he shall arrive to the age of Twenty one to him and
his heirs forever,

Item I give devise and bequeath to my son Benjamin Graves the plantation I now
live on after the widow of my said wife Sarah Graves and also all the remainder
part of the land on the south side of the road that I purchased of my son Arthur Graves

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and one negro for one feather bed and Furniture one horse bridle and saddle
six head of cattle Two sheep two sons and pigs to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give devise and bequeath to my Daughter Francis Graves two negroes
little Dick and Betty, one Feather bed and Furniture six head of cattle one
horse bridle and saddle and Two head of sheep To her and her heirs forever.

Item I give devise and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Graves one negro man
John, one Feather bed and Furniture six head of cattle one horse bridle and
saddle Two head of sheep to her and her heirs forever, and also fifty pounds
in cash to be paid to her when married or at the age of Twenty one.

Item I give devise and bequeath to my Daughter Martha Twenty
five pounds current money to be paid on or before October next and six head of
cattle to her and her heirs forever.

In the age of Twenty years of the land that the said is now passing in the
court is not removed from Thomas William, and others

All M. I give and bequeath to my seven children, Charles, Henry, Matthew, Jacob and Benjamin, Grant all the

estate not already devised, away as well as that part left to my wife during
her widowhood to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them

after my said wife widowhood and my will and I give all that they estate and
Legacy devised to my three sons William, Henry, Matthew and Benjamin

to be kept together by my executors hereinafter until they attain the age
of Twenty one and as they attain that age to be delivered to them

My will and desire is that my estate be not appraised

My desire is also that all the money that shall come to the use of my executors
after paying the Deceased's legacies and Thomas William if he will except of

My will and desire is that my estate be disposed

My Trust is also that all the money that shall come to the use of my estate
after paying the Defunct legacies and Thomas Whitham if he will wrap
the money for the land purchased of Edmund Graves to put out to the house
for the use of my estate and lastly I do nominate constitute and appoint
my said wife Sarah Graves, Henry Hopewell, and Jesse Cogbill, my sole
and lawful Executors of this my last will and Testament, whereby I do
revoke and annul all and every former will by me made. In Witness

whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of
January one thousand seven hundred and seventy four

Signed sealed published and declared

In the presence of

William Graves



Thomas Whitham, Jesse Cogbill

James Bell, Peter Edwards