

Graves
Will

Chesapeake County, Virginia, Wills 1705 to 1800
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In the name of God amen. I ^{the} ~~the~~ Graves
of the parish of Dale and county of Chesterfield being of sound mind
and memory. Thanks be to God for the same. I do make and ordain
this my ^{last} will and Testament and as for my estate which it hath
pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give devise and dispose
of the same in manner and form as followeth to wit.

Item I give devise to my mother Sarah Graves two negroes Dick and Dilcy
and their increase during her natural life and after her decease to my
brother. Matthew Graves and my sister Sally Graves and Benjamin
Graves to be equally divided and the increase of the same negroes
Dick and Dilcy to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give devise to my brother King Graves five shillings forever.

Item I give devise to my brother Arthur Graves five shillings forever.

and necessary means to be used for the same.
Thus my ^{last} will and Testament and as for my estate which I hath
pleased God to bless me with in this life I give down and dispose
of the same in manner and form as followeth to wit.

Item I give down to my mother Sarah Graves two negroes Dick and Diley
and their increase during her natural life and after her decease to my
brother Matthew Graves and my sister Sally Graves and Benjamin
Graves to be equally divided and the increase of the same negroes
Dick and Diley to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give down to my brother King Graves five shillings forever.

Item I give down to my brother Arthur Graves four shillings forever.

Item I give down to my brother Charles Graves one horse saddle and Bridle
four sheep and one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

1800
I give devise to my brother Henry Graves and Matthew Graves all my land
to be equally divided between them to their heirs forever also to Matthew Graves
my brother fifty pounds and six pence to him forever.

Item I give to my sister Martha Winfrey five shillings forever.

Item I give to my sister Frances Battle five shillings And as for the rest of my estate
I give devise to my Brothers Cyraes M Graves M Graves B Graves and my
sister Sally Graves to be equally divided amongst them to them and their heirs
forever Lastly I do appoint my mother Sarah Graves and my brother John
Graves my executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this twenty third day of January present hundred and eighty.

signed sealed

In the presence of

Witnesses & others

William Graves (seal)

Item I give to my sister Martha Winfree five shillings forever

Item I give to my sister Frances Collier five shillings And as for the rest of my estate I give devise to my Brothers C. Graves H. Graves M. Graves B. Graves and my sister Sally Graves to be equally divided amongst them to them (and their heirs forever. Lastly I do appoint my mother Sarah Graves and my brother Charles Graves my executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of January fourteen hundred and eighty.

signed sealed

In the presence of

Andrew Collier

Major Winfree

E.C. Pleasant Bowman

William Graves (seal)