

Graves
Jas. C.

In the name of God amen. I James C. Graves of the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia, do make, declare and publish this to be my last will and Testament.

First. I direct that my whole estate shall be kept together until the 15th day of next November and the farm worked as it is at present being done.

Second. My wife Henrietta is to have an ample support for herself and little infant for the current year.

Third. My faithful wife is to have all the rights title and estate in all the property both real and personal whereof I may die possessed, which the Code of Virginia gives to the widow of a decedent, all the residue of my estate I devise and bequest to be equally divided between my five children, Gloucester Co. Virginia Wills 1862-1896
www.virginiapropnet.net Charles C., John W. and Susan Frances Graves, share and share alike, but if either of my said children shall die under the age of twenty one years, without lawful issue, then the interest of such child shall revert to my estate to be divided among the survivors of my said children or their heirs.

I do not wish any portion of my land sold, I wish the whole of it kept in the family, and if either of them wishes to sell, I request one of the others to buy his or her interest. I enjoin harmony among my wife and children, and pray and enjoin my children by the first marriage to be tenderly careful and considerate of their step mother and little half sister Susan Frances. I direct that my personal estate, other than farm produce shall not be sold, but be divided by three persons, one to be selected by my wife, one by Mr. Charles C. Graves and the other by my son Charles C. And I hereby appoint and

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Jas. C. Graves (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence, we both being present in the room with the Testator at the signing sealing of the foregoing last will & Testament
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Samuel D. Pointer
P. W. Page

At a Court of quarterly session begun and held for Gloucester County at the Court House on Monday the 2nd day of June 1884 this last will and Testament of James C. Graves deceased was proved in open Court by the oaths of Peyton W. Page and Samuel D. Pointer the witnesses thereto subscribed and by the Court ordered to be recorded and is recorded

Teste Jno S. Cooke Clerk