

James Graves Will

James Graves of the County of Potomac in the State of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory make ordain constitutes and appoint this to be my last will and testament. First. After the payment of all my just debts I give bequeath to my daughter Susan C. Clement during her natural life two thousand dollars to be held by my sons F. L. W. and James J. Graves or either one of them in trust for my said daughter and to pay her annually the interest arising from said fund. At the death of my daughter Susan C. Clement it is my will and desire that the said two thousand dollars be equally divided between her children. Secondly. I give and bequeath to my sons F. L. W. and James J. Graves ^{at the death of my wife Dinney Graves} my entire landed estate and it is my will and desire that they have the lands valued by commissioners. one taking the War Office and the other the home tract of land. and that whichever in the opinion of said Commissioners gets the tract of land of the greatest value shall pay to the other a sufficient amount to equalize said division. Thirdly. I give bequeath to my beloved wife Dinney Graves all the residue of my estate to be held by her during her natural life and at her death it is my will and desire that all the property disposed of in this clause with its future increase be equally divided between my two sons F. L. W. and James J. Graves. And I appoint F. L. W. Graves and James J. Graves my sons to be executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of September 1859.

Attest

seal this 14th day of September 1859.

Witness

J. S. Graves

Charles L. Shelton

James Graves

At a County Court held for the County of Pittsylvania on the 17th day of October 1859. A will bearing date the 14th day of September 1859 purporting to be the last will and testament of James Graves deceased was brought into Court by J. L. Graves and James T. Graves the executors therein named in order to be proved whereupon came John B. Clement and Susan C. Clement his wife by their attorney and on their motion they are admitted parties contestants for reasons appearing to the Court ~~the same~~ is continued till the next term.

And at another day to wit. At a County Court held for the County of Pittsylvania on the 22nd day of November 1859. This day came again the parties by their attorneys and they being fully heard the Court doth order that the writing bearing date the 14th day of September 1859 purporting to be the last will and testament of James Graves deceased be recorded as the last will and testament of the said James Graves deceased and that the said Clement wife do pay to the said J. L. Graves and James T. Graves executors aforesaid their cost in this behalf expended occasioned by the opposition of the said Clement wife. And the said Clement wife do appeal from the said order judgment to the Circuit Court of this County & the Court doth fix the penalty of the bond to be given by the said Clement wife at ten hundred dollars whereupon the said J. L. Graves and James T. Graves executors aforesaid do give and pay the said bond.

at 48¢ per hour \$1.50 charged to trustee \$1.50

on the 20 day of June 1863 The foregoing report of the settlement of the accounts of the commissioners of this Court having been returned to the Clerk's Office one month and
Teste

William L. Banks Clerk

J White CLK

with John A. Watson his surety who made oath to his sufficiency entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of two hundred dollars conditioned according to law
Teste

L. Scruggs CLK

A Circuit Court continued and held for the County of Pennsylvania at the Court House thereof on the 31st day of May 1860.

John S. Clement & Susan C. A his wife

against

F. L. Graves and James T. Graves

Appellants } Upon an appeal
from a judgment

Appellees } of the County Court
of Pennsylvania

For reasons appearing to the Court it is ordered that this cause be continued till the next term at the cost of the appellants.

And at another day to wit. A Circuit Court continued and held for the County of Pennsylvania at the Court House thereof on the 2nd day of June 1860. It is suggested to the Court that since the institution of this suit the appellant John S. Clement had departed this life and it is considered that the appeal be taken be a statute that the cause be continued till the next term at the cost of the surviving of