

Graves } In the Name of God Amen I Ralph Graves of Bruton
will { Parish in York County and Colony of Virginia being in Sound and Perfect
Memory - and calling to mind the uncertain Stay of Mortals in this present
World do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form -
following Viz:

Item I Give and bequeath unto my loving Son William Graves that
now Mansion House and Plantation I live upon which I purchased of
Baskerville with it and all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging to him
his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my loving Son Henry Graves all the Land
I have at Skiminoc which was formerly my Uncle William Graves with all
the Appurtenances thereunto belonging to him and his Heirs & Assigns forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my loving Son Richard Graves that part or
dividend of Land lying on Chickahominy River in James City County which
I purchased of Brown Nance and Pond I mean that upper part of the whole
Land where Nance did dwell and I in the Year 1744 did make a dividing
Line in Presence of James Nance Thomas Hilliard, William Hilliard
Ralph Graves Jun^r Christopher Bonfield and several others with the
Appurtenances thereunto belonging to him his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my loving Son Richard Crooker Graves that
dividend of the said Land or Tracts in James City County which

lower part or dividend of the said Land or Tracts in James City County which
is commonly called the Indian Field wherein is contained the late dwelling
House of Brown and the Land I bought of Nance joining to Thomas Hilliard.
The Line mentioned in the aforesaid devise to my Son Richard Graves to be the
division or Boundary between my Son Richard and my Son Richard Crookor with
all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging to him his Heirs and Assigns forever.
Item I Give and bequeath unto my wellbeloved Wife Elizabeth Graves the Use
of my Mansion House jointly with my Son William Graves and her third son
the said Plantation during her Life and no where else but in case my said Wife
and Son cannot agree to dwell together that then my Son William to have free
Liberty to build on any part of the Plantation a dwelling House or Houses as to
him shall seem meet with free Liberty of all the conveniences that the
Plantation can afford.

Item it is my devise that all my Negroes and Personal Estate may be equally
divided after my Just Debts are paid between my wellbeloved Wife Elizabeth Graves
and my Son William Graves Henry, Richard Richard Crookor and my Daughter
Unity Hilliard and whereas I have given my Daughter Unity Hilliard two
Negro Girls named Peggy & Betty which I Valued at forty five Pounds it is my
devise that the Value of these Negroes may be taken out of her part of my other
Negroes

It is my desire that my Executors and Trustees may divide my Negro and Personal Estate equally between my Wellbeloved Wife & Children that is before mentioned if they will not then to choose three good honest freholders to make their Division My Will is that my Daughter Elizabeth Stone may have and enjoy the two Negro Girls I gave her at her Marriage and their Increase to her and her Heirs forever.

I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Stone one Shilling.
Lastly I appoint my beloved Wife Elizabeth and my loving Sons William Henry and Rich and my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament earnestly requesting of my wellbeloved Friends John Blair Esq^r 976^r Benjamin Waller and Fleming Bates to be my Trustees to see my Will performed that my Children may not be wronged to the true intent and meaning of this my last Will I hereby Impower them to call my Executors to an Account if to them it shall seem meet hereby by me made declaring this and only this to be my last Will revoking all former Wills and Testaments In Testimony of which I

herunto set my hand and Affix my Seal this seventh Day of February 1748

Signed Sealed Pronounced
and Declared to be the last Will
and Testament of Ralph Graves
In Presence of

Ralph Graves (L.S.)

my Executors to an Account if to them it shall seem meet hereby
by me made declaring this and only this to be my last Will
revoking all former Wills and Testaments In Testimony of which I

hereunto set my hand and Affix my Seal this eleventh Day of February 1748

Signed Sealed Pronounced
and Declared to be the Last Will
and Testament of Ralph Graves
In Presence of

Ralph Graves (L. S.)

Fips Jackson.

Ambrose Jackson.

John X Joel

Elizabth Bates

At a Court held for York County the 15th Day of May 1749.

This Will was proved by the Oaths of Fips Jackson, Ambrose Jackson
and John Joel Witnesses thereto sworn to by Elizabeth Graves and
William Graves two of the Executors and Ordered to be Recorded.

And on the motion of the said Executors Certificate was granted them
for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form. Liberty being reserved for
the other Executors named in the said Will to join in the Probate
when they shall think fit.

Exam^d

Teste Tho^s Everard C. Court.

Remitted;

In Obedience to an Order of York County Court bearing Date 19th