

Graves } In the Name of God Amen I Ralph Graves of Bruton
Wife } 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 Skiminie 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 in the Year 1744 did make a dividing
Line in Presence of James Nance Thomas Hilliard, William Hilliard
Ralph Graves Jun: 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 Croston Graves that
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 Lines mentioned in the afore said devise to my Son Richard Graves to be the
division or boundary between my Son Richard and my Son Richard Croston 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 thirds on
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 desire 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 Croston 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
desire that the Value of these Negroes may be taken out of her part of my other

Negroes

Agree 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 freeholders to make the 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.

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Stone one Shilling. Lastly I appoint my beloved Wife Elizabeth and my loving Son William Henry and Richd my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament earnestly requesting of my wellbeloved Friends John Blair Esq^r. W^m. 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 of 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 Testament 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 ^{his} Joel

^{mark} Fleming 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 Cl^k. Court.

Apprais^d
appr^d }

In Obedience to an Order of York County Court bearing Date 19th Day of May 1748 We the Subscribers did meet and after being Sworn did proceed to appraise the Estate of Capt. Nath^l. Bacon Barwell dec^d as followeth

24 do Hogs at 12/6

15 Piggs at 1/6

24 Hens at 21/6

1 Bull at 21/6. 13 Yearlings at 10/.

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