

South Carolina

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In the name of God Amen I Charles Graves of Charleston being of sound and disposing mind & memory but mindful of the uncertainty of life do make & publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby cancelling and revoking all former or other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. I'mprimis I order and direct all my just and lawful debts to be paid out of my Cocks on hand if insufficient, then out of the debts due to me and if both the above stated funds are insufficient then out of my stocks Item I do hereby cancel release and discharge all the debts which may be due to me by my Children living or dead and by my Grand children whether due to me by bond note open account or memorandum in my books or otherwise Item There exists a marriage Settlement between my late wife Mrs Ann Graves & myself including a House and lot on the South side of Chadd Street near Legare Street in Charleston but no other property. The lot was my own property bought and paid for by me. Mr Anthony Gormer the father of my wife built the House thereon. By the provisions of the above Settlement my Children ^{are} were entitled to the said House and lot after my death. Some years ago I sold the said House & lot for nine thousand dollars & have blended and mingled the said purchase money with the rest of my property. It is my

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and I give power to dispose of my own property and of the
aforesaid purchase-money and of all other property acquired
through my wife, as a Common Fund without reference to the
sources from whence derived and to put my Children and
Grand-Children to an election either to take entirely under my
wills as I have devised the Common Fund or to take their shares
of the trust-funds above and not take the shares of the property
Hereinafter devised to them. Item I order and direct my house
and lots in Charleston, my furniture and my Town Negroes
to be sold by my Executors at such time and on such terms
as she may deem most proper and at the expiration of one
year after my death I order and direct my Executors to sell
all the rest and residue of my Estate real and personal
upon such terms as she deems best. The nett proceeds of both
the above sales to be disposed of as follows viz I give and
bequeath to my daughter Ann C Kershaw one fourth part
thereof. I give and bequeath to my son Daniel I Graves
one other fourth part thereof. I give and bequeath to my
daughter Charlotte A. Birch one other fourth part thereof.
I give and bequeath to my Grandson Charles Tom Graves
one fourth of the remaining fourth part thereof and I give
and bequeath to my Grandson Anthony Drunken Graves
one third of the remaining fourth part thereof. Item All the
and residue of my Estate real and personal of every kind and
nature whatsoever I order and direct to be divided into four

equal parts - one fourth ~~part~~ ^{share} whereof I give and bequeath to my daughter
Ann E. Hershais. One ^{other} fourth part whereof I give and bequeath to my
son Daniel I. Graves. One other fourth part whereof I give and
bequeath to my daughter Charlotte C. Birch and the remaining
other fourth part whereof I give and bequeath to my two grandsons
Charles Wm Graves and Anthony Dunstan Graves to be equally
divided between them. Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint
my daughter Ann E. Hershais Sole executrix of this my last
will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal this thirtieth
day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and forty three

Ch^s Graves (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published by the Testator as his last will
and Testament in our presence who at his request in his presence
and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our
names in testimony of the due execution thereof

Y^o A. De Saussure William Mlanding Edward G. Palmer for
proven before Thomas H. H. Esq Dec 20 2^o May 1845. J^o May 9th 1845. Signed Wm Ann
& Hershais executrix

State of South Carolina Deo Optimo maximo I
René Godard of the City of Charleston State aforesaid
do make and publish this my last will and Testament
which I write with my own hand now that I am sound in
mind and body to guard against events that might hinder
me from making it with as much composure judgment and