

In the Name of God (amen)

The third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and sixty two I Thomas Graves of St. Andrews Parish planter in Berkeley County and Province of South Carolina calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say first and principally of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it my Body I recommend to the Earth to be decently buried in a Christian like manner at the direction of my Executors & Executors hereafter named nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of in the following manner First my will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first satisfied and paid Item I do hereby empower my Executors and Executors to sell and dispose of such part of my personal estate when they in their discretion shall think proper for the payment of all my just and lawful debts Item I give and bequeath unto my loving son James Graves when he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years two third parts of my Plantation or Tract of land I now live on containing two hundred and twenty four Acres to him and his heirs forever but in case my loving son James Graves depart to this life before he arrives to the age of twenty one years I give the said land above mentioned unto my two loving daughters Elizabeth Graves and Jane Collins Graves to be equally divided between them when they arrive to the age of eighteen years or the

or the day of marriage to him and their heirs forever. Item I leave unto my loving wife Elizabeth Graves the use of one third part of my Tract of two hundred and twenty four acres of land above mentioned during their natural life but whenever my loving wife Elizabeth Graves departs this life then I give and bequeath the said one third part of land unto my loving son James Graves when he arrives to the age of twenty one to him and his heirs forever and if my loving son James Graves should depart this life before my loving wife Elizabeth Graves then I give and bequeath the said one third part of land unto my two loving daughters Elizabeth Graves and Jane Collins Graves to be equally divided between them when they arrive to the age of eighteen years or the day of marriage to him and their heirs forever. Item It is further my will and desire that all my Estate both real and personal together with that part of my wife's undivided part or share of her former husband's estate be all kept together and managed to the best advantage by my Executors and Executors for the education and maintenance of my loving wife Elizabeth Graves and my three children viz: James Graves Elizabeth Graves and Jane Collins Graves until such time my loving wife Elizabeth Graves marry or my loving son James Graves arrives to the age of twenty one years or either of my daughters before mentioned arrives to the age of eighteen years or the day of Marriage which shall happen first. And then my will and desire is that the whole of my personal Estate shall be equally divided by my Executors and Executors into four equal parts or shares and one of the said equal parts or shares I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Graves in being in Compensation or lieu of her thirds and dower Item It is likewise my will and desire further that the other three equal parts of all my personal Estate be kept together and managed or before directed by my Executors and Executors for the education and maintenance of my three children and I also give and bequeath unto each of my Children viz: James Graves Elizabeth Graves and Jane Collins Graves when they shall arrive to the age as before mentioned the boy at the age of twenty one years and the girls at the age of eighteen years or the day of Marriage one equal part of all my personal Estate which said equal parts or shares I give to them and their

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 loving son James Graves should depart this life before my loving
 wife Elizabeth Graves then I give and bequeath the said one third
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their heirs forever but if either of my children should die before they arrive to the ages before mentioned then I give their parts or share to the Survivors And for the Execution of this my last will and Testament I do hereby constitute and appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Granes together with my trusty friends Jeremiah Savage Esq^r & M^r Francis Rose to be Executors and Executors of this my last Will and Testament disavowing all former wills and whatsoever in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year within written

Signed sealed & Delivered
in the presence of
William Holmes
John Godfrey
Patrick Keen

Thomas Granes (seal)
Bond before the Honble William
Russ Esq^r Clerk 7th September 1764.
23rd November 1764 Qualified
Francis Rose as Executor

South Carolina
In the Name of God amen I John Peirce of St Johns Parish Berkeley County in the Province aforesaid Planters being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be to God for the same, but calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manners and forms following that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General resurrection to receive the same again by the Almighty power of God, and as touching such worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and bequeath of the same in manner and form following, My will and desire is as soon as my arising crop and Hayes this present year be made and done

and due grow and with M^r Isaac Bradwell shall be Received and sold as soon as possible after my decease and with the money thereof to be appropriated towards the payment of my debts and funeral Expenses by my Executors hereafter named and if any money remains thereof I desire a woman's saddle and bridle to be bought to the value of thirty pounds for my sister Elizabeth and to be paid thereout then the remains of the money if any there be I give and absolutely give with all my parts of Plantations or Tracts of Land more or less that my uncle John Peirce willed to me in his last will and Testament and also the work of my two negroes Joe a fellow and Kelly as much two years next ensuing from the date hereof unto Richard Davis and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth and Peter to them and their heirs forever all my Cattle and Horses more or less and their Linnen to be equally divided between them when they come of age or Elizabeth married excluding my bay horse Bay by name him I give to my sister Elizabeth for a riding horse. Item I give and bequeath unto my Brother Abraham when come of age to him and his heirs and assigns forever providing he be lawful heirs of his body the within named Joe Kelly and Joe a little boy baird up at Case my brother Abrahams should die before of without such heirs I desire the said three negroes Joe Kelly and Joe shall return to my Brother Peter to him and his lawful heirs of body and if in case my Brother Peter should die without such heirs I desire the above three negroes to be valued and either my sister Mary or Elizabeth and their lawful heirs to keep the said three negroes and their Increase and to pay the other sister or lawful heirs thereof the full value of the said negroes partly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend and Brother in law Richard Davis my only Executor of this my last Will and Testament and do further hereby utterly disavow revoke and disavow all and every other former Wills Testaments or Bequests whatsoever Ratifying this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of October one thousand seven hundred and sixty four
John Peirce (seal)

The within written will was signed sealed published and pronounced and declared and avowed by the within Testator to be his last will and Testament in presence of us -

James Laid
Thomas Weston
John McGowan