

WILL OF
JAMES GRAVES

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

I James Graves of Fairfield County, and the State of
~~being~~ very sick and weak of Body, but, of
perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, 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, that is to say, principally
and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the
Hand of Almighty God, that gave it, and my Body I --
Recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian
burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting
but that the general resurrection, I shall receive the same
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again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such
worldly Estate, wherewith it has pleased God to blefs me in
this Life I Give dimise and dispose of the same in the
following manner and form. First I Give unto my well
beloved wife Melleyson Graves, one Megro woman named Betty
during her widowhood and at her death for the said negro to
return to my well beloved daughter Mary Graves, and sooner
if required, also I give unto my well beloved Son William
Graves all the plantation and tract of one Hundred and
Twenty five acres of Land, whereon I now live and whereon
John Miller now lives also one negro Boy named Jacob to him
and his Heirs forever, also I Give unto my well beloved
daughter Sarah Graves all that Sum of Fifty pounds due me
from Hezekiah Ford, and it is my will and desire that the
said Hezekiah Ford should purchase a Negro to the worth of

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it and Let her have instead of the Fifty pounds if he can
make it convenient, also it is my will and desire that all
my household Furniture and Stock of Horses Hogs- and Cattle
sgould be equally divided between my wife and three Children
at the time my son William Graves arrives to the age of
Twenty one years, also it is my will, that if either of my
before mentioned Children sho'd die, without Ifsue Then their
part or parts to return to the surviving Heirs; Item I
appoint Hezekiah Ford and Milleyson Graves. Executors of

this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly
~~disallow revoke and disannul~~ all and every other former
and other -- Testaments, wills, Legacies, Bequests and
Executors by me in any ways before named, will ed and
bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to
be my Last will & Testament. IN WITNESS whereof I have
hereunto Set my hand and Seal this day of March in the
year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and ninety

(Signed)

James Graves

Seal

Signed Sealed and pronounced

in the presence of.

Hez; Ford

NB it is my will and desire that

John Miller

my Ex. may not have the Estate

her

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Sela X Ford

appraised nor give security.

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Original supposedly lost.

Another instument filed with

Court by Heseekiah Ford 14th

day of June 1791. Allowed by the
Court.

Recorded 30th day of June 1791

D. Evans C.C.

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