

## **Will of John Greaves 1726** (BIHR)

### Summary

Testator: John Greaves, Spofforth Hags, Yorkshire, Yeoman  
 Executors: son William Greaves  
 Date: 4 January 1725, proved 15 February 1726  
 Witnesses: Nicholas Tate, Richd Stead, William Tate  
 Will:
 

- Mare to wife Margret
- personal effects to wife, children
- new building where they lived to wife Margret
- 1 shilling to son-in-law Marmaduke Jackson to quit him as an undutyfull Son
- rent of farm called Coldbed Lodge to wife Margret during her life, then to daughter and son-in-law John Owthwait and Margret
- rent of 7 acres at Colts Carr to wife Margret during her life, then to daughter and son-in-law John Owthwait and Margret, paying 40s per annum to Jane Jackson
- 20 acres that his father gave him to son William Greaves
- 56 acres on lease from the Duke of Somerset to son William Greaves
- £5 to daughter Margret Owthwait
- £5 to daughter Jane Jackson
- 20s each to grandchildren John, George, William and Thomas Owthwait
- 20s each to grandchildren William Greaves Junr & Margret his sister
- 20s each to grandchildren Thomas Jackson & John Jackson

### Text

In the Name of God Amen

1. I John Greaves of Spofforth Hags in ye County of York Yeoman being of Perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for ye ? Calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all men Once to dye 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 ye hands of God that Gave it and my Body to the Earth to Buried in a Christian Like and Decent manner And as touching my worldly Estate as it has pleased God to Bless me with in this Life I Give Devise and Dispose of ye Same in the following manner and form
2. I Give and Bequeath to Margret jurat my beloved wife my mare or gelding which my son William Greaves is obliged to keep during my natural life
3. I Likewise Give to Margret my wife one panel chest with all the woollen and linen and the other household Goods that is in the new building we now Live in During her natural life
4. And after her Decease I Give to John and Margret Owthwait my son and daughter the middle kettle my great Bible and my mashfatt? as a legacy
5. I Likewise Give and bequeath to Margret my beloved wife the new building we now Live in During her natural life

6. I give to John and Margret Owthwait & Jane Jackson my Daughter four Oak chairs after my wife's Decease and likewise the chest coffer & woollen & linen & the rest of the household goods after my wife's decease as legacies
7. I give to my Son William Greaves my own chest and saddle
8. and my Two best Suites of Cloths I give to William Greaves my own son and John Owthwait my son in law to be equally divided between them
9. And the rest of my clothes I give to Jane Jackson my daughter for a legacy as well as all the other things that I have formerly given her
10. I Likewise give to Marmaduke Jackson my son in law one Shilling to quit him as an undutiful son
11. Item I give to Margret my beloved wife ye over plus rent of a farm which I hold by lease of their graces the Duke & Duchess of Somerset & ? called Coldbed Lodge during her natural life and if she happen to ye expiration of this present lease my will and mind is that she may have the over plus rent during her natural life as aforesaid of that farm And the remainder of the said lease I give and bequeath to John Owthwait and Margret his wife my son and daughter and their assigns with all my right of renewing upon condition that they pay to Jane Jackson my daughter forty shillings a year out of ye said farm during her natural life
12. Item my will and mind is that Margret my Beloved wife Receive the rent of my part of the Seven acres Close Called by the name of Colts Carr which my wifes brother John Tate held by Lease of their Graces the Dukes of Somerset & ? During her Naturall Life and after her Decease I Give & bequeath ye tenant right of the sd farm to John Owthwait and Margret his now wife and their assigns and all my Right of Renewing the same
13. Item I Give to William Greaves my Son all my Right and Title of the twenty acres that my father gave me he paying my beloved wife forty Shillings a year During her Naturall Life
14. I Likewise Give to William Greaves my Son all my Right and Title of Six and fifty acres more of Land that I hold by Lease of his Grace the Duke of Somerset & ? and all my Right of Renewing the same at ye End of ye Term of this present Lease and to him his ? & assigned for Ever he paying the Legacies mentioned for him to pay in this said Will
15. Item I give to Margret ye wife of John Owthwait five pounds to be paid by my Executor seven years after my Decease
16. Item I give to Jane ye wife of Marmaduke Jackson my Daughter five pounds to be paid Seven Years after my Decease by my Executor as aforesaid
17. Item I give to John George William and Thomas Sons of John Owthwait my grandchildren twenty Shillings apiece
18. Item I give to William Greaves Junr & Margret his Sister my grandchildren twenty Shillings apiece all as Legacies
19. Item I give to Thomas Jackson & John Jackson my grandchildren twenty Shillings apiece all as Legacies

20. And lastly I do make and ordain William Greaves my beloved son sole executor of this my last will and Testament and of all other my goods and chattels which I have not already disposed of he paying my just debts and funeral expenses to be buried in Spofforth church yard
21. And I do hereby utterly revoke and disannul all and every other former testament Will and legacies and executor by me in any ways before this time named Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In witness hereof I have set to my hand and Seal the fourth day of January 1724/5

Signed Sealed published & Declared  
by ye ? John Greaves as his Last Will  
and testament in ye Presence of us

John Greaves mark

Nicholas Tate

Richd Stead jurat

William Tate mark

Imp. jurat

in?ed ye words & Jane Jackson was Interlined by ye order  
of ye Testator before ye Sealing of these Presents

Know all men by these presents That I William Greaves the Son and Sole Executor of ye Will of John Greaves late of Spofforth Hags and Diocese of York Deceased Do for Divers good Causes and Considerasons me hereunto moving Renounce the Execution of the Will of my said late father Deceased and all my Right and title in or unto all and Singular the Goods and Chattells of ye said Deceased Due to me as Executor aforesaid and not otherwise Reserving to my Self all ye Right I have to any part of ye said Deceased's personal Estate by virtue of any Deed or deeds executed by my father in his life time or that I can claime thereby and do Request that Administrason thereof with ye said Will annexed may be Granted to Margret Greaves widow and Relict of the said John Greaves In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fourth day of february in the year of Our Lord God 1725/6

Signed Sealed and  
Delivered in the  
Presence of

William Greaves

Wm Oates

Richd Stead

Noverant Univers per praesentes Nos Margarettam Greaves do Spofforth Hags in Cond Ebor vid Et Ricardu Young do Spofforth p Edict Agricolum ... 15to Die Mensis February Anno Dom. Millesime Septingentesimo Vicesimo Quinto

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden Margaret Greaves Relict of John Greaves late of Spofforth Hags aforesd Dec'ed do well and truly execute & perform the sd Will (William Greaves the son & sole Executor of the said Will under his hand & seal first renouncing) and administer all and singular his Goods and Chattells according to Law And do pay his Debts and Legacies so far as his Goods will Extend and law shall bind her If also she do Exhibit into E?ihoate Count at YORK, a true and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the Goods, Rights, Credits, Cattels and Chattels of the said Deceased, and do make a True and Just Account of the same when she shall be thereunto lawfully called. And moreover, if Need require enter into further Bond, with more sufficient Sureties for the performance of the Premisses as the JUDGE of the said Court for the Time being, shall think requisite and needful. And lastly, do save, defend, and harmless keep the abovenamed JUDGE, and all his Officers and Ministers,

against all Persons by reason of the Premisses. Then this present Obligation to be Void, and of none Effect, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Sigillat' & Deliberat'

in Praesentia

Nath Drake

John Owthwaite

Margt Greaves her mark

Richard Young

A true Inventory of the Goods and Chattells of  
John Greaves of Spofforth Hags lately deied  
Appraised by us whose Names are Underwritten  
this 7th Day of May 1725

	£	s	d
Imp? Purse & Apparell	3	0	0
One Bay Mare	1	10	0
One Cupboard with three pewter Dishes One plate one Flaggon 2 Candlesticks	0	10	0
One Dresser with three pewter Dishes Three plates One Tankard One Porringer	0	10	0
In the Firestead One Reskon? One Pr of Rarks? One Pr of Bellows One Jark? One Cleaver One Basting Saddle Fire Shovle & Tongs	0	5	0
One Barrell One Pail One Table 4 Stools 2 Panns 7 Trenchers One Wicker Chair 2 other Chairs & other Implements	0	4	0
In the Chamber One Shift 4 Chairs One Kimbling? One Meal Tubb 3 Boces? One Form & severall other Implements	0	19	6
Coldbed Lease in being	10	0	0
Colts Carr Lease in being	5	0	0
2 Kettles One Mashflatt? 1 Dozn of Trenchers	1	0	0
One Clock & Case One Bedstead wth Bolsters? & Pillows One Chist of Drawers One Great Kimblin? & a Meal Tubb 4 Buffett Stools One great Ovall Table One Dripping pann & Spitt	3	0	0
	Sum tot	26	2 6
Richd Stead	Mark Park		
Richd Dobson	Stephen Shutt		