
Will of Richard Greaves 1727 (BIHR)

Summary

Testator: Richard Greaves, Spofforth Hags, Spofforth, Yorkshire
Executors: Edward Loreman of Knapton and Abraim Greaves of Kerby Conne
Date: 6 April 1727, proved 3 May 1727
Will: - £3 per annum and 3 rooms to live in to wife Ellinor
- £4 per annum and share of above rooms to mother Mary Greaves
- rest (ca. £196) to sons Edward and Christopher equally

Text

In the name of God Amen

1. I Richard Greaves of Spawfforth Hags in the parish aforesaid and County of York being weak of body but of sound mind and perfect memory Do make ordain and Constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (viz)
2. First I bequeath my soul unto almighty God hoping through the death and passion of my blessed saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of my by past Sins and transgressions and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my trusted and well beloved friends Edward Loreman of Knapton in the County of the City of York and Abraim Greaves of Kerby Conne ?etherby ? of Kirkby and County of York whom I hereby appoint and put in trust for my two sons whom I shall herein and hereafter nominate and as to the Rest of my personal Estate Goods and Chattel and what so ever I am blessed with all I give and Bequeath as follows
3. I give to my dearly and well beloved wife Ellinor the sum of three pounds paran during her continuing my widow to be paid Every half year and commence from the day of my death But provided she marry again then I will she shall only have Forty Shillings pan during her Life to be paid at two several payments to commence as afore expressed and one bed and chest and the fore parlour the milk-house and chamber over it to live in during the Continuance of her being my widow
4. Only Let it be observed that I hereby appoint that my mother Mary Greaves shall have Equal privilege of room in the aforementioned apartments during the term of her natural life and that the said fore parlour shall be made fit for a dwelling place by a chimney being made therein and other necessaries that the same shall require at the proper cCost and Charge of my Executors herein and hereafter nominated and by the directions of the two aforementioned ?
5. Item I give to my aforementioned Mother Mary Greaves the sum of Four pounds paran during her natural life to be paid at two payments commencing as it is expressed in the gift to my wife with her bed and chest and joint houserom as above mentioned
6. and also I give wife and mother half a dozen of pewter plates and two pewter dishes marked with the Letters F L outstanding on the door or west end of the cupboard head with two chairs to be disposed on as they think proper
7. All the rest of my goods and chattels leases and whatsoever I am possession of I give and bequeath unto my two sons Edward and Christopher Greaves equally and jointly to be divided betwixt them whom I Appoint executor solely to this my Last will and testament

8. But it is my will and mind that provided it shall happen that either of my sons die and leave no issue and at that time the personal estate both divided that the whole shall descend upon the survivor or them or his heirs
9. And also that if it please almighty God that both of them shall die without Issue and at that time my aforementioned wife shall continue my widow my will and mind is that the remainder or reversions of what is already mentioned be equally divided amongst my brother Arbam Greaves children that shall then be living only be it observed that intend my wife to go an equal share with them if she continues my widow as aforesaid
10. and I do hereby make void revoke disannul and discharge all other and former wills gifts quests and grants by me heretofore made and do hereby ?? acknowledge confess and own this to be my Last will and Testament as witness my hand and seal this sixth day of April 1727

Sealed Signed and delivered
in the Sight and presence of
us Containing one half
sheet and twelve lines on the
other side where the seal is

Richard Greaves

Matthew Maltton
John Scatchard
Elizabeth ?mpleby her mark
Eman. Jessop

Inventory

An Inventory of the goods and Chattells of Richard Greaves late of Spofforth deied

| | £ | s | d |
|---|----|----|---|
| Imprs his purse & Apparrel | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| In first parlour 2 Beds & Bedding | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| one long table 6 chairs & round Table with 2 forms & a counter & a Glass frame | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| In further Chamber | | | |
| 5 load of ? | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Oats 5 qr | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| 2 load of Blendings | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| In first & second Chamber | | | |
| one Bed & bedding with other ? | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| In housestead | | | |
| Dresser and pewter | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Clock & Case | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| 1 old cupboard 2 long settles & table | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| 2 kettles 1 iron pott 3 pans | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| one range with other iron things | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| one warming pan 3 candlesticks with other ? | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| In back kitching one Cask with other ? | 0 | 14 | 6 |
| 2 Oxen 4 Cows 2 ? 3 Calves | 27 | 5 | 0 |
| 2 Geldings 3 mares & a foal | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| 1 sow 12 sheep | 4 | 14 | 0 |

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|---|-----|----|---|
| 1 waggon & 2 carts 10:16 with other husbanry gear | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Hard Corn in hy ha[d]g 10 acres | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 acres of Barley in Stead Close | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| 4 acres of Oats In Gowleland hag in Coft 2 acres of pease | | | |
| 3 acres of Oats & lintales In Stoney hag | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 acres of pottatoes In low Close | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | |
| | 196 | 14 | 0 |

Appraisors

Roger Houseman
James Pullein his mark
Will: Oates
Will: Greaves