

WILL OF SAMUEL GRAVES (1698-1774)
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In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Graves of Deerfield in the County of Hampshire and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman Solemnly Calling to mind my own mortality and the Great uncertainty of human Life and being of sound mind and Perfect memory do this twenty ninth day of April anno Dom: one thousand seven hundred and seventy four make and publish this my last Will And Testament in manner following In the first place I give my soul to god the father of spirits hoping for Eternal Life only for the sake of Christ the only saviour and redeemer of sinners and my body I commit to the dust to be buried in a decent Christian burial by my Executor hereafter mentioned in full faith of the great Christian doctrine and I order and dispose of my worldly estate as is whereafter Expressed That is to say I give to my beloved Wife Grace one third part of all my real estate to have and to hold for and during her Natural Life & no Longer Also I Give unto my said wife the use and Improvement of one third part of my household Furniture during her Natural Life & no Longer
Also I give to my daughter Azubah Eight shillings Lawfull money to be paid her within one year after my decease
Also I Give to my Daughter Elisabeth Eight Shillings Lawfull money to be paid in one year after my decease
Also I give to my Daughter Bethula Eight shillings of Lawfull Money to be paid within one year of my decease
Also I give unto my daughter Sarah Eight shillings Lawfull Money within one year after my decease
Also I give unto my daughter Eunice Eight shillings Lawfull Money within one Year after my decease
And all the residue of my estate both Real and Personal which shall remain after all the foregoing division Legacys and bequests and my Just debts and funeral Charges Shall be paid and satisfied I give Devise and bequeath to my Son Zebadiah to have and to hold to him his heirs and Assigns forever
Lastly I hereby Constitute make and ordain my son Zebadiah aforementioned Executor of this my last Will and Testament—
In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the day & year above Written
Signd Seald Publishd & declared by the said Saml Graves the Testator as and for his last Will in presence of us who were present at the signing thereof Samuel Graves Seal
Samuel Barnard
Eber Allis
William Billings

At a Court for Probate of Wills and granting Administrations &c holden
At Hatfield within and for the County of Hampshire on the first Tuesday of in July being the fifth day of said Month AnnoDom 1774 p Israel Williams Esq Judge said Court The foregoing was presented by the Executor therein named as the Last Will and Testament of Samuel Graves therein namd deceased and for Probate And Samuel Barnard and Eber Allis two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the same personally appeared and made oath that they saw the Testator in his Lifetime sign and seal and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and

Testament that they together with William Billings Esq all signed as witnesses to the same at the same time in presence of the Testator and Each other & that according to their best skill and Judgment he was of sound mind and memory when he did it Wherefore it is proved approved ratified and Confirmed as the Last Will and Testament of said deceased

Israel Williams J Prob—