

**Will of William Greaves 1686** (BIHR)

## Summary

Testator: William Greaves snr., Ash Hagg, Spofforth, Yorkshire  
 Executors: sons Thomas Greaves and John Greaves  
 Date: 14 June 1686, proved 24 June 1686  
 Witnesses: John Owthwaite, Mary Ellis  
 Will:
 

- 12 acres in Bentham Hagg to son Thomas
- dwelling house (in Ash Hagg) with 10 acres to son William, to be occupied by wife Allice plus 7 further acres during her lifetime
- 30 acres in Bentham Hagg to son William
- 8 acres plus the bottom below in Bentham Hagg to son John
- Coldbed Lodge with 19 acres to William Slater of Walshforth and Mary his wife, in return to pay:
  - 40s to each of 5 children of son Thomas
  - 40s to each of 2 children of son Christopher
  - 40s to each of 3 children of daughter Mary Slater
  - 40s to granddaughter Ellinor Greaves, daughter of son Richard
  - 40s to granddaughter Mary Greaves, daughter of son William
  - various possessions to children
  - 4 acres to son Christopher, but if he marries again, to go to son John
  - 20s to widow of Robert Jopson
  - 20s to wife of John Holmes
  - 20s to each of 5 children of sister Alice
  - 1 bed each to sons John, Thomas and William
  - 2 pewter dishes and rest of possessions to son Christopher

 (total of 90 acres)

Text (modern spelling)

In the name of God Amen

1. the 14th day of June Anno Domini 1686 I William Greaves (senior) of the Ash Hagg within the parish of Spofforth and County of York being sick and weak in body but of good and perfect memory blessed be God do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following
2. I revoke and annul all former will or wills by me made to making my temporal estate which the Lord hath lent me I do dispose of it as follows
3. First and most principally I give and bequeath my soul unto the merciful hands of God my Creator and to Jesus Christ my redeemer by whose merits I fully trust to be saved
4. Imprimus I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Greaves all my title and interest that I have in twelve acres of pasture or arable land lying in Bentham Hagg
5. Item I give unto my son William Greaves all my title interest and tenant right that I have in this house and also ten acres of pasture or arable land belonging to the said house and joining to the said house being in three several enclosures with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging

6. Item my will and mind is that Alice Greaves my wife shall occupy and enjoy all that the aforesaid house and ten acres of pasture or arable land last before given and seven acres more to her during the time and term of her natural life
7. Item I give unto my said son William Greaves all my title interest and contract right in thirty acres of pasture or arable land lying in Bentham Hagg
8. Item I give unto my said son John Greaves all my title interest and tenant right of all those eight acres of pasture or arable land lying in Bentham Hagg
9. Item I give unto my said son John Greaves all that Bottom lying beneath the foresaid eight acres
10. Item I give unto William Slater of Walshforth and Mary his wife all my title interest and tenant right which I have in that house called Couldbed Lodge And also all those nineteen acres of pasture and arable land belonging to the said house with all and singular those appurtenances
11. Item my will and mind is that the said William Slater and Mary his wife shall pay out of the said house and premises called by the name of Couldbed lodge those several sums to several grandchildren hereafter named first to my son Thomas Children being five in number to each of them forty shillings apiece to my son Christopher Children being two in number both of them forty shillings apiece to my daughter Mary Slater Children being three in number each of them forty shillings apiece to Ellinor Greaves my grandchild daughter of Richard Greaves forty shillings to Mary Greaves my grandchild daughter of William Greaves my son forty shillings
12. Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Slater my daughter one great kettle one coffer one chair of wood and one wanded chair and one great panel chest and all that is in the said chest and all the apparel belonging my wife both woollen and linen
13. Item I give unto my said daughter Mary one couvert and four pewter dishes
14. Item I give unto my son Christopher one coverlet and all those four acres of pasture or arable land in his occupation but in case that my said son Christopher marry again my will and mind is that my son John Greaves shall have and enter to the said four acres
15. Item I give unto my son William Greaves one coverlet and one feather bed
16. Item I give unto my said daughter Mary Slater one Iron dripping pan
17. Item I give unto Robert Jopson widow twenty shillings
18. Item I give unto John Holmes wife twenty shillings
19. Item I give unto my sister Alice Children being five in number each of them twenty shillings apiece
20. Item I give unto my said son John Greaves one bed where I now lie with all the furniture that belongs the same

21. Item I give unto my said son Thomas Greaves one bed with all the furniture belonging the same standing in the west parlor
22. Item I give unto my said son William Greaves one half headed bed with the furniture belonging the same standing and being in the west parlor I give unto my son William Greaves one doughtrought and one barrel
23. Item I give unto my said son Christopher Greaves two pewter dishes all the rest of my goods and chattels moveable and immovable that are undisposed of my debts legacies and funeral expenses being first deducted
24. I give unto Thomas Greaves and John Greaves my sons whom I make sole executors of this my Last will and Testament provided that neither of my executors shall not be charged to pay non of these legacies given to the Grand Children before mentioned
25. Witness my hand and seal the day and year above said

William Greaves his mark

John Owthwaite    Mary Ellis her mark

### **Inventory**

An Inventory of the goods and Chattels of William Greaves senior of the Ash Hagg in the parish of Spofforth deceased praised the 24th of June 1686 by John Seweton John Godfrey Christopher Cawood and John Owthwaite as following

	£	s	d
Imprimus his purse and apparel	3	6	8
<b>In the house room</b>			
Item one Long Table one little table one form three bustoff stools one chair	1	3	6
Item five loose shelves one cratch two ladles 12 wooden dishes two dozen and half of trenchers	0	5	0
Item six pewter dishes one pewter flagon two tankards two pewter candle-sticks one pewter chamber-pot one saucer and one pewter pottinger	0	17	0
Item two little kettles two pans two Iron pots and one brass ladle one warming pan	2	6	8
Item one range one frying pan two rockons two pair of pot cups one pair of tongs one fire shovel and one spit one pair of bellows	0	13	4
Item six cushions six stone pots one stone mortar one postell with all other hustlements in the said houserom	0	8	4
<b>In the west parlor</b>			
one panel chest one plain chest one little table leaf two little bussetts seventeen wooden bowls two barrels and two shelves	1	5	0
Item two earthen pots one horse fork one pair of iron hopples one pair of stirrups and one beef fork with all other hustlements in the said room	0	3	4
<b>In the milk house</b>			
Item four shelves two forms five earthen pots two stone dublers with all the other hustlements there			

	0	4	0
<b>In the Chamber over the west parlor</b>			
Item three skuttles one pork two ruddles one meal kitt one little chest one stone presser two serks and ten pecks three skopps four old bowls one little chair and one shovel one wooden poole one iron pail with all other hustlements there	0	13	4
<b>In the Chamber over the house</b>			
Itm one great Chest with beef and bacon that is in it three bushels of blendings and five quarters of oats with all the other hustlements there			
<b>In the Low parlour</b>			
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<b>In the Chamber over the said parlour</b>			
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<b>In the Hay ?</b>			
Itm one Kin?ing one long Iron Fork Shaft	0	13	4
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<b>In the Corne ?</b>			
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<b>Debts owing to the deceased</b>			
Thomas Greaves	4	0	0
John Greaves	10	0	0
John Godfrey	10	0	0
John Joy	4	0	0
John Holmes	2	0	0
Simon Shutt	2	0	0
Thomas Jopson	3	4	0
John Mason of Knaresborough for 10 Quarters of Barley	7	0	0
Alice and Thomas Greaves	4	0	0
Thomas Owthwaite	1	0	0
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