

Case 338

Last Will of GEORGE GRAUEL

(This will was probated in Fairfield County, Ohio, October 4, 1822, and was recorded in Book # 2, pp 153, 154, 155, July 22, 1824. This translation was made in April 1971 by a German national, Mrs. Raymond McGlothlin, Lafayette, Indiana. Her translation was checked and approved by Dr. Leon Titcher, German Department, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.)

In the name of God Amen.

I, George Grauel, in Blum Township of Fairfield County in the State of Ohio, am now at a quite old age and realize that men have to die but not knowing the day or the hour, have decided to make my last will and testament as long as I am still well and healthy in mind and have the energy to bring my house in order. I intrust my soul in the hands of God and my body to the earth that it may be buried according to Christian rules. I order the following to be done:

First, I give my farm where I presently reside, the land which I had bought from the Davied Right<sup>1</sup> and does not make up quite one fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ), to my son George and to his heirs and all buildings standing on this land. To my son George I give the wagon and box and belongings to the windmill and one plough and implements and the hoeplough and the implements and one horse and two harnesses. Two cows, once we two old ones don't need them any more and the big saw and the hand saw, the hay fork, and pitchfork and hook and one (welschcorn) Chop fruit rake and a scythe, the hatchet and the cutting knife, one ax and one (Krub) hatchet, one mallet ring and iron mallet. For all pre-funeral duties shall my son George pay to his sisters and brothers \$300.00. He shall also pay for any insurance his brothers and sisters might like. My son John (Johannes) shall have the land he lives on for himself and for his heirs and he shall pay for this \$180.00 to his brothers and sisters whose names are as follows: Elizabeth, Annemarie, Christina and Katarina and my other sons Peter and Jacob shall have the land beyond the Walnut Creek but not the part belonging to Bauser. They shall not pay anything for it but keep it for themselves and their heirs. Jacob Bollenbach took care of his son before this time and has to pay us \$27.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Johannes Alspach has to get \$150.87 $\frac{1}{2}$  and Johannes Bauser shall get \$128.37 $\frac{1}{2}$  and Frederick Shauer shall get \$228.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ .<sup>2</sup>

For my support and for the support of my housewife for as long as we both shall live we are to receive each year the following: 28 bushels of wheat to be taken to the mill and the flour and husk be returned to us and 200 lb. of pork. To be living in the house and share all

<sup>1</sup> S 26, T 14, R 20 in Bloom Township was bought from the U.S Government, June 23, 1801, by David Wright and Joseph Loveland (Chillicothe Land Office, Register A, 1801-1804, p. 194, now located in Ohio State Museum, Columbus, Ohio)

<sup>2</sup> These are his four sons-in-law: Elizabeth-Jacob Bollenbach; Anne marie-John Alspach; Christina-John Bauser; Catherine-Frederick Shower

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all parts of the house. Should I or my wife wish to live with one of our other children the support remains the same as if we were living in the house. We also shall receive 1/3 of the apples and the rest of the fruit. 80 lb. of lard for burning light. Shoes as many as we need and should we be in need of other clothing it has to be provided for us. 25 lb. of lighting wax, six bushels of ground berries, eggs as many as we need, 18 lb. of flax, 5 lb. of wool, fire wood chopped and brought in the house. These named articles shall my son George give to his parents every year as long as they live and my son George shall also have the strow bench and implements. The articles belonging to George shall not be appraised after our death. All other moveable goods shall be sold publically and the money divided even between my children but my son George shall not take part in it since I gave him the land. And the iron kettles shall remain with us as long as we need them. Shall one of us die, the support be cut in half and shall I die before my housewife, my son George shall give her \$50.00, \$10.00 of it to do with as she pleases. The deed to the land shall be given to my son George and he shall give \$50.00 yearly to one of my children starting with Annemarie, Christina, Katarina until all are paid in full. He shall start payment in the year 1819 on May 1st. And shall one of us become ill or do not feel like living in the house because of the noise of the children, he shall build us a house at his cost with a good fireplace or furnace. After our death the food left in the house will go to George. And shall we become unable to wash and mend for ourself, George shall take care of it without pay. Should we get ill, he will have to get someone to take care of us at his cost. And I leave to my widow her chest and all that is in it and I name as my executors my sons Johannes, George, and Jacob. And should one of us die and the other one get weak or ill, my son George shall provide us with someone to care for us, and my daughter-in-law shall milk my cow for me should I am not able to do it myself. My son George shall provide us with a horse should we feel like going for a ride.

This my last will and testament which I have made on the 1st of Dec. 1817 shall be upheld in all parts.

To this I sign my name.

George Graul

This translation of the will of George Graul from the original which was written in German was commissioned by Ellis A. Hopkins of Lafayette, Indiana, and filed in January, 1972, with the clerk of the probate court of Fairfield County, Ohio. The original will is found there in Estate File Box 338.

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**ROBERT U. HASTINGS**  
PROBATE JUDGE  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY

**GUARDIAN'S BOND OF CATHARINE GROWL (GRAUEL)**  
**22 March, 1832, Estate File Box 2272, Fairfield County, Ohio,**

**Know all men by these presents, That we,** *George Growl and Offinger*  
*Frederick Imhoff* of the county of Fairfield and State of Ohio, are held and firmly  
 bound to the State of Ohio, in the sum of *two hundred*  
 dollars current money, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, execu-  
 tors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents. Signed and sealed, this *22* day of  
*March* A. D. 18 *32*

THE CONDITION of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound *George*  
 (who has this day been appointed Guardian of the person and property of  
*Catharine Growl* minor *Daughter* of *John Growl* dec'd, until she arrive  
 at the age of *18* years,) shall well and truly pay and deliver unto the said *Catharine*  
 all such estate or estates, moneys and effects, that now are or hereafter shall appear to be due and owing  
 to the said *Catharine* when and so soon as she shall arrive at the age aforesaid, or when  
 otherwise thereunto required by the Judges of the said Court, and do and perform all and every of the  
 duties of Guardian as aforesaid, to the said *Catharine* according to the laws and usages of the  
 state afore-said; then the above obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

IN PRESENCE OF

*Frederick Imhoff*

*George Growl* *Seal*  
*Charles Offinger* *Seal*  
*Frederick Imhoff* *Seal*

*Guardians Bond  
 of Catharine Growl*