

In the name of God Amen I William
FitzGerald of the Parish of Abington and County of Amelia
being low and weak but of sound mind & memory do
make and ordain my last Will and Testament as followeth
Inprimis I give or lend unto my loving Wife in lieu of
her Dowry for and during the time of her Widowhood and
no longer the use of nine Negroes, five of which to be fit
for labour and such as she shall choose out of the whole
number of my Negroes, the other four to be young ones fit
to wait and attend on her & such as she my said Wife
shall make choice of for that purpose Also my Rising Chairs
and two young Bay Horses that commonly run therein
two Beds and furniture with any other part of my household
or Kitchen Furniture that she may have occasion of or require
during her Widowhood as aforesaid with liberty of my Stocks of
Cattle Sheep and Hogs or of so much thereof as may be
sufficient for provision for her and my Children that may be
living with her It is my further Will and desire that my
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as aforesaid thereon so long as she continues a Widow but no
longer Item I give and devise unto my four Sons William
Thomas Francis and Robert and to their heirs forever
all my Lands to be equally divided amongst them according
to Quantity and Quality by my friends Francis Evers
Samuel Sherrin Thomas Williams Christopher Haskins
or any two or more of them, who, it is my desire and earnest
request may lay off and divide the same as soon as my
Son William shall attain the age of Twenty one, or whenever
it shall be thought proper by my friends Francis Evers &
Samuel Sherrin two of my Executors hereafter named Item
I give and devise unto my five Children William Thomas
Francis Robert and Elizabeth and to their heirs forever
to be equally divided amongst them as they shall come of
age or marry or sooner if my Executors shall think proper
all my Negroes except those aforementioned lent or given
to my Wife during her Widowhood It is my Will and Desire

My Will and Testament I give and devise unto my four sons William Thomas
Francis and Robert all the residue and remainders of my
Estate of what nature or kind soever. It is my Will and
desire that my Executors hereafter named (notwithstanding
the law to the contrary) may sell and dispose of any part of
my Estate that they may Judge or think most proper
for the payment and discharge of my Debts I desire that
my Estate may not be Appraised And lastly I do nominate
and appoint my loving Wife Elizabeth Fitzgerald Executor
and my Friends Francis Eper and Samuel Shervin and
my Son William Fitzgerald Junr. Executors of this my last
Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all
former Wills and Testaments heretofore made In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
this thirtyfirst day of July Anno Dom: One thousand seven
hundred and sixty nine
Signed Seals Published
and declared in presence of }

William Fitzgerald L.S.

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Wm Hudson

Willm FitzGerald &c

Munford Wilson
Joseph Stephens

At a Court held for Amelia County the 28th day of March 1771
This Will was proved by the Oaths of William Hudson and
Munford Wilson two of the Witnesses thereto, sworn to by
Elizabeth FitzGerald, Francis Esq. and William FitzGerald
Executors therein named and Ordered to be Recorded And
on Motion of the said Executors who entered into Bond as the
Law direct, Certificate for obtaining a Probate in due
form was granted them

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John Pride Jr