

In the name of God Amen I Francis Garner of the County of
and parish of St. Martha being in perfect ~~Health~~ ^{Reason} of sound mind ~~and~~ ^{and}
calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make and Ordain this
my Last will and Testament in manner and Form following (to wit)
I recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it in hopes of receiving
mercy through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour and my Body
to the Ground to be interred at the Discretion of my Executors herein
after named and what worldly Goods it hath Pleased God to bestow
on me I give in the following manner

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Item I lend to my loving wife Dorothy Gaines all my Estate both real and
Personal During her natural Life or Widowhood and after her
Death or Inter-marriage I give all my Lands and Plantations
to my son James Gaines & the Heirs of his Body Lawfully Begotten
Forever and in case of Default of such Heirs I give the same to
my five Daughters (to wit) Lucy Talbot Betty Dorothy and Susanna
to be Equally Divided Between them & to them and their heirs forever
Item I give Isabella Gaines Daughter of my nephew Henry Gaines

170 The sum of thirty two pounds to be paid out of the account due
from her Father to me to her and her heirs forever -

Item as I have already given to my Daughters Leuey and Betty a horse
and saddle abed and furniture to each it is my will and Desire
that my other four Children James Sally Dorothy & Susannah be
made Equal before the Division of my Estate be made -

Item It is my Desire that my Estate be kept together till my Debts are paid

Item all the Remainder of my Estate after the Decease or Intermarriage
of my wife I give to be Equally Divided Between my six Children
to wit James Leuey Sally Betty Dorothy and Susannah to them &
their heirs forever -

Lastly I do appoint my loving son James Gains with my two
Friends Edmund Watkins and Samuel Clayton Junr. Executors
of this my Last will and Testament hereby revoking all former
wills or wills by me made and do Ordain this and no other to be
my Last will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal this 26 day of September 1775

Signed Sealed Published &c. Memo. the words to be paid,

Set my hand & seal this 26 day of September 1775

Signed & sealed & published by me the words to be paid

Proved in Presence of { out of the acct from her father } Francis^{ns} (L.S.)

William Williams to interlined before signed

John Williams

Henry Stringfellow

At a Court held for Culpeper County the 15 day of July 1776

The Last will and Testament of Francis Gaines Deceased was

Exhibited to the Court by James Gaines and Edward Watkins

two of the Executors thereof named and was proved by the oaths

of William Williams John Williams and Henry Stringfellow

witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion

of the said Executors Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate

thereof in due form they having sworn to the same and given bond

and security According to Law Liberty being reserved for the

Other Executor to join in the probate when he shall think fit

Teste John Harrison C. & C. W.