

In the name of God Amen I Richard Hedges of Hertford County in King
and Queen's County, but of Heaven and perfect Mind and Memory
thanks to Almighty God And knowing that it is appointed to all men
once to Die do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in
Manner and form as followeth I Give with my Soul into the hands
of Almighty God that I have is Hoping for a Happy Resurrection through the
Merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ; and my body to the Earth whither it
shall be buried in christian like Manner at the Direction of my
Executors hereafter Mentioned And from my Worldly Estate both Moveable
and Immoveable I do Give and bequeath in Manner and form as follow:
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Item I Give and bequeath unto my Eldest Son Richard Hedges my
Plantation, whereon I now live with Three Hundred and Twenty
Seven Acres of Land thereunto belonging with the Appurtenances thereunto
belonging to him and his Heirs forever I also Give unto my said Son
Richard Hedges the Negro boy Sam as which he has now in his possession
Also my Hand Mill grinding Stone and all things I owe to him and
his Heirs forever I also Give to my Son Richard Hedges I should have
unto my Estate toward the Discharging of the Legacies in my Will
Given the Sum of Twenty three pounds in such part I Give unto him my

Said Son Richard Hodges my Negro boy, Samson to him and his heirs
former

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Hodges Sum of pounds to
be paid by my Executors out of my Estate in full of his Part of my
Estate

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Robert Hodges my Negro
boy named Bristol which he has now in his own Possession to him &
his heirs former I also Give to my Said Son Robert Hodges all my
Right to one Negro man named Samson now in the Possession of Mary
Alice Emanuel Burgess to him and his heirs former

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son William Hodges my best
Bed and furniture and Sundry Goods to be paid him by my Executors
The one half to be paid Money, the other half to be paid in some
Store in Norfolk County Also my Large Iron Pot to him and his
heirs former in full of his Part

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Gaspy Sum
of pounds to be paid by my Executors out of my Estate the one half
to be paid Money the other half to be paid in some Store in
Norfolk County to her and her heirs former

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Grandson Randall Hodges

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Item I give unto my Daughter Ann Fitzgerald the best Child that
The said James shall bring to my Daughter Ann Fitzgerald and to
her issue Deferring

I have I give and bequeath unto M^{rs} Thomas Fitzpatrick and unto
my Daughter Ann his Wife the Use and Labour of my Negro woman
Jemima during the term and part of the term Natural lives —

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Adger my
Negro Woman Dinah with all her Increase after the death of the
said Dinah also my Negro boy Moses to her and her heirs forever

Item, I gave unto my Grandson Richard Brown forty Shillings &
Also gave unto my Grand Daughter Lydia Price forty Shillings
Each to be paid by my Executors —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Friend Thomas Fitzgentry
my Negro boy named Francis he the said Thomas Fitzgentry shall

the Sum of fifteen pounds unto my Estate to in able my self
to pay the Legacies in my Will given then and in such case the said
Negro Man to the said Thomas Fitzgerald and his Heirs forever
But in case the said Fitzgerald should refuse to pay the said Sum of
fifteen pounds the said Negro Man to my Son Robert Hodges he
paying fifteen pounds to my Estate ———— And for all the remain-
ing part of my Estate not before bequeathed of what kind soever
After my Just Debts and Charges in hand I leave to be equally Divid-
ed Between my Son Richard Hodges, my Son Robert Hodges and my
Friend Thomas Fitzgerald And for the true performing of every part
Matter or thing contained in this my Last Will & Testament I do Appoint
my two Sons Richard Hodges, Robert Hodges my Friend Thomas
Fitzgerald Wholy and lawfully my Executors In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and given my seal this Twelfth day
of February One thousand Seven Hundred and fifty ————
Signed sealed and linked by
Proven in Presence of us
Tho. Nash
George Sparrow
Wm. Bacon
George Haldenett

Richard 13th Hodges & Son
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The above Will was proved to the 21st Nov^r 1757.
at Garden Park
Jas. L. B. B. D. J. 68