

gerald's
will

In the Name of God Amen I Henry ffitzgerald being at this present Sick & weak of body
blessed be God in Sound & perfect memory do make & ordain this to be my Last will & Testament
in manner & form following - I bequeath my Soul to almighty god my Creator & redemer
first gave me being & in & by whom I do expect a glorious resurrection at y^e last day: I give
body to the Earth y^e Common mother of us all to be buried with Christian burial according to the
discretion of my Exor & for what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and
bequeath as followeth - I give unto my Son John ffitzgerald my plantation that I now
live on with all housing & ousing & all appurtenances thereunto belonging to him & his heirs
lawfully begotten for ever. but if in case my Son John should die without heir lawfully begotten
then I give & bequeath my plantation as above said to my Son Henry ffitzgerald & his heirs
lawfully begotten of his body for ever. but if in case my Son Henry should die without heir lawfully
begotten of his body then I give my plantation to my daughter margret & her heirs lawfully
begotten of her body for ever. but my will & desire is that my Loving wife mary ffitzgerald should
possess the plantation during her natural life: - further my will is that my Son John should
not be dobarred of clearing of ground & planting upon y^e plantation when he shall come to y^e age
of twenty one years & then to keep no stock but a riding horse without y^e leave of his mother
I give & bequeath to my Son John my hand mill when he shall attain to y^e age of twenty one
years: I give & bequeath to my three children above named six pound in money to be paid to y^e
use of schooling of them & if in case either of them should die before y^e money is bestowed up
on them in learning then y^e money to go to y^e use of y^e others that may be left alive: further
I do give & bequeath to my two youngest children one three year old heifer a price to be delivered
to them as they shall come to age: further I do give & bequeath unto my Loving wife mary ffitz:
gerald all the remainder of my Estate that is within & without to be found: further I do make and
appoint my Loving wife mary to be my whole & sole Exor of this my last will & Testament
which I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal this 12th day of March 1720

Test^y John Harper
(Gloss. & witness)

Prin^{ce} of a Court hold the 5th July 1721 Henry ffitzgerald
deceased within last will of Henry
ffitzgerald do^e was proved in Court by
his wife who made oath thereto & being proved
by oath of all 4 witnesses thereto is admitted to be proved

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