

Will of Frances FitzWilliam née Shelley (1681-1771)

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In the Name of God Amen I Frances¹ Viscountess Dowager FitzWilliam in the Kingdom of Ireland made this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other Will and Wills by me at any time or times heretofore made

And First I commend my Soul to Almighty God and Commit my Body to the earth to be buried in the parish where I shall happen to dye and I Expressly Order the Expenses of my funeral not to Exceed the Sum of ffifty pounds

Item I Give the Sum of Twenty pounds to the following persons namely namely my Son² the present Viscount ffitzwilliam and the Viscountess his Wife³ my Sons William⁴ and John⁵ and their Wives my Daughter Pembroke⁶ and her Husband my Daughter Carbery⁷ my Brother Sir John Shelley⁸ and my Sister M^{rs} Elizabeth Sheldon⁹ Widow

¹ Frances FitzWilliam née Shelley (1681-1771), the Testatrix, daughter of Bridget Winnifred Mary née Neville (1666-1687) and John Shelley (1663-1703) 3rd Baronet Shelley of Michelgrove, wife of Richard FitzWilliam (1677-1743) 5th Viscount FitzWilliam [\[Wikipedia\]](#).

² Richard FitzWilliam (1711-1776) 6th Viscount FitzWilliam [\[Wikipedia\]](#), son of the Testatrix and Richard FitzWilliam (1677-1743), husband of Catharine née Decker (1711-1786).

³ Catharine FitzWilliam née Decker (1711-1786), daughter in law of the Testatrix, daughter of Henrietta née Watkins (?-1759) and Matthew Decker (1679-1749) 1st Baronet Decker of London [\[Wikipedia\]](#), wife of Richard FitzWilliam (1711-1776).

⁴ William FitzWilliam (1712-?), son of the Testatrix and Richard FitzWilliam (1677-1743), husband of Judith née Bouchier.

⁵ John FitzWilliam (1714-1789), son of the Testatrix and Richard FitzWilliam (1677-1743), husband of Barbara née Chandler (c1710-1786).

⁶ Mary Herbert née FitzWilliam (1707-1769), daughter of the Testatrix and Richard FitzWilliam (1677-1743), wife of (i) Henry Herbert (1693-1750) 9th Earl of Pembroke 6th Earl of Montgomery and (ii) North Ludlow Bernard (1705-1768).

⁷ Frances Evans née FitzWilliam (c1710-1789), daughter of the Testatrix and Richard FitzWilliam (1677-1743), wife of George Evans (1705-1759) 2nd Baron Carbery [\[Wikipedia\]](#).

⁸ John Shelley (1692-1771) 4th Baronet Shelley of Michelgrove, brother of the Testatrix, son of Bridget Winnifred Mary née Neville (1666-1687) and John Shelley (1663-1703), husband of (i) Catherine née Scawen (1693-1726) and (ii) Margaret née Pelham (1700-1758).

⁹ Elizabeth Sheldon née Shelley (c1689-1766), sister of the Testatrix, daughter of Bridget Winnifred Mary née Neville (1666-1687) and John Shelley (1663-1703), wife of Edward Sheldon (1679-1736).

Item I give the Sum of One hundred pounds a peice (making together the Sum of Two hundred pounds) to my following Grand Children namely the younger Son¹⁰ of my said Daughter Carbery and her Daughter Wilson¹¹ and the One hundred pounds to M^{rs} Wilson to be for her Separate use and Disposal independent of her husband and so at her Single Order of Receipt to be Good for the same

Item I Give to my Nephew John Lawson¹² of the City of York the Sum of ffive hundred pounds and if he Should Dye in my life time such ffive hundred pounds to Go to his Son my Godson Thomas Lawson and unto him the said Thomas Lawson I Give my Round Gold Snuff Box

Item I Give to my Godson or God Daughter one of the Children of my Neice Whitworth¹³ the Sum of One hundred pounds if my God Child Whitworth dye in my life time then the other to succeed to the One hundred pounds

and to my Neice Miss Mary Mathew¹⁴ the Daughter of my late Sister Catherine¹⁵ deceased the Sum of Two hundred pounds

and to my Neices Mary¹⁶ and Catherine Shelley¹⁷ each the Sum of Ten pounds

and also to my Niece Mary Lawson¹⁸ of [Barnes] the Daughter of my late Sister Lady Lawson deceased the Sum of ten pounds and if my said Neice Lawson should Dye in my life time such Ten pounds to go to her Successor

¹⁰ John Evans (1738-1807), grandson of the Testatrix, son of Frances Evans née FitzWilliam (c1710-1789) and George Evans (1705-1759), husband of Emma née Crowe (1740-1806).

¹¹ Frances Anne Warter-Wilson née Evans (c1740-1802), granddaughter of the Testatrix, daughter of Frances née FitzWilliam (1705-1789) and George Evans (1705-1759), wife of Colonel Edward Warter-Wilson (1730-1766).

¹² John Lawson, nephew of the Testatrix, son of Mary née Shelley (1690-1759) and John Lawson (1689-1739) 3rd Baronet Lawson of Brough Hall, husband of Elizabeth Selbye (1723-1791).

¹³ Presumably Martha Rose Whitworth née Shelley, niece of the Testatrix, daughter of Elizabeth née Fleetwood (1704-?) and Richard Shelley (1692-17710, wife of Sir Charles Whitworth (1721-1778).

¹⁴ Mary Mathew, niece of the Testatrix, daughter of Catherine née Shelley and George Mathew.

¹⁵ Catherine Mathew née Shelley (c1690-?), sister of the Testatrix, daughter of Mary née Gage (1668-1722) and John Shelley (1663-1703), wife of George Mathew.

¹⁶ Mary Shelley (1720-?), niece of the Testatrix, daughter of Catherine née Scawen (1693-1726) and John Shelley (1692-1771).

¹⁷ Catherine Shelley (1724-?), niece of the Testatrix, daughter of Catherine née Scawen (1693-1726) and John Shelley (1692-1771).

¹⁸ Mary Lawson (c1714-1783), niece of the Testatrix, daughter of Mary née Shelley (1690-1759) and John Lawson (1689-1739) 3rd Baronet Lawson of Brough Hall.

Item I Give the Sum of Ten pounds a piece to Mrs Mary ffermor of Dun___ and Mrs Mary Lucie of Ghant and in Case of both or either of their deaths in my life time each such Ten Pounds also to Go over to their Successors

and to Elizabeth Watkins Sister to M^r Morris who married M^r Kirk's Daughter of Covent Garden Playhouse under M^r Neasden one of the Chaplains to the ____ Ambassador I Give each the Sum of Twenty pounds

and the Sum of Ten pounds to M^r Dixon who attends me from time to time but if he shall Dye in my life time or Cease to attend me Then the person succeeding him in such attendance to have that Ten pounds

and to M^r [Lary] Elston I Give my Church Stuff and the Plate used therewith but if he should Dye in my life time Then the said M^r Dixon to have it

Item I give to Mrs Ann Blount Sister of the late and Aunt of the present Sir Edward Blount Baronet the Sum of Thirty pounds

and to my faithful Servant and friend Anna De Champe D____ the Sum of Six hundred and Twenty pounds and the ffurniture of a Room Compleat with Bed and bedding also three Pair of Sheets and a Down Yellow Persian Quilt and all my Books for her Separate Use and Disposal Independant of her Husband and so as her Single Order or Receipt to be Good for the same

and to William Joseph one of my Chairmen I Give the Sum of Twenty pounds and to Nicholas Pott the other of them the Sum of Ten pounds

and to Mary Ann Henry my Chambermaid if with me at the time of my Decease I Give One Years Wages more than shall be then due to her also the Sum of Twenty pounds and all my Wearing Apparel

and to my Cook and my ffootman at the time of my Decease and who shall have been one year or upwards in my Service and not otherwise the Sum of ten pounds a piece and a years Wages.

And as to all the Rest and Residue of my Personal Estate whereof I have any Disposing Power I Give the same (my Debts and Legacies being first paid) unto my said Son William whom I also appoint along with his Brother the Viscount to be Executors of this my Will Desiring them to pay the Legacys within three Calendar Months after my Deceasing.

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty fifth Day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one — *Fran. Fitzwilliam* Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the abovenamed ffrances Viscountess Dowager ffitzwilliam as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto *Jn^o Maires Fran^s Bredall.*

This Will was proved at London the thirteenth Day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy before the Worshipful William Compton Doctor of Laws Master Keeper and Surrogate of the Right Worshipful George Hay also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully Constituted by the Oath of the Honourable William ffitzwilliam the Son of the deceased and one of the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased he having been first sworn duly to Administer. Power reserved of making the like grant to the Right Honble Richard Viscount ffitzwilliam the Son also of the said Deceased and other Executor when he shall apply for the same. Ex^d

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