

GENERATION 7**Francis Gibbs**

Francis Gibbs, son of **Zacharias Gibbs** and **Mary Massie**, was born on 27 Dec 1734 in Brumfield Parish, Culpeper Co VA and died on 28 Jun 1810 in Madison Co Va at age 75.

Francis married **Nancy Ann Head** about Oct 1756 (1760?) in Madison Co Va.

Nancy Ann Head, daughter of **Alfred Head** and **Mary Carter**, was born in 1735 in Madison Co Va and died after 1810 in Madison Co Va.

Children from this marriage were:

William Gibbs was born in 1763 in Orange Co Va and died on 31 Jan 1829 in Elbert Co GA at age 66.

James Gibbs was born in 1765 in Madison Co Va and died on 10 Aug 1841, Madison Co Va at age 76.

Lucy Gibbs was born in 1766 in Madison Co Va.

Mary Molly Gibbs was born about 1768 in Madison Co Va and died about 1791 in Madison Co Va about age 23.

Sarah Gibbs was born on 10 Jul 1770 in Madison Co Va, died on 6 Feb 1841 in Callaway Co Mo at age 70, and was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery Fulton, Callaway Co MO.

Elizabeth Gibbs was born on 21 Dec 1770 in Madison Co Va and died on 1 Aug 1823 in Madison Co Va at age 52. Another name for Elizabeth was Betsy.

Francis Gibbs' Will Transcription

Francis Gibbs' Will is in Madison County Virginia Wills pages 249 to 251, located at the Madison County Courthouse.

In the name of god amen. I Francis Gibbs of Madison County being of perfect mind and memory thanks be to god for same and insuring the uncertainty of life and certainty of death as make this my last will and testament in manner following. After my death I wish my body committed to the earth from whence it came in desent burial manner — and as to my worldly matters it is my desire that my wife , Nancy Gibbs, shall enjoy and retain the right of my land I now live on and that on which my son James Gibbs, lives on during her natural life or widowhood but not to sell or rent her right in it without the consent of my sons, William Gibbs and James Gibbs. I likewise will to my wife five negroes named Sampson, Judeth, Harry, Hannah, Nelly Fisher during her life or widowhood. Likewise my wagon and team as much stock and furniture and kitching furnature and plantation tules I may have that she may wish during her life or widowhood.

I will to my son William Gibbs the plantation whereon I now live, a negro man named Ben, also one negro girl named Tames and there increase and all the money and stock already given my son William I give him without being accountable to my estate for it.—I give to my son James Gibbs the tract of Land on which he now lives, a negro boy named Moses and negro girl named Sukey and increase.

I give to my grandchildren Lucy Yeager, James Yeager, Joel Yeager, representatives of my daughter Molly, a negro woman Liz and her children Aggy Rose with increase to be devided when Joel Yeager becomes of age. I give to my grandson, James Yeager, fifteen pounds to be paid out of that part of my state which is to be sold. I give to my daughter, Lucey, one negro garl named Letty and her increase and after my wifes death I give to my daughter Lucey a negro man named Sampson and his wifes Judeth with her increase after she possess her. I give to my daughter Sealley a negro girl named Joan and her increase a negro woman named Hannah and her increase after she gets possession of her.

I give to my daughter Betsey, a negro girl named Ama and her increase and after the deth of my wife I give to my daughter Betsey a negro man named Harry after death of my wife.

It is my desire for negroes given my wife her life or widowhood named Sampson, Juday, Harry, Hannah shall desend as above after her death and the fifth Nelly Fisher to be sold with what my wife uses(?) during her life or widowhood and to be equally divied as well as the rest of my property heare mentioned after payint the legalcy to my grandchildren James Yeager and my daughter Lucy eighty pounds, my daughter Seally eighty pounds and my daughter Betsey Minchy five pounds.

It is my desire that after my death that the negros that is left that is to be sold to the highest bidder among my fife (five) children for reday (ready) money, and the rest of my propertye where my wife takes out as much as she wants of it to make out the legalcy that I left to my daughter Lucy and my daughter Salley and my daughter Betsey and my grandson James Yeager and if that shud not be anuff—it is my desire that after my wife death the remainder of my state shall be sold for redy money till they get thare legalcy and it is my will and desire that what is left shall be decided among my five children— that as my negros shall be sold amonge my children. It is my desire that what I have given my daughter Lucy Seally, and Betsey in furniture and stock no account shall be given of it and that each of my fore children pay to my daughter Seally three pounds in consequence of her negro is not being as valuable as thars. It is further my will that if either of my children should die without issue begatly from his body that their proportion of my property heare will'd it shall be return to my estate again.

My desire that my two sons William Gibbs and James Gibbs that shall die without essue (issue) that my daughter an laws shall keep it as long as thay xxx a widow and if thay marry that what I left them shall come back again among my reviving children.

Lastly, I appoint my wife, Nancy Gibbs and My son, William Gibbs, and my son James Gibbs, and my son in law Michael Berry, Executors my last will and testament not obligating them to give security witness my hand this 13th day of April 1802. **Francis** Read and acknowledged in presence of (Signed his mark) Ephraim Yeager, Sarah(X mark) Yeager Francis Gibbs Zacharias Gibbs, Lucy Gibbs.

Francis Gibbs Will—continued

At court held for Madison County the 28th June 1810.

This Last will and testament of Francis Gibbs deceased was exhibited into Court and proved by the oaths of Ephriam Yager, Sarah Yeager, and Zacharias Gibbs, three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of James Gibbs, one of the executors therein named, certificate of probat thereof is granted him according to Law.

Teste Benjamin Cave xxxx

Francis Gibbs Estate Appraisal

pages 251/253 from Will Abstracts of Madison County VA-1790-1813 Appraisal of the estate of FRANCIS GIBBS, deceased,... at upper farm, L. 337.11.6.... at lower farm L. 55. 19.0... and other property appraised.. total value L. 786.19.0 made 3rd. July 1810 by appraisers Zacharias Gibbs, Ephraim Yeager, James Barnett.

Returned into court 26th July 1810, and ordered to be recorded.

Bounty Warrant for Service

Francis Gibbs received a bounty warrant from the state of Virginia for his service with Hoggs Rangers during the French and Indian Wars of 1754-1763.... Francis Gibbs was also in the battles Ft Duquesne and Ft. Frontenac under Col. George Washington with Capt Hoggs Rangers.

Rgmt. of Adam Stephens. June 1780 Spotsylvania Co.

Warrant for 2,000 acres issued to Richard Vernon, waggon master, forage master, and assistant commissary under Generals Braddock, Forbes, and Stanwix in 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758, and 1759. May 1780 Culpeper Co.

Warrant for 50 acres issued to Francis Gibbs, a soldier in Capt. Hogg's Company of Rangers until 1758. May 1780 Orange Co.

Warrant for 50 acres issued to James Caldwell, assignee of John Lightfoot, assignee of William Edlington.

Warrant for 50 acres issued to James Caldwell, assignee of John Lightfoot, assignee of Job Hilliards.

Warrant for 200 acres issued to David Caldwell assignee of William

Source: Virginia's Colonial Soldiers, Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., p314, Orange County.

NOTE: This was before the Revolutionary war. So probably won't count for DAR.