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On Friday last died, of a short illness, Mrs. Eliza Fitzhugh, wife of Mr. John Fitzhugh, of Stafford County, in the 61st year of her age. She was the mother of thirteen children, all of them bred up and settled out in that regular decent manner as to the patterns of sobriety, industry, and good behavior to all around them; these, with their children, amount in the number of 54. And what is very remarkable, that amidst all the cares, troubles and difficulties, of so laborious a task, and the additional misfortune of her husband being blind for near twenty years, she lived with him in so constant a tenor of conjugal affection, that not a harsh word or untoward expression ever passed between them; such are the comforts of the matrimonial state when rightly conducted. Her loss is much deplored by her acquaintances and affectionate children, but it is and must be peculiarly distressing to her surviving husband, who has now no one left to live with him to cheer the melancholy residue of his days of darkness.

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“Friday last”, relative to 11 Mar 1790, was 5 Mar 1790

“In the 61st year of her age” means she was born circa 1730.

Eliza may have been a nickname for Alice (her mother’s name was Elizabeth)