of the parish of Port Tobacco in the County aforesaid Planter being sick & weak in body but of Sound & perfect Memory Praised be God for the same calling to mind the Frailty & Uncertainty of this Life & being willing & desirous that what God of his infinite Goodness & Mercy far above my Deserts has been Pleased to bless me with may be Settled ordered & Disposed of that no Controversy Variance or Dispute may be after my Decease happen or arise about the same make this my last Will & Testament hereby Revoking & making Void all former Will or Wills at any time heretofore by me made declaring this only to be my last Will & Testament. Imp.ts I Resign Surrender & Yield up my Soul to Almighty God the great Creator of all things who gave it me hoping through the Meritorious Death & Passion of my Blessed Lord & Savior Jesus Christ to obtain full pardon & Remission of all my Sins My Body I Commit to the Earth to be in decent & Christian like manner Interred & buried at the Discretion of my Extrix And for my Worldly Estate I Dispose thereof as followeth Viz.t

Item I give & Bequeath all & singular my Moveable Estate to be equally Divided Between my Daughter Elizabeth & my Daughter Helenor & Solomon Nicholls & I leave & order that my aforesaid Daughters shall remain under the aforesaid Solomon Nicholls Care & Government them & their Estates until they come of Age.

And I leave my Daughter Elizabeth and my Daughter Helenor & Solomon Nicholls jointly Administrators of this my last Will & Testament given under my hand this Eighth day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred & Thirty five

James Boyce (Seal)

Signed Sealed in Presence of us
Geo: Cooke
Rich.d Lewis
Patrick his X mark Conner

On the back of the aforegoing Will was the following Probate thus written Viz.t

Cha.s County ss.t

Mem.d That on this day (to wit) the Second day of February 1736 Richard Lewis & Patrick Conner two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the above Will being duly & Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God Do Depose & say that they saw James Boyce the Testator Sign the said Will and heard him Publish and Declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, And that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of Sound & Disposing mind & memory.

Sworn before
J. Hanson Dep.ty Com.ry

4½ Sides

In the Name of God Amen I William Whither of Port Tobacco parish in Charles County in the Province of Maryland Planter being in Sound & perfect mind & memory and Considering the Uncertainty of this life Do therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other

Will

Will or Wills by me formerly made in manner and form following I give & Bequeath my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me My Body to be decently Interred according to the Discretion of my Extrix hereafter named after my just Debts & funeral Expences being paid.

I give & Bequeath unto my dearly beloved Wife Ann Whither all & every my real & personal Estate which shall be found belonging to me And Do hereby Cut of & abolish all manner of Wills Deeds or Legacies by me heretofore made to any manner of person or persons whatsoever And her Do Constitute & appoint to be my sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament Whereunto I have Set my hand & seal this 5.th day of December Anno Dom.i 1736

Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presence of

Wm Wither (Seal)

Tho.s his X mark Gilpen (Seal)

William his X mark Gilpen (Seal)

On the back of the aforegoing Will was the following Probate thus written Viz.t

Cha.s County ss.t

On the 24.th day of Janu.y 1736 Thomas Gilpin & William Gilpin Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly & solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God do Depose & say that the saw William Whither the Testator Sign the within Writing & heard him publish & Declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, And that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound & disposing mind & memory & that they Subscribed their Respective names as Witnesses to said Will in Presence of the Testator & at his request

Sworn before
J. Hanson Dep.ty Com.ry

3½ Sides

Cha.s County ss.t

Be it Remembered that on this day to wit the Second day of February 1736. Came before me Samuel Hanson Deputy Com.ry of said County Mary Speake of Charles County Widow & made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that on or about the Sixteenth day of December last her Daughter Juliana Semmes lying then sick of the Sickness whereof she soon after died desired this Deponent to take Notice that it was her desire that her Brother Ignatius Semmes should have her Negroe boy, & that the said Juliana at the time of speaking the said words was to the best of her Apprehension of sound & Disposing mind & memory

In Testimoney whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & seal the day & year first above written

J. Hanson Dep.ty Com.ry

1½ Side

In the Name of God Amen the Third day of November One Thousand Seven Hundred & Thirty six I John Dodson of Calvert County in the Province of Maryland being weak in body but of sound & perfect Memory Thanks be to Almighty God & calling to mind the Uncertainty of this Transitory life

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