the aforesaid two hundred acres of Land so as not to include my present dwelling house which said two hundred acres of Land I give and devise unto the aforesd Edward Semmes his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath all the remainder of the Lands both of Virginia home & Hungerfords Hope together with my water Grist mill to my loveing son Marmaduke Semmes his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my two loveing daughters Violetta Semmes & Martha Semmes one hundred acres of Land lying in Charles County called Turks be the same more or less together with fifty acres of Marsh Land which I have by virtue of a Lease joining the aforesd Turks to have and to hold the aforesaid Lands to them & their heirs & assigns for ever equally to be divided between them as tenants in common & if either of my said daughters should die unmarried then I give her moiety of the aforesd Land to the Survivor her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Doctr Edwd Semmes two Slaves to wit Joe & his wife Lucie to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and devise to my son Marmaduke Semmes five Slaves to wit Stephen, Little Jenny, John, two boys one of which is called Will & the other Little Bill and their future increase to him his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Violetta Semmes the following slaves to wit Babb, Phill, Joe, Jacob, Jenny, Michael and Jenny and their future increase to her and her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and devise unto my daughter Martha Semmes the following slaves to wit Judy, Lewis, Nann, Nacy, Ralph & Monica & their future increase to her and her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and devise unto my loveing daughter Mary Ann Luckett for the life only the use and Labour of two Slaves to wit Rachael and Henny & after the decease of my said daughter I give and devise the aforesd Rachael & her future increase to my grand daughter Elenor Luckett & her heirs and assigns for ever & the aforesd Henny & her future increase to be equally divided between my two grand children Viz. Elenor & Hennietta Luckett also I give and bequeath unto my aforesd grand child Hennietta Luckett one negro girl called Betty & her future increase to her and her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and devise unto my grand daughter Hennietta Semmes one negro boy called Anthony to her and her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and devise unto my grand daughter Catharine Boarman one negro girl called Polly and her future increase to her & her heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give and devise unto my loveing wife Henniella Semmes thirty pounds Maryland currency to be raised out of my Estate & to be distributed amongst the poor & Indigent People as my wife shall think most convenient and proper.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loveing wife Henniella Semmes during her natural life the Mansion house and Plantation whereon I now live together with all my Stocks of Horses Cattle, Sheep, and hogs as also all my household & furniture of what kind or quality soever.

Item I give and devise unto my two daughters Violetta and Martha free Liberty of living in the Mansion House wherein I now live during their unmarried State of life as also that my son Marmaduke have Liberty to work his Slaves with his mother or seperately as his mother and he shall think most convenient on the Plantation wherein I now live and if he should Marry before his mothers Decease that he remove at his mothers desire to the Plantation and house I bought of Charles Boarman and.

Item I give and devise unto my beloved son Thomas Semmes one Slave called Thom boy to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and devise unto my dearly beloved daughter Susannah Boarman two Slaves to wit Dick and his wife Bridget and their future increase to her her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Henniella Semmes all the remaining negroes not heretofore devised and at her decease the negroes, Stock & furniture and the increase of all to be divided amongst my children at her my said wifes discretion.

Item I give and devise unto my son Thomas Semmes my Silver Watch for ever.

Item I give and devise to my son Marmaduke Semmes after my wifes decease my clock and Desk over and above the distributive part of his mothers Estate so that the said Clock & Desk may not be removed from off the Premises.

Item I give and devise to my two daughters Violetta and Martha Semmes forty pounds currency to buy them a horse each having twenty pounds to be raised out of my Estate for this purpose aforesaid.

Item I give and devise unto my seven children seven crops hogsheads of Tobacco to each of them the aforesaid children one to buy them a suit of mourning at my decease In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal the 31st. day of March Anno Domini 1772.

Marmaduke Semmes (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us
James Russell
Thomas Hyde (his T mark) Tilden
Thomas (mark) Rollins

A Codicil to the above Will.

Be it known to all men by these Presents that I Marmaduke Semmes of Charles County in the Province of Maryland have made and declared my last Will and Testament in writing bearing date the thirty first Day of March 1772 I the said Marmaduke Semmes by this present Codicil do ratify and confirm my said last Will and Testament and do give unto my loveing wife over and above her above Legacies all and every thing and things to me belonging not above bequeathed and monies debts to me due and every Bills not before mentioned to her my above said wife Henniella Semmes whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my Sole Executrix of this my last Will and

Testament