Witnesses before named. Ratifying & Confirming this and no Other to be my last Will and Testament — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the day and year above Written —

Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared by the said Honoritta Semmes as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers —

The mark of
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Henrietta Semmes (Seal)

Note that the words & Custody & Incorted between the 16. and 17. and the words & till of age & Incorted between the 17. and 18. and the word & Bravally & between the 28th & 29th Lines of the first side of these presence was done before the sealing and Delivery hereof —

James Russell
Ann Hawkins
Hawkins

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz. —

Charles County } Came Thomas Semmes and made Oath on the holy
31st Day of December 1775 } Evangells of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writting is the true and whole will and Testament of Honoritta Semmes late of said County Decd. and that he doth not know of any Other —

Certified by Dan. Jenifer Dc. Cl. County

Charles County } Then Came James Russell and Josias Hawkins two of the
31st December 1775 } Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and Testament and made Oath on the holy Evangells of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named sign and Seal this Will and they heard her publish pronounce and Declare the same to be her last Will and Testament — That at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and Disposing Mind memory & Understanding and that they Respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence of the Testatrix and at her Request and in the presence of each Other —

(B2 Side) Certified by Dan. Jenifer Dc. Cl. County

In The name of God Amen I Robert Henly Courts of Charles County in the province of Maryland being sick and weak in Body tho' of perfect and Sound Mind and Memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory Life do make this my last Will and Testament Resigning my Soul to its Creator in humble hope of its future happiness so tho' the Mediation and Merits of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ — And as to my Body my will is that it be Buried in such Decent Manner as my Executor hereinafter named in their discretion shall think proper. And my Worldly Estate I will and Desire may be Disposed of in Manner and form following Viz. —

Imprimis I give and Bequeath to my loving Wife Elizabeth the use of the plantation whereon I now live Comprehending the following Tracts Viz. Martins freehold Liverpool point. Haw point Verina and part of Thomas's Choice for the Space of Nineteen years and my Will and desire is that my said Wife shall possess and hold the above said Tracts of Land during her natural Life provided she remains a Widow and does not Marry after my Decease — And further Will that she shall have the use of the following Negroes that is to say. Moro Cary. Nan. Isaac Rachel and Nell for and during her natural Life — And also I give my said Wife my Chaise and two Horses called Romulus & Berry and all my Household furniture of every kind except what is hereinafter Devised

Item I give and Bequeath to my youngest Son Daniel Courts the plantation whereon I now live comprehending the five Tracts of Land Viz. — Martins freehold. Liverpool point. Haw point. Verina and part of Thomas's Choice the were which Devised as abovementioned to my Loving Wife. My Will is that my said Daniel shall enter into possession of the abovesaid Land at the Expiration of the aforesaid Term of Nineteen years if my Wife should Marry but if she does not. my Desire is that he shall not have possession of the said Land till her Death or Marriage which ever may happen after the expiration of the term aforesaid. but if she should Die within the abovementioned Space of Nineteen years then my Will and Desire is that the abovesaid Land should immediately sold and the Money's arising from such Sale to be equally Divided between my two Sons John Courts & Robert Henly Courts. their Heirs and Assigns. — And also I give my said Son Daniel One Negroe Boy

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