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Augth 28th 1710.

In Obedience to an order of Court granted the first day of July Directed to Mathew Dornoch Thomas Harris, and Henry Trout for the laying out of a Court Road from the dwelling house of John Tullitt to a landing on James River In Pursuance of the said Order we Mathew Dornoch and Henry Trout have laid out the said Road with as little prejudice as may be to those persons that whose Land the same is to pass

September the first 1710

Recorded by Order of Court

Test William Randolph Esq.

Math Dornoch

Henry Trout

In the name of God Amen &c. the sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord God 1707 I Mary Serim of the Parish of Virginia and County of Henrico, being sick of body but of good and perfect memory should be to God for the same calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men to dye as made and ordain that my last Will and Testament that it to say principally and first of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but to receive the same again at the general Resurrection, and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this life I give devise and dispose of in manner and form following

I give and bequeath my land lying upon Joseph Withers to my beloved Grand Son Mathew Turpin to be by him and his heirs and assigns freely possessed enjoyed for ever in as full and ample manner to all intents and purposes as if I enjoyed it my self

It I give and bequeath unto Martha Turpin my beloved Granddaughter my best Bed with all the furniture belonging to it

It I give unto Philip Withers my Grandson my table two yokes all my Denton and four Chairs

It I give my next best bed and furniture to my Granddaughter Mary Osborne

It I give to my beloved daughter Martha Osborne my wedding Ring

It I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Turpin all my wearing Clothes

It I give to Elizabeth Turpin my Granddaughter one warming Pan two Smoothing Iron one Chest and two Cases and a Calf

It I give to my Grandson The Osborne one Chest: to Martha Osborne my Granddaughter one Cow now at her fathers house

It I give to Mary Withers my daughter one mourning Ring of 16 pence

It I will and devise if it please God to call me away out of this World before the intended time of Edward Thachars be expressed that he be free and at his own dispose

It I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Son in Law Philip Turpin my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby Recording and discharging all other Wills and Testaments at void and of no effect as Witness my hand and Seal the Day and year above written

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Thomas Osborne
Tho. Chatham Jun^r

Mary Serim

Henrico County October the 5th 1710

In a Court held at Varina for the County of Henrico
the fifth day of October 1710

Thomas Witham Sen^r one of the W. Judges to the aforementioned last
Will and Testament of John Witham De^d made Oath in Court that
he did see the said Mary Witham sign seal and declare the same as her
last Will and Testament, and Thomas Offburn the other W. Judge to
the said Will made Oath that to the best of his Remembrance
he did see the said Mary Witham sign seal and declare the
same as her last Will and Testament, and thereupon it was Ordered
to be Recorded and it is accordingly Recorded, and in the motion
of Philip Trappin the Ex^r therein named at Debt thereof is granted
him, he having given Security for the same.

Test William Randolph C^{lerk}

Virginia

By the Hon^{ble} the Gov^r

A Declaration

Whereas her Majesty out of her Royal grace and favour to all her Subjects of this her Colony
and You were hath been pleased by her Instructions to signify unto me her Royal Will and
pleasure for preserving unto them their legal Rights and properties, which said
Instructions be as followeth. Whereas We are above all things desirous that all our
Subjects may enjoy their legal Rights and Properties, You are to take special care
that if any person be committed for any criminal matters (unless for Treason or felony
plainly and especially expressed in the Warrant of Commitment) he have free liberty
to petition by himself or otherwise the Chief Justice or any one of the Judges of the
Common Pleas for a writ of Habeat Corpus which upon such application shall
be granted and served on the Sheriff Marshall Gaoler or other Officer having the
Custody of such prisoner or shall be left at the Goal or place where the Prisoner
is confined and the said Sheriff Marshall or other Officer shall within three days
after such Service (on the petitioner paying the fees and charges and giving Security
that he will not escape by the way) with return of the writ and Prisoner before the
Judge who granted out the said Writ and there certify the true cause of the Imprisonment
and the said Justice or Judge shall discharge such prisoner saving his Discharge and
Security for his appearance at the Court where the offence was committed and certify the
said Writ and Discharge into the Court unless such offence appear to the said Justice
or Judge not Punishable by the Law of England. And in case the said Justice or Judge
shall refuse to grant a Writ of Habeat Corpus on view of the copy of Commitment
or upon Oath made of such copy having been denied the Prisoner or any person
requiring the same in his behalf or shall delay to discharge the Prisoner after the
granting of such Writ the said Justice or Judge shall incur the forfeiture of his
place. You are likewise to declare our pleasure that in case the Sheriff Marshall
or other Officer shall imprison any person above twelve hours except by a Writ must
setting forth the cause thereof he be removed from his said Office. And upon the