

As transcribed by Julie Kelts, July 31, 2018 (red highlights are mine):

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The Will of } I[n] the [name] of God Amen. The twenty eight day of Aprill, Annoq^e Domini, one thousand
John Cissell } Six, hundred. ninety foure [Eight]. I John Cissell, of St Marys County, in the province Maryld
planter, being, Sick and weake in [of] body but of sound and perfect memory, thanks be to almighty God
for the Same, and calling to mind the uncertaine State of this transitory Life, and that all flesh Must
yeld unto death, when it Shall please God to Call, and being desirous to Settle things in order, doe
make this, my last will & testament, wherein is contained my last Will & testament, in
maner and form following. Revoking, and absolutly, unwillingly, by these presents all and every
testament, or testaments, Will & wills, heretofore by me made, and to be taken, only for my last
Will and testament, and none other. first I bequeath my soule to allmighty God, my maker and
to Jesus Christ my Redeemer, and to the holy Ghost, my Sanctifier, and my body to the earth
from whence it came, to be buried at Mutowne Church, in Such decent manner, as my Exec^{trs}
hereafter named shall be thought meet & convenient. Item I give & bequeath, unto my **son John
Cissell**, fifty acres of that parcell of Land Call by the name of Whit Acer, as it was formerly divided
by me. Item I give [^] & bequeath unto **Sonn William Cissell** fifty acres of that parcell of Land called by the
Name of White Acer, as it was formerly Divided by me. Item I give & bequeath, unto my **son Thomas
Cissell** fifty acres of that parcell of Land called by the name of White acre, as it was formerly divided
by me. Item my Will is that the aforesaid, hundred and fifty acres of Land, that is called by the
Mame of White Acre, I give it to my three sonns, John Cissell William Cissill, and Thomas Cissill
to them, and there ares [heirs] forever. Item I give & unto my ^{^ two} **Sonns Richard Cissell and Robert Cissill**
that parcell of Land Called by the name of the Long Morke [Neck] containing one hundred acres to be
equally divided, between them two, to them, and ares [their heirs] for ever, but in case either of my to sons should
dey [die] without issue, then the deceased part Shall to my **son James Cissill**, to him & his ares [heirs],
forever. Item I give & bequeath, unto my loving **Wife, Mary Cissell** this plantation
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which I now live on, during her life and after her decease, I bequeath it to my **sonn Edward Cissell**, to him & his ares [heirs]
for ever, and in case my said Sonn, should [die], before he comes to the age of one & twenty, or without issue, then
I bequeath it to my youngest Son, James Cissill, to him & his ares [heirs] for ever. Item I give & bequeath unto
my beloved wife Mary Cissell all the rest of my estate, to her proper use, and behoufe [behoofe]. Item I do nominate [and]
apoynt and Constitute my beloved wife, Mary Cissill, Whole & sole Executrix of my last will & testament
in wittness of this my last will & testament, I have hereunto subscribed my [hand] and fixed my seal, the day &
year above written

Signed

John I Cissell {seal}

Notes:

This transcription is made from the version on-line at familysearch.org, which shows a date of 1694, and preserves original spelling, including obvious errors. The version at ancestry.com is much harder to read, although the date of 1698 is clear. Bracketed insertions above are items in the Ancestry version only, either in addition to or replacing text, as is obvious from the context. Some differences between the two versions are insignificant and not noted above. The Ancestry version includes many abbreviations of words which are spelled out in the Family Search version.