

our Lord One thousand six hundred eighty seven granted to Marmaduke  
 Simms of Saint Marys County in the Province of Maryland Deceased by  
 whom it was devised unto Anthony Simms his eldest son which —  
 Anthony by his last Will & Testament bearing Date the fifteen Day of  
 August One thousand seven hundred and eight duly Legate & proved  
 devised the same Land by the following Words to wit I give & bequeath  
 a certain Tract of Land lying in Cecil County Called by the Name of  
 Simms forest Containing four hundred Acres more or less to my  
 Loving Children Thetious Adolimus Mary & Bathia to them & their  
 heirs for ever to be Equally divided amongst them as by the said Will  
 recorded in the prerogative Office may appear which Persons last  
 mentioned by the Names of Marmaduke Simms whose Sister Mary  
 Simms of the whole blood died without Issue being the Daughter of  
 Anthony Simms Deceased Thetious and Adolimus Simms Sons of  
 the said Anthony & Bathia Higdon Widow Daughter of the said  
 Anthony Simms Deceased by their Deed of bargain & Sale bearing  
 Date the Twenty first day of July Seventeen hundred thirty &  
 eight Bargained Sold Insoffed and Conveyed and <sup>Confirmed</sup> ~~and~~ the  
 foresaid Tract of Land unto the said Anthony Simms Party to these  
 presents as by the said Deed more fully <sup>may</sup> appear which Tract of  
 Land lying in Cecil County af. is bounded as follows Beginning  
 at a bounded Red Oak standing by the River Road in the Wood  
 near the Land Called the Forrest belonging to William Blankstein  
 of S. Marys County Gentleman running thence with the said Road  
 South and by East Two hundred perches to another bounded red Oak —  
 standing near the said Road thence West & by South with another  
 parcell of Land belonging to the said William Blankstein three  
 hundred & twenty perches thence North & by West till it intersect the  
 af. Land Two hundred perches & then with a direct line to the first  
 Tree bounding on the said Land Called Blankstein Forrest Containing  
 & laid out for four hundred Acres of Land More or less according to  
 Certificate of Survey thereof taken & returned into the Land Office at  
 the City of S. Marys bearing Date the fourteen Day of November  
 (Sixteen)

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