Nathaniel Sebrell
(1698–1721)

of

York County, Virginia,

Son of Nicholas Sebrell III & Frances Stoner

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Nathaniel Sebrell was born about 1698 in Bruton Parish, York County, Virginia, the son of Nicholas Sebrell III and Frances Stoner. Nathaniel's father died unexpectedly in 1708, and shortly afterwards, on October 18th, while *"then & there being in a Sick & Weak Condition but of perfect Sence* [sic] *& Memory,"* Frances Stoner Sebrell verbally dictated her dying wishes to four witnesses, including her sister-in-law, Sarah Sebrell Godwin. Frances

> *...did then & there declare that it was her will & desire that Sarah Smith wife of Silas Smith...Should have the Care & Tuition of two of her the said Frances's Children during their Minority that is to Say Nathaniel & David Sebrell & Desired the said Sarah Smith to be kind to the said Children.*

Sarah Smith was Frances' mother-in-law, the former Sarah Overstreet. She had remarried to Silas Smith after the 1692 death of her children's father, Nicholas Sebrell II. Frances Sebrell died soon afterwards, with Sarah Smith filing Frances' verbal will before the York County Court on November 24th [1].

Sarah Smith managed the legal affairs of her orphaned grandchildren, posting £100 bond on 24 February 1709 to deliver the property belonging to their mother, Frances Sebrell, to her orphans when they came of age [2]. The following year, on 24 June 1710, she petitioned the York County Court to be appointed the administrator of her son's estate [3].

Sarah Smith's own health must have failed later in 1710, prompting her to write her will on October 20th. She described herself as *"being Sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory praised be God for the Same."* Since Nathaniel Sebrell had inherited his father's lands, Sarah divided her 334-acre tract of land in New Kent County equally between her younger grandson, David Sebrell, and her daughters, Theodocia Megary and Sarah Godwin, but *"the afores^{d} David Sebrell to have his first Choice"* of the land. She left *"One Cow & all her female Increase"* to each of her Sebrell grandchildren, Nathaniel, David, Mary, Susanna, and Sarah. She appointed her son-in-law, Jacob Godwin, as her executor.

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Sarah Smith died within a few months of writing her will, for Jacob Godwin filed it with the York County Court on 15 January 1711 [4]. A few months later, on May 21st, he posted a bond of £200 sterling to ensure his proper handling of her estate. David Stoner, undoubtedly a relative of Frances Sebrell, and Ralph Hubbard served as security on Godwin's bond [5]. On July 16th, the Court also appointed Godwin as the administrator of Nicholas Sebrell's estate, and as later records show, this included his serving as guardian of Nicholas Sebrell's orphans: Nathaniel, Mary, Susanna, Sarah, and David [6].

After their grandmother's death, Nathaniel Sebrell and his siblings had three adult male relatives involved in their care, including Jacob Godwin and Martin Megary, the husbands of their father's sisters, and David Stoner, apparently either their mother's father or brother [7]. The surviving court minutes are somewhat cryptic, but they seem to imply that Stoner disagreed with Godwin and Megary's management of the property belonging to the Sebrell orphans. In early 1712, the three men filed multiple lawsuits against each other in the York Court. On March 17th, the Court dismissed two suits Megary filed against Stoner since neither of them appeared in court, while on May 19th, the Court dismissed the suits Stoner filed against both Godwin and Megary, again because neither party appeared in Court [8]. Whether these suits reflected genuine hostility or routine estate wrangling is unclear, but they underscore the fragile and contested nature of the children's guardianship.

Later that year on December 16th, David Stoner petitioned the York Court to release him from his bond as security for Godwin's administration of the estate of Nicholas Sebrell and as guardian to the Sebrell orphans. After considering Stoner's petition, *"Upon good reasons Shewn,"* the Court ordered Godwin to produce alternate security to renew his bond, or the Sebrell estate and guardianship would be *"committed to the care of Some other person giveing* [sic] *good Security."* Godwin produced security in January 1713, and the Court released Stoner from his bond [9].

While his uncles appeared to engage in their legal battles among themselves, Nathaniel Sebrell appeared before the York County Court on 17 November 1712. As *"he appearing to be fourteen years old,"* the Court allowed him to choose his own guardian, and the boy chose his uncle, Martin Megary. At the next court session on December 16th, Megary failed to produce security for his guardianship, and the Court dismissed Nathaniel's petition. On 19 January 1713, Nathaniel Sebrell again appeared before the York County Court and filed a petition stating that since *"he has attained to Law full age & praying Liberty to choose his guardian."* The Court granted his request to choose his guardian, upon which "*he made Choice of Martin Megary."* Megary appeared with Sebrell before

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the Court, along with James Burwell as his security, and posted a bond of £50 to secure Megary's proper oversight of Sebrell's property:

> *Whereas y^e^ above bounden Martin Megary…became Guardian of Nath^l^ Sebrell orphan of Nich^o^ Sebrell dece^d^ & hath received into his Care & Custody y^e^ whole Estate of y^e^ s^d^ Orphan. Know y^e^ therefore that if y^e^ s^d^ Martin Megary do well & truly perform y^e^ trust he hath undertaken relating to y^e^ s^d^ Orphan & his Estate & pay or Cause to be paid his full dues according to Law & Custome* [sic]*, when he attains to lawfull* [sic] *Age or Sooner if y^e^ Court shall think fitt* [sic]*…& perform all other things enjoyned* [sic] *by Law & Orders of this Court, then this Obligation to be void or Else to remain in full force, power, & Virtue.*

This satisfied the York Court, which appointed Megary as Nathaniel's guardian, while Jacob Godwin served as guardian for Nathaniel's younger siblings [10].

Before his death, Nicholas Sebrell had engaged in business transactions with James Morris, who had leased a portion of Sebrell's land and agreed to follow certain covenants. Morris continued to rent the Sebrell plantation that Nathaniel had inherited from his father, with Morris owing Nathaniel £5 rent on the property for two years beginning 25 December 1713 [11].

Although described in court records as a carpenter, Morris was literate, and his frequent associations with the Sebrells between 1710 and 1715 suggest that he was more than a casual tenant, even if the precise nature of his connection to them remains unclear. The records also suggest that he worked as an attorney and businessman in Williamsburg, which would explain his involvement in numerous legal affairs during this period. He had a minor claim to Nicholas Sebrell's estate and filed a receipt with Jacob Godwin for 15 shillings, 6 pence that Godwin paid prior to January 1714. He may have merely engaged in business dealings with the Sebrells, but he could also have been related by marriage or through the extended Sebrell-Godwin-Megary network [12].

On 16 December 1712, acting on behalf of the Nicholas Sebrell orphans, Jacob Godwin filed a suit against James Morris with the York County Court, which summoned him to appear at the next court session [13]. On 20 January 1713, the Court heard the case, in which Godwin charged that Morris was *"Continually distroying* [sic] *the timber & firewood"* on land belonging to the Sebrell heirs. However, when Morris appeared before the Court, he produced a lease for the property that gave him the right to use the timber, causing the Court to dismiss Godwin's suit. At this same court session, James Morris served as Jacob Godwin's security on his bond as guardian of the younger orphans of Nicholas Sebrell. This suggests that Godwin's suit against Morris was a formality to establish his legal right to the Sebrell orphans' timber, and not a more hostile one actually seeking damages for use of the timber [14].

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Martin Megary continued to handle the financial affairs of Nathaniel Sebrell throughout 1713, filing petitions with the York Court for Jacob Godwin to distribute to the boy his share of the estates of both Sarah Smith and Nicholas Sebrell [15]. On 18 January 1714, James Burwell, Megary's security on his guardianship bond for Nathaniel Sebrell, petitioned the York Court to release him from his bond, causing the Court to summon Megary to appear at their next session with additional security [16]. The next month, on 15 February 1714, Martin Megary appeared before the Court with James Morris and Florence McCarty as his securities, which the Court approved upon Megary, Morris, and McCarty's signing a bond of £20 sterling, thereupon releasing Burwell [17].

Throughout 1715, Megary filed accounts with the York Court on behalf of Nathaniel Sebrell to collect debts and rent from James Morris on Nicholas Sebrell's plantation that Morris had rented since before 1708. Megary also filed numerous claims against Jacob Godwin to collect Nathaniel's shares of the estates of his father and grandmother [18].

With Nathaniel's financial affairs under Megary's supervision, the justices next turned to securing his vocational future. In 1715 or 1716, the York County Court apprenticed Nathaniel to Florence McCarty to *"learn y^{e} trade of a Taylor."* Although McCarty had served as one of Megary's securities on his guardian's bond for Sebrell in 1714, he and Nathaniel may not have worked well together. On 17 June 1717, Nathaniel Sebrell filed a petition with the Court, *"Setting forth y^{e} Nonperformance of y^{e} Covenants in y^{e} s^{d} Indenture."* The Court ordered McCarty to appear before the next court term to answer Sebrell's complaint. McCarty failed to appear before the July Court, so the Court had the sheriff arrest McCarty to force him to appear before them.

On 16 September 1717, Sebrell's uncle and guardian, Martin Megary, appeared before the Court to present evidence in the case. After hearing arguments, the Court ordered Nathaniel Sebrell to *"return to his s^{d} Master's Service,"* and it ordered McCarty to *"…take all due care of y^{e} s^{d} petitioner & pay what Necessary Charges hath been Expended for his Care & Costs of Suit…"* [19]. Despite his apparent conflict with Sebrell and Megary, Florence McCarty must have held the respect of York County officials, for early the next year on 20 January 1718, the Court appointed him Constable of the Upper Precinct [20].

Nathaniel Sebrell only remained apprenticed to McCarty for another six months, for McCarty's health apparently failed by early in 1718. He wrote his will on March 7th and died by May 19th [21]. Two decades later, Nathaniel's younger brother, David, worked as a tailor. Thus, it is possible that McCarthy successfully trained Nathaniel as a tailor, who then taught the skills to his younger brother [22].

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Like many members of his family, Nathaniel Sebrell became ill at a very young age, and he appears to have realized his impending demise. On 20 February 1721, at the age of only about twenty-three years, he wrote his will. Nathaniel left *"all my land"* to his brother, David, and he left his *"Negroe Girle Moll"* to his sister, Susanna Sebrell, and his *"Negroe Girle Judith"* to his sister, Sarah Sebrell. Moll was the same enslaved woman who had belonged to Nathaniel's mother at her death in 1708. Nathaniel's grandmother, Sarah Smith, had taken charge of Moll and her mother, Jane, promising to deliver them to her grandchildren when they came of age. There is no mention of Jane, who had presumably died between 1708 and 1721.

Nathaniel divided the remainder of his property between David, Susanna, and Sarah, and he named Susanna and John Mundell as his executors. Nathaniel's will failed to mention his elder sister, Mary. She was alive in May 1720, and Nathaniel's omission of her suggests that she died later that year. Nathaniel's uncle, William Bailey, the husband of Theodosia Sebrell, witnessed his signature on the document.

Nathaniel Sebrell died within a few months of writing his will, for on July 17th, his sister and John Mundell appeared before the York County Court to file his will and qualify as Nathaniel's executors [23]. Over the next few years, Mundell and Susanna Sebrell, together with her guardian, her maternal uncle, Daniel Stoner, managed the affairs of Nathaniel Sebrell's estate [24].

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1721 Will of Nathaniel Sebrell

York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 16, Part 1 (1720–1729), p. 64

Note: The following is a verbatim transcription, retaining all spellings and punctuation. I have added line breaks to facilitate readability.

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In the Name of God Amen. I ***Nath[l] Sebrell*** *being* [illegible word; perhaps "very"] *Sick & weak in body but of Sound & perfect mind & memory thanks be to God for the Same, do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following.*

Impris. I Give & bequeath my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Exec[rs] hereafter named & as to my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I dispose of as follows.

I Give & bequeath all my Land to my brother ***David Sebrill*** *& to his heirs forever.*

Item. I Give & bequeath my Negroe Girle ***Moll*** *unto my Sister* ***Sus[a] Sebrell*** *& to her heirs for ever.*

Item. I Give & bequeath my Negroe Girle ***Judith*** *to my Sister* ***Sarah Sebrell*** *& to her heirs for ever.*

Item. I Give & bequeath unto my s[d] Sister ***Susanna Sebrell*** *my black horse branded with* ***R.H.***

Item. I Give & bequeath unto my brother ***David Sebrell*** *my Saddle & bridle.*

Item. I will that all the rest of my estate of what nature or kind So ever be Sold by my Exec[rs] hereafter named & if any remain after my just debts & funeral charges are paid to be divided between my brother ***David*** *my Sister* ***Sus[a]*** *& my Sister* ***Sarah*** *equally.*

Lastly I make ordain & appoint ***Jn[o] Mundell*** *& my Sister* ***Sus[a] Sebrell*** *Exec[rs] of this my last Will & Testament hereby Revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal the 20[th] day of February 1720* [1721, New Style].

Nath[l] Sebrell [his mark]

Signed Sealed published & declared
by the s[d] ***Nath[l] Sebrell*** *to be his*
last Will & Testament in the pres.
of us:

Ralph Gough
James Robinson [his mark]
Dennis Reynolds [his mark]
W[m] Bayley [his mark]

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At a Court held for York County July the 17th 1721.

This last will & Testament of ***Nathl Sebrell*** *decd was presented in Court by* ***John Mundell*** *&* ***Susanna Sebrell*** *the Execrs therein named who made Oath to it & being proved by the Oaths of* ***James Robinson***, ***Dennis Reynolds*** *&* ***Wm Bayley*** *witnesses thereto is admitted to Record.*

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Notes

1. York County VA Deeds, Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 13 (1706–1710), p. 175 (Verbal will of Frances Sebrell, made before Elizabeth Coman, Margrett Jepps, Sarah Godwin, and Margrett Harrison; recorded 24 November 1708 and proved on the oaths of Margrett Jepps and Sarah Godwin); pp. 178–179 (Frances Sebrell will proved in court by Sarah Smith, 24 November 1708). York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 1 (1709–1716), p. 50 (Will of Sarah Smith, written 20 October 1710, filed in court 15 January 1710/11). These and other court records below show that Sarah Smith was the mother of Nicholas Sebrell III. Records referenced below show that Nathaniel was judged about fourteen years old in November 1712, which puts his birth about 1698.
2. York County VA Deeds, Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 13 (1706–1710), p. 206 (Sarah Smith Bond, 24 February 1708/09). The bond stated that *"Sarah Smith hath now in her Custody & Possession One Negro Woman & Child belonging to the Estate of Frances Sebrell lately deceased."* Sarah posted £100 bond to the York County Justices to ensure that *"the said Sarah Smith Shall deliver up the said Negro Woman & Child by name Jane & Moll with all their Increase unto the Orphans of the said Frances Sebrell when they the said Orphans shall Arrive to the Age of One & Twenty Years or Marryed."*
3. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 1 (1709–1716), p. 15 (Sarah Smith appointed Administrator of the Estate of Nicholas Sebrell, 24 June 1710); p. 19 (Sarah Smith's administrator's bond, 24 June 1710).
4. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 1 (1709–1716), p. 50 (Will of Sarah Smith, written 20 October 1710, filed in court 15 January 1710/11).
5. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 1 (1709–1716), pp. 82, 87 (Bond of Jacob Godwin as executor of will of Sarah Smith; securities: Ralph Hubbard, David Stoner, 21 May 1711). York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 15, Part 2 (1716–1720), p. 584 (Court session of 16 May 1720); p. 587 (*"On the petition of Mary & Susanna Sebrell Orphans of Nich^{o} Sebrell dec^{d} praying that Daniel Stoner Uncle to the s^{d} Orphans may be Appointed their Guardian…"*). The man identified in 1720 as the uncle of the Sebrell orphans was Daniel Stoner. His precise relationship to David Stoner is unclear. David may have been the father of both Frances Sebrell and Daniel Stoner, or the two Stoner men may have been brothers, with Daniel presumably much younger that David, who appears frequently in the York records between the latter 1690s and 1719. Daniel first appears in mid-1719, and so if a brother of Frances Sebrell as it would appear, he was probably younger than her.
6. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 1 (1709–1716), p. 96 (Court session of 16 July 1711); p. 97 (*"On the petition of Jacob Godwin admon (de bonis non) on the Estate of Nich^{o} Sebrell decd. is granted him"*).
7. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 15, Part 2 (1716–1720), pp. 468–469 (Estate of Martin Megary, taken at house of Theodosia Megary, 20 July 1719). In her 1710 will, Sarah Overstreet Sebrell Smith named Theodosia Megary as her daughter. In 1719, Theodosia Megary administered the estate of her deceased husband, Martin Megary, showing that he was the uncle to Nathaniel Sebrell and his siblings.
8. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 1 (1709–1716), p. 138 (Court session of 17 March 1711/12); p. 143 (Two cases of Martin Megary vs. David Stoner were *"dismiss^{t} neither party appearing"*); p. 150 (Court session of 19 May 1712); p. 154 (Cases of David Stoner vs. Jacob Godwin and David Stoner vs. Martin Megary both were *"dismst no appearance"*).
9. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 1 (1709–1716), p. 207 (Court session of 16 December 1712); p. 208 (*"David Stoner petitioning this Court to be released from his bond as being Security for the Estate of Nich^{o} Sebrell deced. in the hands of Jacob Godwin Exec$^{&}$ of Sarah Smith Upon good reasons Shewn Ordered that the s^{d} Godwin produce good Security to the next Court for the s^{d} Estate or otherwise the same together with the Orphans of the s^{d} Sebrell will be committed to the care of Some other person giveing* [sic] *good Security"*); p. 219 (Court session of 20 January 1712/13); p. 220 (*"David Stoners petition praying to be released & discharged from his bond as being Security with Jacob Godwin for Nich^{o} Sebrells Orphans Estates is dism^{t} the s^{d} Godwin haveing* [sic] *given fresh Security"*).
10. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 1 (1709–1716), pp. 196–197 (Petition of *"Nath^{l} Sebrell Orphan of Nich^{o} Sebrell…,"* 17 November 1712); p. 207 (Court session of 16 December 1712); p. 209 (*"Martin Megary failing to produce Security for the GuardianShip & Estate of Nath^{l} Sebrell Orphan of Nich^{o} Sebrell ordered that the petition be dismist^{ed}"*); p. 215 (Court session of 19 January 1712/13); p. 218 (*"Nath^{l} Sebrell orphan of Nich^{o} Sebrell by his petition Sett* [sic] *forth that he has attained to Law full age & praying Liberty to choose his guardian…"*); p. 224 (Martin Megary's Bond for Guardianship of Nathaniel Sebrell, 19 January 1712/13; security: James Burwell).
11. York County VA Deeds, Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 13 (1706–1710), p. 263 (Court session of 24 January 1709/10); p. 264 (*"On the Mocon* [sic–motion] *of Sarah Smith in Trust for part of the Estate of Nicholas Sebrell Decd. It is ordered that the Clerk of this Court deliver out* [of] *the papers of the said Estate Lodged in the office a Lease of Lands between him and James Morris as also the said Morris' Bond for performance of Covenants"*). York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 2 (1709–1716), p. 475 (Court session of 20 February 1715/16); p. 476 (*"In the Action of Debt between Nath^{l} Sebrell Son & heir of Nich^{o} Sebrell deced. by Martin Megary & Theodocia his wife his next friends P^{lt} & James Morris Def^{t} issue being Joyned* [sic] *the def^{t} confessed Judgmn^{t} to the p^{lt} for five pounds being for two years rent*

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of a plantation ending the 25th of December last. Whereupon it is ordered that the deft pay the aforesd Sum of five pounds to the plt with Costs").

12. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 2 (1709–1716), p. 301 (*"1708. The Estate of Nicho Sebrell decd…Jacob Godwin in open Court presented this Accot of Nicho Sebrell Estate on Oath,"* 18 January 1713/14); p. 354 (Court session of 20 September 1714); p. 358 (*"In the accon* [sic–action] *upon the Case between Jacob Godwin Plt & James Morris Carpenter Deft …"*); p. 377 (Court session of 17 January 1714/15); p. 378 (*"In the accon* [sic–action] *upon the Case between Jacob Godwin Plt & James Morris Carpentr Deft…*). In Jacob Godwin's guardian's bond dated 20 January 1712/13 referenced below, Morris signed his name, whereas Godwin made his mark to it. Godwin's account of Nicholas Sebrell's estate shows payment to James Morris *"pr. receipt."*
13. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 1 (1709–1716), p. 207 (Court session of 16 December 1712); p. 209 (*"In the petition of Jacob Godwin in behalf of the Orphans of Nicho Sebrell agst James Morris ordered that the Sheriff Summon the said Morris to appear & answer the said petition at the next Court"*).
14. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 1 (1709–1716), p. 219 (Court session of 20 January 1712/13); p. 220 (*"In the petition of Jacob Godwin in behalf o the Orphans of Nicho Sebrell Setting forth that James Morris is Continually destroying the timber & firewood on their land upon the sd Morris producing a Lease for the sd Land whereby it appears that he is under no restrain ordered that the sd petition be dismist"*); p. 220 (*"Jacob Godwin & James Morris presented & acknowledged in Court their bond for the Estates of the Orphans of Nicho Sebrell in the sd Godwin's hands & it is admitted to record"*); pp. 223–224 (Bond of Jacob Godwin as guardian of *"ye Orphans of Nicho Sebrell,"* 20 January 1712/13; security: James Morris).
15. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 2 (1709–1716):
    a. p. 272 (*"In the petition of Martin Megary agst Jacob Godwin Execrs of Sarah Smith for rendering an accot & making division of the sd Smith's Estate according to will. Ordered that the Sheriff Summon the sd Jacob to appear at the next Court to answer the sd petition,"* 17 August 1713).
    b. p. 275 (*"by Consent of both Partys"* [sic], Martin Megary and Jacob Godwin agreed to have appraisers meet at Sarah Smith's estate on September 28th to value a slave and settle the accounts, 21 September 1713).
    c. p. 285 (Sarah Smith's estate division; Godwin ordered to submit final account to the Court, 16 November 1713).
    d. p. 297 (Court session of 18 January 1713/14); p. 298 (*"In the petition of Martin Megary agst Jacob Godwin the sd Godwin presented an accot of the Estate of Nicho Sebrell decd on oath wch is admitted to record…"*).
    e. p. 301 (*"1708. The Estate of Nicho Sebrell decd…Jacob Godwin in open Court presented this Accot of Nicho Sebrell Estate on Oath,"* 18 January 1713/14).
16. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 2 (1709–1716), p. 297 (Court session of 18 January 1713/14); p. 299 (*"Upon the petition of James Burwell praying to be discharged as being Security with Martin Megary for one of the Orphans Estates of Nicho Sebrell decd Ordered that the Sheriff Summon the sd Megary to appear at the next Court & bring with him fresh Security for that Estate"*).
17. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 2 (1709–1716), p. 301 (Court session of 15 February 1713/14); p. 303 (*"The petition of James Burwell agst Martin Megary praying to be relieved as being his Security for the Guardianship & Estate of Nathl Sebrell Orphan of Nicho Sebrell the sd Megary haveing* [sic] *given fresh Security is dismist;" "Martin Megary, James Morris & Florrence McCarty in open Court presented & acknowledged their bond to the Court for the sd Megary Guardianship of Nathl Sebrell Orphan of Nicho Sebrell decd. & the sd bond is admitted to record"*); p. 310 (Martin Megary's Bond for Guardianship of Nathaniel Sebrell, 15 February 1713/14; securities: James Morris, *"Florance Mccarte"*).
18. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 14, Part 2 (1709–1716). Martin Megary filed numerous claims in the York County Court, including these:
    a. p. 419 (Court session of 20 June 1715); p. 425 (*"In the Action of Debt between Nathl Sebrell Son & heir of Nicho Sebrell deced by Martin Megary &c. his next friends plt & James Morris deft the deft on his mocon* [sic–motion] *hath an Imperlance* [sic] *granted him untill* [sic] *the next Court"*).
    b. p. 437 (Court session of 15 August 1715); p. 438 (*"In the Action of Debt between Nathl Sebrell Son & heir &c. by Martin Megary &c. his Next friends plt & James Morris deft for 17* [pounds] *10* [shillings] *Currt money the deft failing to plead on the pltss mocon* [motion] *Judgemt is granted him for the sd Sum & Costs agst the deft…Confirmable at the next Court on the like default"*).
    c. p. 444 (Court session of 19 September 1715); p. 446 (*"In the Action of Debt between Nathl Sebrell Son & heir &c. by Martin Megary &c. his next friends plt & James Morris deft the plt on his mocon* [motion] *hath him allowed him to consider the deftss plea untill* [sic] *the next Court"*).
    d. p. 455 (Court session of 21 November 1715); p. 457 (*"The Action of Debt between Nathl Sebrell Son & heir at Law of Nicho Sebrell deced. &c. Plt & James Morris deft is continued untill* [sic] *next Court at the deftss mocon* [sic] *& Charge"*).

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e. p. 475 (Court session of 20 February 1715/16); p. 476 (*"In the Action of Debt between Nath^{l} Sebrell Son & heir of Nich^{o} Sebrell deced. by Martin Megary & Theodocia his wife his next friends P^{lt} & James Morris Def^{t} issue being Joyned* [sic] *the def^{t} confessed Judgmn^{t} to the p^{lt} for five pounds being for two years rent of a plantation ending the 25th of December last. Whereupon it is ordered that the def^{t} pay the afores^{d} Sum of five pounds to the p^{lt} with Costs"*).

f. p. 478 (Court session of 21 February 1715/16); p. 480 (*"In the Action of Debt between Martin Megary P^{lt} & Jacob Godwin def^{t} the def^{t} on his mocon* [motion] *hath Oyer of the bill declared on granted him untill* [sic] *the next Court;"* the Court approved the identical action on a second case of Megary vs. Godwin.

g. p. 488 (Court session of 29 March 1715/16); p. 493 (*"In the accon* [action] *upon the Case between Martin Megary P^{lt} & Jacob Godwin Def^{t} by y^{e} Consent of both partys* [sic] *James Hubard, Rich^{d} Kendall & Jn^{o} Blair are Appointed to Audit, State & Settle all acco^{ts} in difference between the P^{lt} & Def^{t} & report their proceedings in all Matters Specially to the next Court;" "In the Accon* [action] *of Debt between Martin Megary P^{lt} & Jacob Godwin Def^{t}, by Consent of both partys* [sic] *the Suit is continued to the next Court."*

h. p. 508 (Court session of 22 May 1716); p. 510 (*"In y^{e} Accon* [action] *of Debt between Martin Megary P^{lt} & Jacob Godwin def^{t} on y^{e} P^{lts} mocon* [motion] *Judgment is granted him agst y^{e} Def^{t} for Six hundred & Sixty Eight pounds of Tob^{o} appearing to be due by Report of y^{e} Auditors appointed to State and Settle all Acco^{ts} in difference between P^{lt} & Def^{t}, which report is Admitted to Record & it is Considered by y^{e} Court that y^{e} P^{lt} ought to recover agst y^{e} Def^{t} y^{e} afores^{d} Six hundred & Sixty Eight pounds of Tob^{o} wth Costs Also;" "The Accon* [action] *of Debt between Martin Megary P^{lt} & Jacob Godwin def^{t} is dism^{s} y^{e} P^{lt} not pros* [prosecuting]*"*).

19. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 15, Part 1 (1716–1720):
    a. p. 124 (*"In y^{e} petition of Nath^{l} Sebrell agst Florence Macarty (to whom he was bound apprentice to learn y^{e} trade of a Taylor) Setting forth y^{e} Nonperformance of y^{e} Covenants in y^{e} s^{d} Indenture...,"* 17 June 1717).
    b. p. 135 (Court session of 15 July 1717); p. 136 (Nathaniel Sebrell vs. Florence Macarte, with Macarte failing to appear, *"ordered that y^{e} Sheriff take y^{e} s^{d} Macarte into Custody untill* [sic] *he give sufficient Security for his Appearance & answering y^{e} s^{d} petition at y^{e} next Court"*).
    c. p. 151 (Court session of 19 August 1717); p. 152 (*"The petition of Nath^{l} Sebrell agst Florence Macarte is further continued untill* [sic] *y^{e} next Court"*).
    d. p. 160 (Court session of 16 September 1717); p. 162 (*"In y^{e} petition of Nath^{l} Sebrell by Martin Megary his Guardian P^{lt} & Florence Macarte Def^{t} y^{e} Court upon hearing y^{e} Evidence & Arguments thereon do order that y^{e} s^{d} petitioner return to his s^{d} Masters Service..."*).
20. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 15, Part 1 (1716–1720), p. 177 (Court session of 20 January 1717/18); p. 181 (*"Florence Macarte is appointed to Serve in y^{e} Office of Constable in y^{e} Upper Precinct of Bruton Parish in this County in y^{e} room of Jn^{o} Smith & Ordered that y^{e} s^{d} Macarte immediately upon y^{e} receipt of this Order repair to Some Justice of y^{e} Peace for this County & take y^{e} Usual oath"*).
21. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 15, Part 1 (1716–1720), pp. 254–257 (Will of Florence McCarty (Maccarte), written 7 March 1717/18; codicil dated 12 March 1717/18; filed with York County Court on 19 May 1718).
22. York County VA Deeds Book 4 (1729–1740), pp. 113–116 (David Sebrell to John Mundell, 11 March 1732). In this deed, David Sebrell, *"Taylor,"* sells his 160 acres of land in York County.
23. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 15, Part 2 (1716–1720), p. 584 (Court session of 16 May 1720); p. 587 (*"On the petition of Mary & Susanna Sebrell Orphans of Nich^{o} Sebrell dec^{d} praying that Daniel Stoner Uncle to the s^{d} Orphans may be Appointed their Guardian..."*). York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 16, Part 1 (1720–1729):
    a. p. 59 (Court session of 17 July 1721); p. 61 (*"The last Will & Testament of Nath^{l} Sebrell dec^{d} was presented in Court by Jn^{o} Mundell & Sus^{a} Sebrell the Exo^{rs} therein named,"* securities on bond: *"W^{m} Bayley & And^{r} Legrade;"* Order issued to appraise Nathaniel Sebrell's Estate).
    b. p. 62 (Executor's bond of John Mundell and *"Sus^{a} Sebrell,"* 17 July 1721; security: *"W^{m} Bayley," "And^{w} Laprade"*).
    c. p. 64 (Will of Nathaniel Sebrell, written 20 February 1720/21, filed in court 17 July 1721).

    William *"Bayley"* and Andrew Laprade served as the security on the executor's bond of Susannah Sebrell and John Mundell. William Bailey was Nathaniel and Susanna's uncle, the second husband of their aunt, Theodosia Sebrell Megary Bailey. The connection of Andrew Laprade is unknown, but he later served as the guardian of the youngest Sebrell sibling, David.
24. York County VA Orders, Wills, Etc. Book 16, Part 1 (1720–1729):
    a. p. 73 (Court session of 21 September 1721); p. 78 (Account John Mundell and Susanna Sebrell, executors of Nathaniel Sebrell).
    b. p. 87 (Court session of 18 October 1721); p. 88 (*"Sebrells Est to be Settled"*); p. 92 (Nathaniel Sebrell Inventory filed–illegible due to destruction of the page); p. 96 (Nathaniel Sebrell accounts).

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c. p. 103 (Court session of 29 January 1722); p. 109 (Delay granted in case between Daniel Stoner vs. John Mundell and Susanna Sebrell, executors of Nathaniel Sebrell); p. 110 (Another appraisal of Nathaniel Sebrell estate ordered).
d. p. 117 (Court session of 19 March 1722); p. 122–123 (Various accounts of Nathaniel Sebrell Estate, *"Jn^{o} Mundell & Sus^{a} Sebrell, executors," "Susanna Sebrell by Dan^{l} Stoner her guardian and next friend"*).
e. p. 130 (Court session of 18 June 1722); p. 132–133 (Various accounts of Nathaniel Sebrell Estate, John Mundell and Susanna Sebrell, executors; Sarah Sebrell by her guardian, John Hudson; Susanna Sebrell by her guardian, Daniel Stoner).
f. p. 145 (July 1722); pp. 146–147 (Daniel Stoner, John Mundell and Susanna Sebrell, executors of Nathaniel Sebrell).

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