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**SELBY, PARKER** (?–1773). **BORN:** at “Bantry,” his father’s plantation in Mattapony Hundred, Worcester County. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** at “Robinson’s Inheritance,” Worcester County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** *Parker Selby* (?–ca. 1746/47). **STEPFATHER:** Daniel Selby (?–1770). **MOTHER:** Mary Watts (?–1776). **BROTHERS:** *John Selby* (?–1790); Col. William (?–1793) of Accomack County, Virginia; Zadock; James; and Micajah, alias William II (?–1766). **SISTER:** Tabitha Bailey (?–1752). **MARRIED** Mary. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Parker (?–1789), who married his cousin Anne (Nancy) (?–1796), daughter of *John Selby* (?–1790); Samuel; David (?–1788); and John. **DAUGHTERS:** Sarah, who married first, *John Selby* (?–1754), second, by 1758, Samuel Atkinson (?–1767), and third, by 1770, William Drummond (?–1776), of Accomack County, Virginia; Mary; Leah, who married (first name unknown) Smock; and Ann. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1767; Esq., by death. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter, by 1755. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Worcester County, 1759–1761 (elected to the 2nd Convention of the 1758–1761 Assembly), 1762–1763 (Arms and Ammunition 1), 1765–1766 (Grievances 2,3), 1768–1770 (Public Offices 2, 3; Grievances 3; elected sheriff of Worcester County during the 3rd session of the 1768–1770 Assembly). **LOCAL OFFICES:** trustee for the poor, Worcester County, appointed 1768; sheriff, Worcester County, 1770–1773. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, by 1762. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** sponsored a bill for the relief of insolvent debtors in 1765 and 1766, which failed to pass both years. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 350 acres in Worcester County (250 acres from his father; 100 acres the remainder of 350 acres acquired by purchase). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 1,376 acres, patented 36 acres, and sold 125 acres, 1759–1772, all in Worcester County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** between February 20 and March 4, 1773; will probated June 8, 1773, in Worcester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £869.7.10 current money (including 13 slaves). **LAND:** ca. 1,600 acres in Worcester County.

**SELBY, WILLIAM, OF JOHN** (identity questionable). **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Worcester County, 1779–1780 (elected, but attended only the 3rd session from June 8 until June 17, 1780, when he was granted a leave of absence). **IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS.** There was insufficient information to positively identify William Selby, of John. A man by that name owned 350 acres of “Pharsalia” in Mattapony Hundred, Worcester County, in 1783, but the original tract encompassed 2,400 acres, which makes it difficult to trace the history of ownership. There was no probate in Worcester County nor in neighboring Accomack County, Virginia, for William Selby, of John. *John Selby* (?–1790) of Mattapony Hundred, Worcester County, had a son William, but John’s will treats this son as if he were incapable of handling his share of the estate, instead creating a trust for him. The will does address the possibility that William might have children at some future date, however, and there is no hint of his specific problem, which would help determine if he had had the capacity to hold elective office. There were at least two conveyances of land owned by this William Selby. In one, he and Zadock Selby jointly executed a deed for the sale of property, and in the other the deed was executed by his trustees as named in his father’s will. This William Selby was a great-great grandson of Daniel Selby, the Elder (?–1696) and wife Mary Parker, who immigrated to Maryland from Accomack County, Virginia, by 1675. A William Selby, Jr., possibly the son of Col. William Selby (?–1793) of Accomack County, Virginia, was commissioned sheriff for Worcester County in 1777, but in a letter dated December 17, 1777, he declined to serve. William Atkinson Selby (1757–?), son of John Selby of Nassawadox, Pocomoke Hundred, Worcester County, was indicted by the Worcester County Court in June 1779 for “going to the enemy.” He was a great-great grandson of Thomas Selby (?–1702), who immigrated to Maryland from Accomack County, Virginia, by 1674. His grandfather was John Selby, son of Thomas (?–1758), and his wife Margaret Scholfield. His mother was Mary Atkinson, daughter of Angelo Atkinson (?–1766) of Worcester County.

**SEMMES, THOMAS** (?–1827). **BORN:** probably in Charles County, of age by 1755; possibly youngest son. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in Lower Hundred, Durham Parish, Charles County; Wilkes County, Georgia, after 1789.