

A Court held for the county of Southampton the 10th day of February 1785

Present Geo. Gurley ... John Simmons
David Bannan & Josiah Pick Gentlemen.

The last will and Testament of Benjamin Bailey^d decd was presented in Court by Abner Bailey and Joshua Bailey the executors therein named & proved by the oaths of Thomas Brock Benjamin Brock and Martha Bailey witnesses thereto and order to be recorded And on the motion of the S^r Executors who affirmed according to Law (the S^r Executors being of the people called quakers) a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security whereupon the said Executors with Newsum Branch their security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Five hundred pounds for the S^r Executors due faithful administration on the estate of the S^r decedent and performance of his will

Ordered that L^{ts} Washington Thomas Brock Joseph Hara & John Hart or any three of them being first sworn before a justice of the peace do appraise in current money the slaves of any and personal estate of Benj^d Bailey decd within the appraisement to the next Court

An Indenture of bargain and sale from Joshua Johnson & Sarah his wife of the one part to Abraham Jones jr of the other part was proved by the oaths of Joseph Scott jr Barnaby Drake jr and Richard Johnson as to the S^r Joshua Johnson and with a Commission for the privy examination of the S^r Sarah Johnson and a certificate of its execution are ordered to be recorded

A Deed under the hand and seal of Thomas Ricks for the emancipation of Two negroes named Jacob and Edy was presented to the Court by the said Ricks acknowledged by him and order to be recorded

An Indenture of bargain and sale from Nathan Linn & Percilla his wife of the one part to Joseph Scott jr of the other part was proved by the oaths of Joshua Joiner John Linn and Martha Nealhouse the witnesses thereto ordered to be recorded

An Indenture of bargain and sale between John Mitchell and Sarah his wife of the one part and Charles Davis of the other part was acknowledged by the said John Mitchell and Sarah his wife she being first privately examined at the law docket and order to be recorded

The last will and Testament of Mary Ricks was presented in Court by Robert Ricks and proved by the oaths of Lemuel Hart & Josiah W. (both witnesses thereto) and order to be recorded And on the motion of the S^r Rob^t & Richard Ricks who affirmed according to Law (they being of the people called quakers) letters of Administration are granted them on the estate of the S^r decedent with the will annexed Whereupon the said Rob^t & Richard Ricks with John Simmons & Thomas Ricks their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Five hundred pounds for the S^r Executors due faithful admin on the estate of the said decedent and performance of her will

Ordered that John Davis Lewis Joiner Isaac Williams & Duncy (or any three of them being first sworn before a justice of the peace do appraise in current money the slaves of any and personal estate of Mary Ricks decd within the appraisement to the next Court

On the motion of Christopher Calvert and for sufficient reasons appearing to the Court the taxes on the following negroes are remitted to wit Carolina, Miller, Tom & two young children And is ordered to be attested