

At a court held for the county of Southampton 8th day March 1785 (37)

Present . Nicholas Mayott John Rogers
Thomas Turner & David Bannard

Ordered that the sheriff summon twenty four of the ^{most} capable freeholders of this county to appear at May court to serve as a Grand jury of inquest on the body of this county

An Inventory of the estate of Elizabeth Bradshaw was this day returned & ordered to be recorded

Elias Herring is appointed by the court to take a list of all ^{persons} ~~persons~~ & improvements ~~in~~ in the Record Wile District in the room of E. Gray who refuses to act

An Indenture of Bargain & Sale between James Bailey & Briggs & Blow of the one part & Jonathan Ludgkins of the other part was proved by the oaths of Charles Briggs, Charles Briggs jr & Allen Rogers witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

A writing under the hand & seal of Joseph Ricks for the emancipation of sundry slaves therein named was proved by the solemn affirmation of Robert Ricks & Thomas Ricks witnesses thereto ~~ordered to be~~ ^{recorded}

A writing under the hand & seal of Richard Ricks for the emancipation of sundry slaves therein named was proved by the ~~solemn~~ ^{solemn} affirmation of Thomas Ricks & Robert Ricks witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

An Inventory & appearance of the estate of Joseph Reese was this day returned & ordered to be recorded

An Indenture of Bargain & Sale between Charles Davis of the one part & Eliza Davis of the other part was proved by the oaths of Charles Briggs Stephen Johnson & Stephen Pope witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

The last will & Testament of Benj^t Britt deceased was presented by Joseph Britt executor therein named & proved by the oaths of William Allen & James Allen two of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded Then on the motion of the sd ^{ex^r} who made oath according to law certificate is granted him for attaining him protest thereof in due form giving security Whence the sd Joseph Britt & John Clayton his security entered into & acknowledge their bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds for the sd Joseph's due & faithful administration on the estate of the decedent & performance of his will.

Ordered that Wm Boykin, Solomon Holmes, John Clayton & John Boykin or any three of them being first sworn before a justice of the peace to appraise in current money the slaves if any & personal estate of Benj^t Britt deceased & return the appearance to the next court

An Inventory & appearance of estate of James Poy deceased was returned & ordered to be recorded