

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1786,

Present Wm Blunk John Simmons  
Geo. Guiley " David Barrow

Francis Branch & Mary his wife

against

Lewis Thorp & Phoebe Lundy execs of Birds Lundy and

In Chancery.

This day came the parties by their attorneys and the persons appointed at a former court to examine state and settle an account of all matters in difference between the parties in this suit now made their return in these words to wit "In obedience to an order of the worshipful court of Southampton county court to us directed bearing date January Court 1786 we have examined into the accounts produced to us by Francis Branch and wife ~~spouse~~ and Lewis Thorp execs of Birds Lundy and find the bad due the said Branch and wife to be Ninety two pounds ten shillings given under our hands this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1786" signed Wm Blunk, John Myrick & Jas. Lundy —

On consideration whereof it is decreed & ordered that the defendants pay unto the plaintiff the aforesaid sum of Ninety two pounds ten shillings out of the estate in their hands of their testator to be administered & also the costs by the plaintiff in this suit expended

On the motion of Mary Bailey and for sufficient reasons appearing to the court her negro Peter is exempted from payment of taxes, parish and county levies in future.

A bill of sale from Jacob Newsum to Randolph Newsum was acknowledged by the said Jacob Newsum and ordered to be recorded.

An indenture of bargain and sale between John Pond and Lucia his wife of the one part and Christopher Calvert of the other part was acknowledged by the said John Pond and continued for the privy examination and acknowledgement of the said Lucia

The last will and testament of Carter Harris decd. was presented in court by John Harris and James Harris the executors therin named, proved by the oath of William Atkins one of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said executors who made oath according to law certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form giving security. Whereupon the said John Harris and James Harris with Arthur Applewhite their security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Five hundred pounds for their due and faithful administration on the estate of the said decedent and performance of his will

Ordered that James Lundy, John Myrick, Francis Branch and Richard Gilliam or any three of them being first sworn before a Justice of the peace of this county do appraise in current money the slaves, if any, and personal estate of Carter Harris decd. and return the appraisement to the next court

On the motion of Joel Davis and for sufficient reasons appearing to the court his negro woman is exempted from payment of taxes, parish and county levies in future.

An indenture of bargain and sale between Moses Wood of the one part and Thomas Wood of the other part having been before proved by the oaths of John Pond and Stephen Pond two of the witnesses thereto was fully proved by the deposition of Stephen Pond who deposed that he saw George Wood another witness thereto subscribe his name as such in presence and by consent of the parties, whereupon the said indenture is ordered to be recorded

An indenture of bargain and sale between William Batts and Mary his wife of the one part and William Batts of the other part was acknowledged by the said William Batts and continued for the privy examination & acknowledgement of the said Mary