

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 12th day July 1797

Present Benjamin Blunt John Simmons }
George Gurley & David Burrow } Gentlemen

An account current of the estate of John Iny reported by the persons appointed to settle the same and ordered to be recorded

An account current of the estate of Sarah Nicholson was reported & ordered to be recorded

An indenture of bargain and sale between Thomas Clements of the one part and Richard Parker Clements of the other part with the receipt thereon endorsed was acknowledged by Thomas Clements and ordered to be recorded

An indenture of bargain and sale between Lewis Joiner jr and Lucy his wife and John Gardner with the receipt thereon endorsed was acknowledged by the Lewis Joiner and Lucy his wife the being first privately examined as the laws directs and ordered to be recorded

An inventory and appraisement of the estate of John Carr decd was returned and ordered to be recorded

For sufficient reasons appearing to the court ^{a negro slave} Prunick belonging to William Ridley is exempted from the payment of taxes

Ordered that the Overseers of poor for the upo districts, Nottoway parish bind out Claiborn Scott

Elsha Darden is by the first appointed guardian to Thomas Edwards orphan of John Edwards Whereupon the said Darden with Samuel Kiles his security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Two hundred pounds for the said ~~Elsha~~ ^{Thomas} Edwards estate & demerits of the court

Absent George Gurley present Micajah Holman

An Indenture of bargain and sale between Daniel Story and Elizabeth his wife of the one part and Stephen Henneside of the other part was proved by the oaths of George Gurley & Jos Vicks two of the witnesses thereto and having been before proved by the oath of another witness with the commission for the private examination of Elizabeth Story & certificate of the execution thereof ordered to be recorded

The last will and testament of Robert Bowdon decd was presented in court by Thomas Bowdon one of the executors John Bowditch the other executor refusing to take upon himself the burthen of the execution thereof proved by the oaths of Elsha Bowdon and John Powell two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

And on the motion of the said executor who made oath according to an certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security Whereupon the said Thomas Bowdon with Moses Johnson his security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds for the said Bowdons due and faithful administration on the estate of the said decedent & performance of his will