

Upon the petition of David Bryant and Henry S Williams for leave to erect a water grist mill
in the lands of the said Bryant on the north side of the Express Swamp between the mills
of Allen and Richells at an old mill site in this County. This day came the said David
Bryant and Henry S Williams by their attorney and the Sheriff returned an inquest taken from
out of the unit of ad quod damnum awarded at the last term, whose inquest is in these words.
"By virtue of the annexed writ of ad quod damnum we William McCutler Esq
Warren Archer Deak, Donnell Whitfield, Jonathan Darden, Joseph B Butler, Nelson
L Stephenson, David Veck, John Hargrave, Robert S Barnes, Benjamin Whitfield and
James the jury sworn and charged by William S Schrell deputy of James L Stephens
Sheriff of Southampton County agreeable to law, do say that by allowing David Bryant and
Henry Williams to hold ten feet of water provided it does not come within two hundred yards
of the Richells mill, but provided it do not interfere with the Richells mill, to be returned
do for it not to interfere with Richells mill, we do give to John Hunt the sum of four
damages, Robert Williams twelve dollars if one acre land belonging to William Coates and
abatement of four dollars. We further report that the health of the neighbourhood will not be
annoyed, nor any of their houses, offices, dwellings or gardens or orchards will be injured in
the passage of water be obstructed, and that the mill be of great publick utility. Given
our hands and seals this 16th day of October 1809. W^m McCutler Esq. Warren Archer Esq.
Benjamin Whitfield Esq. Archer Deak Esq. Joseph B Butler Esq. Jonathan Darden Esq.
Donnell Whitfield Esq. William S Stephenson Esq. David Veck^{junr} Esq. John Hargrave Esq. James
Barnes Esq. Robert S Barnes Esq. W^m S Schrell Esq. Attest. When upon it is ordered
the prospect of the area of land located by the jury and the preparators of the land, known
to be damaged be summoned to the next Court to show cause, if any they can, why the petition
should not have leave to erect the said mill and dam.

The requests of Obadiah Brundshaw, Terry Penell, Sam Collier and David A. Mason for leave
were examined and ordered to be truly made.

An Inventory and Appraisement of John Buffers estate was returned and ordered to be
recorded.

The last Will and Testament of David Bryant dec^d was proved to be authentic by
Jonathan Darden one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that the estate of Benjamin D. Blunt dec^d be committed to the care of
D. Haysburg Sheriff of this County for administration according to law.

An Inventory and Appraisement of the estate of William S. Schrell dec^d was
returned and ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that the account of Harrison D. Moore Constable amounting to two hundred
pounds right cents be certified to the Auditor of public accounts for the convenience of
payment.