

A Court summoned and held at the Courtroom of Southampton County on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1848 for the examination of Matthew Drake charged with the murder of John Felt, alias Pottler, Sarah LePottler, Lydia Hodge, a free woman of colour & John Hodge a coloured infant at the house of the aforesaid Felt in this County—

Present James D. Haysburg, James Mayet, William A. Sparks, Edwin N. Bland and William H. Nicholson. Just.

The Court being thus constituted the said Matthew Drake was led to the bar in custody of the keeper of the Jail of this County and thereupon sundry witnesses to wit: Jesse Drury, Charles Ball and Thomas L. Jones were sworn and examined and the aforesaid heard on his defence by counsel. On consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the said Matthew Drake ought to be tried for the offence aforesaid of which he stands charged at the next Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for this County—And thereupon he is remanded to Jail.

Signed: J. D. Haysburg.

Teste: L. R. Edwards Clk.