

ans. & signe for me. To the only proper man and himself of the said
 Benjamin Barretto. Also the said Ephraim Bryant and Nancy
 his wife for them selves their heirs & with friends Narrate and
 Defence the title of the same, and every part thereof against
 all and every person or persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the
 said Ephraim Bryant and Nancy his wife have hereunto
 set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year above
 signe sealed and declared. }
 In the presence of us. }
 Ephraim Bryant

Rubens Birdseye
 Achas Birdseye
 Sally T. Birdseye
 mark

Nancy Bryant

Southampton County [Seal]

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Charles Bryant and
 George Quincy Esq'rs Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid.
 Whereas Ephraim Bryant and Nancy his wife have by certain
 Instruments of Bargain and Sale dated the 1st day of October 1804 Conveyed
 unto Benjamin Barretto of the County of Hampshire the sum of
 one thousand four hundred and twenty five pounds
 and twenty seven shillings and six pence
 and of and in A. & B. acre of land and whereas the said Nancy
 Bryant cannot conveniently travel to the Court of our said County
 to Acknowleage the same therefore we do give to you power
 to receive the Acknowledgment which the said Nancy Bryant
 shall be willing to make before you of the County aforesaid
 contained in the said Instrument which is hereto annexed and is as
 follows Command you to go personally to the said Nancy Bryant
 and acquaint her privately and apart from her husband whether she
 hath executed the said and freely and voluntarily with the power
 and a threat of her said husband; and whether she is willing the
 same should be recorded in the County Book of Hampshire and whether
 you have given her an aforesaid instrument her Acknowledgment
 of the said Instrument that you distinctly and openly certify under
 your hand and seals returning to us all the most
 to the said Instrument annexed witness and tell Clerk of our said Court
 at his office the 18th day of February 1804 and in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred and four years
 after the Commencement —

John D. Bell