

Southampton County, S.C.

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Samuel Blunt and Saml Miller, Justices of the peace for the County of Southampton granting, whereas Francis Branch and Mary his wife and Thomas Branch and Mary his wife have by their certain Instruments of bargain and sale dated the 26th day of May 1806 conveyed unto Lewis Knight of the County of Southampton the free simple estate of and in one hundred and seven acres of land now known by the name of the said Francis & Mary cannot conveniently travel to the Court of our said County to acknowledge the same, therefore we agree to give power to secure the acknowledgment which the said Francis & Mary shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the 3rd Minutes which is hereto annexed, And we do therefore command you to go personally to the said Francis and Mary and examine them privately and apart from their husbands, whether they have executed the said deed freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threats of their said husbands, and whether they are willing the said Instrument, should be recorded in the County Court of Southampton, and when you have examined them as aforesaid and taken their acknowledgments of the said Instrument, let you distinctly and openly certify in short words under your hands and seals returning to us also this writ directed to Samuel Kellum Clerk of our said County this 1st day of May 1806

Sam. Kellum C.

Southampton to wit.

By virtue of the within commission to us directed we the undersigned Samuel Blunt and Saml Miller Justices of the peace for the said County have gone personally to the said Francis Branch and Mary Branch and have examined them privately and apart from their said husbands, who have solemnly acknowledged before us their hands and seals to the annexed deed, to be their act and deed, and that they executed the same freely & voluntarily without the threats or persuasions of their said husbands, and that they are willing the same should be recorded in the County Court of Southampton, all which we truly know and declare, under our hands & seals this 26th day of May 1806

Sam. Blunt C.
Sam. Miller C.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the day of Aug. 1806, the Instrument was proved by the oath of Thomas Vaughan & with a commission for the foregoing examination of Mrs. Francis Branch, Saml. Mary Branch, and Co. of the said County of Southampton was returned. And at a Court held for the Sd. County of Southampton on the 16th day of Feb. 1807, the Instrument was further proved by the oaths of the said Blunt & Miller, Justices of the Peace, to be recorded.

Sam. Kellum C.