

Southampton County (to wit)

The Commonwealth of Virginia to William Blow and James Irwin Gentlemen, justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, All  
Whereas Ethelbert Carr Williams and Lucy his wife, have by their certain  
Indenture of bargain and sale dated the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May one thousand  
eight hundred & eight conveyed unto Jeremiah Cobb of the County of Stokes  
the fee simple estate of and in a 1,30 1/4 Acres of land now known as  
that whereas the said Lucy Williams wife of the said Ethelbert C.  
Williams cannot conveniently travel to the Court of our said County  
to acknowledge the same, we do therefore command you to go personally  
to the said Lucy and examine her privately and apart from her  
said husband, whether she hath executed this annexed deed freely and  
voluntarily without the persuasion or threats of her husband and whether  
she is willing the said Indenture should be recorded in the County Court  
of Southampton aforesaid, And when you have examined her as aforesaid  
and taken her acknowledgements of the said Indenture which is hereto  
annexed, that you distinctly and openly Certify us thereof under  
your hands and Seals returning to us also this writ, with  
the said Indenture annexed Witness our hands and Seals of our said  
Court at the House the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1804 in the 32<sup>nd</sup> year  
of the Commonwealth

James Irwin

Southampton County Sec.

In Obedience to the within Commission to us directed, we have called  
on Mrs Lucy Williams wife of Ethelbert Carr Williams and  
her acknowledgements of the conveyance in the Indenture hereto annexed  
and examined the said Lucy as we are by the said Commission directed  
and she informed us that she had voluntarily signed the said  
Indenture, without the persuasion or threats of her husband and that  
is willing the same should be recorded in the Court of the County  
of Southampton Given under our hands and Seals this ninth day of  
March one thousand eight hundred & eight

William Blow  
James Irwin

Recd the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1808 of Jeremiah Cobb the sum of  
Eighteen hundred twenty eight dollars & fifty six cents to him  
full of the consideration Money within mentioned - given under  
my hand and seal this day & date before mentioned

Teste

William Blow

E. C. Williams