

the said Edward Branch and to his heirs and assigns forever all that tract of land and premises with the appurtenances, situate lying and being in the County of Southampton containing by estimation 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  Acres more or less, and bounded as followeth Beginning at a lightwood post a corner of William Washington, John Shields and thence along a line of marked trees to a pine a corner of William Washington, and Nancy Stephenson, thence along a line of marked trees to a small dogwood a corner of Nancy Stephenson & Henry Branch, thence along a line of marked trees to a small shrub oak an Elbow of Edward Branch & Henry Branch thence along a line of marked trees to a white oak a corner of Edward Branch & Henry Branch, standing on the edge of round hill swamps thence up the said swamps to a corner tree a willow oak of Edward Branch & John Shields thence along a line of marked trees to the beginning, also all woods underwoods ways water & water Courses with all profits Commodities & advantages whatsoever to the same whatsoever or in any wise appertaining, and also the reversion & reversions remainder and remainders, rents & services of the said premises and every part and parcel thereof, and also all the estate right title Interest Claim and demand whatsoever of him the said John Shields & Sarah his wife, Nathaniel Stephenson & Nancy his wife & Betsey Summerville of all and to the same premises, and every part thereof. — I do have and to hold all and singular the said premises above mentioned & every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Edward Branch his heirs and assigns forever, and we do hereby further Covenant promise & grant to and with the said Edward Branch his heirs & assigns the said land & every part & parcel thereof, is free and clear from all other gifts grants mortgages, and all other Incumbrances whatsoever, in which we do transfer & oblige ourself our heirs & assigns, to warrant and defend the sale of all & singular the premises, together with the appurtenances unto him the said Edward Branch his heirs and assigns forever against all and every other person or persons shall & will warrant & forever defend by these presents. — In Witness whereof we the said John Shields & Sarah his wife, Nathaniel Stephenson & Nancy his wife & Betsey Summerville have hereunto set our hands & affixed our Seals the day and year first above written —

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
in presence of  
J. Saunders  
Nancy Stephenson  
Josiah Stephenson

John Shields Seal  
Sally Shields Seal  
Elizabeth Summerville Seal  
Nancy Stephenson Seal  
Nathl Stephens Seal

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the day of December 1808. This Indenture was acknowledged by John Shields, Nathl Stephenson and Nancy his wife parties hereto, she being privately examined as the law directs and proved by the oath of Josiah Stephenson as to the other parties & continued — and at a Court held for the said County of Southampton on the day of January 1809. This Indenture was acknowledged by Sally Shields party hereto she being privately examined as the law