

The Commonwealth of Virginia the
George Surley and Barr Darden Gentlemen Justices of the
peace for the county of Southampton greeting where as Leonard
Cobb and Patsy his wife by their certain indenture of bargain
and sale bearing date the 4th day of December 1813 have sold
and conveyed unto Matthew Williams and James Morrell 5 1/2
acres of land with the appurtenances lying and being in the coun-
ty of Southampton and whereas the said Patsy Cobb cannot
conveniently travel to our county court of Southampton to
make acknowledgment of the said conveyance Therefore we
do give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive
the acknowledgment which the said Patsy Cobb shall be
willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained
in the said indenture which is hereto annexed and we do there-
fore command you that you do personally go to the said
Patsy Cobb and receive her acknowledgment of the same
and examine her privately and apart from the said Leonard
Cobb her husband whether she doth the same freely and volun-
tarily without his persuasions or threats and whether she
be willing that the same should be recorded in our county court
of Southampton aforesaid and when you have received her acknow-
ledgment and examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly
and openly certify us thereof in our said county court under
your seals reading then there the said indenture and this
our writ Witness Samuel Tiller clerk of our said court at his
office the 28th day of February 1814 and 38th year of the
Commonwealth

James Roswell D.C.

Southampton County to wit

In Obedience to the within commission
we the undersigned have waited personally on the said Patsy
Cobb wife of the said Leonard Cobb and examined her separately
and apart from her said husband who saith that she executed
the said deed of conveyance freely and of her own accord without
the threats or persuasions of her husband and that she is willing
it should be recorded in the county court of Southampton since
under our hands and seals this 28th day of Feb^r Surley D.C.
February 1814 — Barr Darden D.C.