

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Jeremiah Bell and
George B. Bell gentlemen justices of the peace for the
county aforesaid greeting whereas Richard C. Williams and
Patsy his wife by their certain Indenture of bargain and
sale bearing date 17th day of November 1813 have sold &
conveyed unto Mrs. Madeline two hundred and seventy four acres
of land with the appurtenances lying and being in the coun-
ty of Southampton and whereas the said Patsy Williams
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 to receive the
acknowledgment which the said Patsy shall be willing
to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained
in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed and we do therefore
command you that you do personally go to the said Patsy
and receive her acknowledgment of the same and examine
her privately and apart from the said Richard C. Williams
her husband whether she doth the same freely and voluntarily
without his persuasion or threats and whether she be
willing that the same shall be recorded in our county court
of Southampton aforesaid and when you have received
her acknowledgment and examined her as aforesaid that
you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said county
Court under your seals sending these things this said Indenture
and the said Witness Samuel Kells Clerk of our said county
at his office the 21st day of February 1814 and 35th year
of the Commonwealth

James Rochelle Clk

Aqually to the within Commission be it remembered we have
examined Mrs. Patsy Williams (wife to the within named
Richard C. Williams) separately and apart from her said
husband touching the purchase to the within named title
to the said lands and she acknowledges that she signed the
same freely and voluntarily without the threat or persua-
sion of her said husband and that she was willing the
same shall be recorded in Southampton County Court
Sixth under our hands and seals the 19th day of May
One thousand eight hundred and fourteenth
Jeremiah Bell
George B. Bell