

Edwards wife of the said Tyler Edwards (by act and force of the  
Commons of Great Britain) without the punishment or  
threats of the said husband and assigns in the said  
acknowledgment to the clerk thereof in order to be entered  
that she wishes not to retract it. Given under our hands  
day and date above written

James D. Thompson  
Benjamin Bishop

Southampton County

In the clerk's office the 15th day of July 1819  
This indenture together with the certificate thereon  
certifying the acknowledgment of the said William  
Edwards as well the proper examination of  
Edwards wife, admitted to record. And at a court held  
for the aforesaid County on the 15th day of March 1819  
This indenture and certificate as aforesaid were introduced  
the proceedings of the day

James Nicholls

Patty Evans  
to  
Dempsey

Examiners &  
attest to  
Dempsey  
March 1819

To all whom it may concern  
I, Patty Evans a free woman of colour of the County of  
Southampton (and State of Virginia) have purchased of  
William Bryant of the same County and State my husband  
a black man and family the property and a slave of the  
said William Bryant by the name of Dempsey and  
whereas I am now desirous the said Dempsey my husband  
should prosper and enjoy all the blessings of a free man so  
far as his situation and condition in society will permit  
under the laws of this Commonwealth. Be it therefore remembered  
that I the said Patty Evans a free woman of colour do hereby  
give and in consideration of the natural love and affection which  
I have and do bear towards my said husband, do by these  
presents emancipate, liberate and set free and at perfect  
liberty my said husband with a full belief and hope, that  
the County Court of Southampton will under the authority of  
the laws in relation to the emancipation of slaves, pass  
and authorize my said husband to be a free man in this  
Commonwealth and enjoy all the privileges which under the  
aforesaid laws such persons under similar circumstances are  
entitled to prosper and enjoy in which I have humbly  
my hand and seal this 20th day of January 1819.

Wm. Thompson

William D. Smith

Lawrence Bishop

Southampton County in the Clerk's  
Office the 15th day of February 1819

This Deed of Emancipation was acknowledged by  
Patty Evans, party hereto and admitted to record  
at a court held for the aforesaid County on the 15th

Patty Evans  
James