

Charles

It is known to all whom it may concern that by the last will and testament of Joseph Ruffin deceased bearing date the 28th day of January in the year of our Lord 1793 proved and recorded in the County Court of Southampton and State of Virginia it is therein directed that Charles a negro man then a slave to the said Joseph Ruffin be set free and forever discharged from bondage as a slave and that the said Joseph Ruffin pay and be treated as a free man, And whereas by the said will the undersigned John Burdett and Joshua Fort were constituted and appointed Executors to the said Joseph Ruffin and in performing the duties therein required have considered it incumbent on them and they do hereby manifest and prove set free to each of themselves as he may be disposed the said negro man Charles relinquishing at the same time all right title and claim to him and whatever property he may hereafter acquire by testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixes in due this 27th day of July 1793 on the year 1793

The will herein mentioned was committed to me on 16 March 1797
Southampton County At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 18th August 1793
This Indenture was act^d by John Burdett One of the parties hereto and affixed to by me
John Burdett
Joshua Fort
Witness James Pickens

This Indenture made this 27th day of May in the year of our English Kings and Queens then between Nathan Gray of Southampton County and State of Virginia of the one part and Arthur Williamson of the said County and State of the other part witnesseth that the said Nathan Gray for and consideration of the sum of six hundred and sixty dollars in hand paid by the said Arthur Williamson at or before the enclosing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby fully acknowledged have bargain and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said Arthur Williamson his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Southampton containing one hundred and thirty five acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows to wit on the north by the three creeks on the east west and south by the land of the late James Glass deceased and being the said Nathan Gray part of the former Phelps Gray said to have and to hold the said aforesaid Land with all the appurtenances thereunto or in any way appertaining and all its privileges to and for the only proper use and behoof of him the said Arthur Williamson his heirs and assigns forever and the said Nathan Gray for himself and his heirs do hereby convey said Land with all right and title and with all and singular the promises and appurtenances before mentioned unto the said Arthur Williamson his heirs and assigns free from the claims of him the said Nathan Gray or his heirs and of all and of every person or persons whatsoever shall use and do present and future defend by these presents in witness whereof the said Nathan Gray have hereunto set his hand and affixes his seal this day and year first written

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
Alexander P. Peto
Charles Harris
Heath St. Nicholas Southampton County In the Clerk's Office the 27th July 1793 This Indenture was acknowledged by Nathan Gray party hereto and admitted to record and as a Court held for the aforesaid County of Southampton on the 18th August 1793 This Indenture as aforesaid was entered upon the proceedings of the day
Teste James Pickens

This Indenture made and entered into this 13th day of July Eighteen hundred and twenty three between Thomas C. Jones and Elizabeth his wife of the one part and Elias Edwards of the other part witnesseth that the said Thomas C. Jones and Elizabeth his wife have for and consideration of one thousand dollars current money of Virginia in hand paid by the said Elias Edwards at or before the enclosing and delivery of these presents bargain and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said Elias Edwards his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of Land containing one hundred and fifty acres being the same whereon the said Thomas C. Jones at present resides and bounded by the lands of Wells Munroe Proffers State of Virginia Edwards and James Brown adjoining together with the rivers and waters running

Gray to
Williamson

Jones & wife
to
Edwards

Williamson
to
James