

Southampton County, to the Clerk's Office, February 26th 1878.

This Word of Court, good Richard Bess, of S.D. District, Justice, by the direction of J. B. Perry, Esq., not this day arrived, and together with the defendants, Charles Bess, a free man and duly qualified, admitted to record.

John, Sheldonside etc

Whereas by deed of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, at the Court Term 15th v. c. in showing unto Henry and John, J. B. Perry was appointed a Special Commissioner to sell the lands above, and Henry and John, and James S. Williams, and others, James S. Williams has departed this life, and the following heirs at law, to wit: John S. Williams, Maria S. Perry and Sarah Williams, all of whom are above the age of twenty-one year: each above, a portion of the lands to which C.R. Perry was entitled to and which said lands have been privately sold to Richard Bess, and the price obtained is considered very satisfactory: Now therefore it is the duty and duty of this day of July 1878, before J. B. Perry, Esq., as aforesaid, C.R. Perry, J. S. Williams, Richard Williams and Maria S. Perry, take as heirs at law of James S. Williams and as widow of C.R. Perry do? all parties of the first part, and Richard Bess of the second part, witnesses that in consideration of the sum of four hundred and sixty five dollars, the said parties of the first part do grant and convey unto the said Richard Bess, the following parcel of land, to wit: a certain parcel of land situated in Southampton County, containing by survey or acre, a copy of said survey is heretofore attached and made a part of this deed. Said land lies on the North side of the land parcel previously to James Perry, and adjoins the lands of J. C. Campbell, C.R. Perry and others and is bounded as follows: beginning in each end at the ditch called to place Swann's Bridge thence up said ditch to a well (C. makes no direction) on edge of ditch, a corner for the back and C.R. Perry thence up J. C. Campbell's land, thence bearing about S 56° 30' E. (marked trees) to a Chain to S.S. Jones (6 v. 2) corner thence S 66° 30' E. to a corner of land at point (10). Thence along said S 56° 30' E. to beginning. And all the parties of the first part hereby the aforesaid land specifically.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

Richard S. Perry (seal)
 J. S. Williams (seal)
 Sarah Williams (seal)
 Maria S. Perry (seal)
 J. B. Perry Esq. (seal)

Virginia, Southampton County, to wit.

I, J. B. Perry, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby that Joseph S. Williams, Sarah Williams and Maria S. Perry, whose names are signed to this writing above bearing date on the 26th July 1878, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 27th day of July 1878.

J. B. Perry
 Notary