

Being divided the following s^{ts} to Thomas Ricks Son 7 Years old & being various others
and willing that the said slave should be free & perfectly Liberated from every Service that
he may owe to me as one of the devisees aforesaid Now This Indenture Witnesseth that
in consideration that the said slave (as I conceive) is naturally entitled to freedom by
virtue of an Act of the General assembly in that case made & provided I do by these
presents Emancipate and set free the said slave Reserving however to all what
ever having any claim against them especially the creditors of the s^t Richard
Ricks their right & Interest therein for the payment of just debts & demands & it is
further covenanted that I shall have the care & direction of him untill he shall
arrive to Lawful age & I do for myself my heirs Executors & Admors relinquish all my
right title Interest & claim or pretensions of claim whatsoever (except as before excepted)
either to his person or to any Estate he may acquire & that the said slave do & may
enjoy his full & perfect freedom without Interruption from me or any person
claiming by from or under me as one of the devisees aforesaid it is to be understood
that the true meaning & intent of This Indenture is that the said slave is to be always
to be considered as an asset for the payment of the said Richard Ricks's debts in
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 11th day of February 1775

Lamuel Ricks

Rob^t Ricks jr

Thos Ricks

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 12th day of February 1775

This Emancipation was proved by the solemn affirmation of Lamuel Ricks & Rob^t
Ricks s^{ts} (some of the people call'd Quakers) and ordered to be recorded

Jam^s Kellogg

Westbrook

to

Murrell

B & Rob^t

Murrell

Feb 24 1779

This Indenture made this 17th day of February in the year four Last Sheweth
Between Gray Westbrook of North Carolina Senior County of the one part & Rob^t
Murrell of Southampton county state of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that
the said Gray Westbrook for and in consideration of the sum of Forty five pounds
and one barrel of brandy current money of Virginia to him in hand paid of which
Murrell have bargained sold confirmed & delivered unto the said Rob^t Murrell his
heirs & assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land containing by Estimation 100
more or less lying & being in Southampton County bounded as followeth to wit beginning
at a Post oak in the Conway branch in Murrells Leachough line thence a long S. line to a
to a persimmon tree in an old field thence to a red oak thence a long S. line to a
John Persons line formerly thence along said Persons line to a great Gum in the
line thence to a red oak thence to a black Gum thence a long S. Persons line