

from every of them I was the said Lewis Story & Milly Story at the time of feasting
& delivering these presents and lawfully seized of the said land with the appurtenances
thereunto belonging in fee simple & with the said Lewis Story & Milly Story
do for ourselves our heirs for ever warrant & defend the said land & premises against all
persons whatever laying claim to the said land being free & clear from all incumbrances
In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals the day & date as a
bove written

Liquid Sealed and delivered

Lewis Story 
Milly Story 
Lark

In presence of

A court continued and held for the county of Southampton on Friday the 5 day of
April 1796 This Indenture was acknowledged by the within named Lewis Story
& Milly Story (parties hereto) the being first Privily Examined as the law directs
and ordered to be recorded

Jam. Hills Esq.

Whereas Richard Ricks late of Southampton County, was in his life time
at the time of his decease possessed of sundry slaves & did by his last will & testament
bearing date the 8th day of September 1778 devise to Thomas Ricks, Robert Ricks, Richard
Ricks, Joseph Ricks, Mary Ricks, Robert Ricks & Ann Ricks, sundry slaves which being
divided these following fell to the subscriber (to wit) Patience about 5 1/2 years of Age Dick
15 years old the first of December 1795 & being anxious & desirous that the said
slaves should be freed & perfectly liberated from every service that they owe to me as a de-
visor aforesaid. Now This Indenture witnesseth that in consideration that the
said slaves (as aforesaid) are naturally intitled to freedom, and by virtue of an act of
General Assembly in that case made & provided, I do by these presents emancipate &
set free the said slaves reserving who ever to all persons whatever having any claim a-
gainst them especially the creditors of the said Richard Ricks their right & interest
therein for the payment of just debts & demands & it is further covenanted that the sub-
scriber shall take the care & direction of Dick till he shall arrive to lawful age & I do
myself my heirs & assigns relinquish all my right title Interest & claim or portion
claim whatever (except as before excepted) either to their person or to any estate they
now have or may hereafter acquire & that the said slaves do & may enjoy their full free-
dom without any interruption from me or any person claiming by from or under
me as a devisor aforesaid. It is to be understood that the true meaning & intent of this
Indenture that the said slaves are always to be considered as a just for the payment of
the said Richard Ricks debts In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this 15 day of December 1795.

Robert Ricks
John Ricks
Thos Ricks

Story Ricks 

A court continued & held for the county of Southampton on Friday the 5
day of April 1796. This Memorandum was proved by the above affirmation
Thomas Ricks & John Ricks two of the witnesses thereto being people called Quakers &
ordered to be recorded

Jam. Hills Esq.

Whereas Richard Ricks late of Southampton County was in his life time & at the time
of his decease possessed of sundry slaves & did by his last will & testament bearing date the 8th
day of September 1778 devise to Thos Ricks Robert Ricks Richard Ricks Joseph Ricks