

they now have or may hereafter acquire, & that the said slaves do & may enjoy their full and perfect freedom without any interruption from one or any person claiming by form or under one as devised aforesaid. It is to be understood that the true meaning & intent of this Indenture is that the said slaves are always to be considered as assets for the payment of the said Richard Ricks's debts. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of December 1795. Robert Ricks jun^r Wm. Ricks Esq.

John Ricks } At a court continued held for the county of Southampton the 15th
The Ricks } day of April 1796 This Manumission was proved by the solemn
affirmation of John Ricks & The Ricks two of the witnesses thereto (being People called Quakers) and Ordered to be recorded

J^m Heltz

This Indenture made this 8th day of December in the year of our Lord 1795 between Cooper Williams Wife Christian of Nash County of North Carolina of the one part & Robert Ricks in the county of Southampton & State of Eng^a of the other part Witnesseth that the said Cooper Williams and wife for and in consideration of the sum of £25. 10. current money to here in hand paid by the said Robert Ricks the receipt whereof the said Cooper Williams & wife doth hereby acknowledge they the said Cooper Williams Wife hath granted bargain'd & sold Alien'd Enjoyn'd & by these presents doth grant bargain & sell Alien Enjoyn'd & Enjoyn'd unto the said Robert Ricks his heirs & assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land containing seven acres be the same more or less situate lying & being in the county of Southampton & near the place called the globe land & bounded as follows Beginning at a Maple in a small branch that formerly divided S^r Ricks's & Williams's Church along Ricks's line S 60° E 19 p a white oak thence N 77° E 8 p thence N 82° E 37 p thence S 71° 40 p to a corner white oak thence N 82° E 20 p to a Maple in a small branch thence up the same various course of S^r branch to a pine thence down a small branch westerly the various course of S^r branch to beginning Maple containing 17 Acres and also all trees wood underwood, commons common appurtenances profits commodities advantages & emoluments & hereditaments whatsoever to the said tract or parcel of land above mentioned is belonging or in anywise appertaining or in or upon the same growing happening or arising & also the several & several several & remainders unto & heirs of the said Ricks & of every part & parcel thereof and also all the Estate right title Interest claim Demand and what more of the said Cooper Williams Wife for and to the said Ricks and heirs & assigns forever to have and to hold all & singular the said premises above mentioned & every part & parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Ricks his heirs & assigns to the only proper use behoof of the said Rob^t Ricks his heirs & assigns forever & the Cooper Williams Wife for them & their heirs the said tract of land & every part thereof against Rob^t Ricks his heirs & assigns and against all & every other person & persons whatsoever to the use of Cooper Williams Wife Christian hath hereunto set their hands & seals the said Cooper Williams Wife Christian hath hereunto set their hands & seals the said Ricks his heirs & assigns

Rob^t Ricks his heirs & assigns shall & will warrant & defend by these presents & the said Cooper Williams Wife Christian hath hereunto set their hands & seals the said Ricks his heirs & assigns

Cooper Williams Esq.