

Southampton county, Va.

The commonwealth of Virginia to William Edmonson & James Wilkinson Gentlemen
Justices of the peace of Southampton county greeting Whereas John Gilliam and
Mary his wife by certain indenture of bargain & sale bearing date the 12th day
of January 1797 have sold and conveyed unto Jacob Barrett the fee simple
estate of and in Eighty acres of land be the same more or less lying & being
in the ^{county} of Southampton parish of Sta. Andrew and whereas the sd^{ts} Manf^{rs} did not
recently travel to the court of our sd^{ty} county to make acknowledgement of the
apromissoria conveyance we do therefore give unto you or any two or more
of you power to receive the acknowledgement which the sd^{ts} Manf^{rs} shall be
willing to make before you of the sd^{ty} conveyance contained in the indenture
hereunto annexed and we command you that you personally go to the sd^{ts} Manf^{rs}
and examine her privacy and apart from her sd^{ty} husband whether she hath
executed the sd^{ty} indenture freely and voluntarily without her husband's
persuasion or threats and whether she is willing the same should be
recorded in the County Court of Southampton & when you have examined
her as afores^d and received her acknowledgement of the sd^{ty} conveyance
that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our sd^{ty} court under
your hands and seals returning to us the sd^{ty} indenture and this writ. Witness
Sam^l Wells clerk of our sd^{ty} court at his office the 14th day of January 1797 in
the 21st year of the commonwealth

Wm Edmonson JDC
James Wilkinson JDC

Southampton Va.

In presence to a writ to us directed bearing date the 12th day
January 1797 in the Subscribed have taken the Oath of a Justice of
Peace of the County of Southampton wife of Jno Gilliam & apart from her
sd^{ty} husband who saith that she freely & voluntarily relinquishes all her
of dower of and to the certain tract of land as is mentioned in a deed bargain
sale between her sd^{ty} husband Jno Gilliam & Jacob Barrett bearing
date of Jan^y 1797 and that she is willing the sd^{ty} indenture should be
recorded in the county court of Southampton Given under our hands
and seals this 12th day of February 1797

Wm Edmonson JDC

James Wilkinson JDC

A court held for the county of Southampton the 13th day of
May 1797 this Indenture as above by the sd^{ts} Manf^{rs} was
with comparison for the same examination before Jno Gilliam and wife of the
Richard Wells clerk of the sd^{ty} court and ordered to
be recorded & at a court held for the sd^{ty} county the 18th day of May 1797
the sd^{ty} Indenture was further proved by the oath of Joseph Wells clerk of the
the commonwealth of Virginia of the sd^{ty} county and the same was recorded