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acknowledges it to be her hand and seal, Given under our hands, Testols,  
This 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1797 —

Will. Edmonds *Read*  
Anth' G. Person *Read*

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1797 This Com-  
mision, for the know, examination of Elizabeth Harris, wife of Drury Harris and  
party to this indenture, of William Hale; with a certificate of the execution  
thereof was returned & the deed continued for prob. and at a Court held  
in the said County on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1797 The said Indenture  
& the receipt thereon endorsed, which proved by the oaths of Robt. Clabey  
John Lucy & James Lundy, three of the witnesses thereto, are ordered  
to be received —

Sam'l Gray *Read*

*Taylor to Blake*  
Know All Men by these presents, That I Henry  
Taylor of the County of Southampton & State of Virginia have bargained for  
sold and delivered, and by these presents do bargain for, sell and deliver unto  
Ellis Gray Blake, late of the state & County aforesaid, a certain tract or  
parcel of Land situated in the County aforesaid, and known in my father's  
will & Testament by the "Stev tract", after taking out a certain part thereof  
unto Mathew Nicholson, be the residue thereof, more or less, for and in  
consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars, in hand to me paid  
the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge. To all which residue of  
land, together with all and singular the appurtenances and improvements  
thereon or thereunto belonging, I do by these presents relinquish  
all claims and title for myself my Heirs, & C. forever, unto the said  
Ellis Gray Blake, his heirs Executors, Administrators or assigns, and I  
the said Henry Taylor do further agree, to warrant and defend the  
quiet possession the full extent of such residue of land, unto the said  
Ellis Gray Blake, his heirs &c. forever — To the full performance at  
the said Henry Taylor do bind myself, my heirs, execs. Administrators  
in the penalty of the damages, as will meet my hand, Seal, this four-  
teenth day of August, A.D. One thousand seven hundred and  
Ninety seven. —

Witnessed and delivered  
In presence of us —

William Hale

Jas' Palmer

John Taylor Jr.

Henry Taylor *Read*

At a Court held for the County of Southampton  
(the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1797) This Indenture  
was acknowledged by Henry Taylor party  
thereto, and is found to be executed —

Sam'l Gray *Read*