

against themselves and their heirs and every other person or  
persons whatsoever to the said Sam'l Blunt his heirs and assigns for  
ever in witness whereof the said Tharp and Jane his wife have  
hereunto set their names and sealed the day and year above  
written ~~in presence of~~

held in presence of

Thomas Edmunds

Benj. & Blunt

James Miller

Arthur Foster

Chas. Edmunds

Nicas Cary

Virginia

Benj. P. Thrope Esq<sup>rd</sup>  
Jane Thrope Esq<sup>rd</sup>

Southampton county Feb.

The commonwealth of Virginia to John Foster Thomas Edmunds  
Justices of the county of Franklin and state of North Carolina greeting  
whence Benjamin P. Thrope and Jane his wife of the said county of  
Franklin and state of North Carolina have by their Indenture  
of bargain and sale dated the first day of June 1804 conveyed  
unto said Blunt of the county of Southampton the fee simple  
estate of and in seven hundred and fifty acres being a certain tract  
or division of land lying and being in the county of Southampton  
and where as the said Jane Thrope cannot conveniently travel  
to court of the county of Southampton to acknowledge the  
same before us we do give to you power to receive the acknowledgment  
whereof the said Jane shall be willing to make  
before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the  
said Indenture which is hereto annexed and we command you  
to go personally to the said Jane and examine her privately and  
separately from her said husband whether she hath executed the s<sup>e</sup>d  
indenture freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threat  
of her husband and whether she is willing the said deed should  
be recorded in the court of the county of Southampton aforesaid  
and when you examine her as aforesaid and taken her acknowledgment  
of the said indenture which hereto annexed that you  
distinctly and openly certify us thereof under your hands and  
seals returning to us also this writ with the said indenture  
annexed witness Samuel Helloe Clark of our