

Deed, DE, Kent, Benjamin Black to John McKnitt 1792

This indenture made the 13th day of August in the year of Our Lord 1792.

BETWEEN **BENJAMIN BLACK** of Mispillion hundred Kent County in the state of Delaware, Yeoman, and **ELIZABETH [BLACK]** his wife of the one part and **JOHN MCKNITT** of the same place, Yeoman, of the other part.

WHEREAS **JAMES MCKNITT** of Mispillion hundred aforesaid was in his lifetime seized and possessed of certain lands situated in the forest of said a hundred and being so thereof seized afterwards died intestate, having issue, namely the above mentioned **ELIZABETH**, wife of **BENJAMIN BLACK**, and four sons viz. **JOHN [MCKNITT]**, **JAMES [MCKNITT]**, **ROBERT [MCKNITT]**, and **WILLIAM [MCKNITT]**, to whom the said land descended and among whom the same has been divided, first by virtue of an order of the orphans Court 2/3 thereof was divided among said heirs and the dower or other 1/3 laid off to **MAGDALINE [MCKNITT]**, the widow of said deceased, who has since also deceased and by virtue of another order of the orphans Court whose third has also been divided among the said heirs, the metes and bounds of that part of the said dower laid off to the said **ELIZABETH**, wife of **BENJAMIN BLACK**, as follows viz.

Beginning at a marked Maple in the outline of the whole tract, it being a corner of that part of the dower laid off to **JAMES MCKNITT**, and runs thence along the line thereof North 73½ degrees East 168 perches to a post, a corner of that part of the dower laid off to **WILLIAM MCKNITT**, then South 11½ degrees East 30 9/10 perches to a post, then along the line of that part of the dower laid off to the said **JOHN MCKNITT**, South 73½ degrees West 138 perches to a marked Gum on the outline of the whole tract then North 56 degrees and 33 minutes West 41 1/10 perches home to the beginning.

Containing and laid off for 29 acres and 69 perches

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said **BENJAMIN BLACK** and **ELIZABETH** his wife for and in consideration of the sum of 44 pounds lawful money to them in hand paid by the said **JOHN MCKNITT** the receipt of which they hereby acknowledge have granted, organs, sold, aliened, remised, released, enfeoffed, conveyed, and confirmed and by these presents they, the said **BENJAMIN BLACK** and **ELIZABETH** his wife, to grant, organ, sell, alien, remise, release, enfeoff, convey, and confirm unto the said **JOHN MCKNITT** his heirs and assigns forever, all the above recited and described 29 acres and 69 purchase of land to be the same more or less with all the improvements, appurtenance, and privileges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said **JOHN MCKNITT** his heirs and assigns to the only proper use, benefit, and behoof of the said **JOHN MCKNITT**, his heirs and assigns forever.

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IN WITNESS whereof the said **BENJAMIN BLACK** and **ELIZABETH** his wife have hereunto set their hand and seals the day and year first above written.

BENJAMIN BLACK {seal}
BETSY BLACK {seal}

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us:

GEORGE CUMMINS
THOMAS WILD

Kent County

Be it remembered that on the 30th day of August 1792 before me, the subscriber, one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of aforesaid, came **ELIZABETH**, wife of the within named **BENJAMIN BLACK**, she being of full age and being examined in private, separate and apart from her husband, touching the execution of the with indeed declared that she became a party of the same of her own voluntary free will accord without being induced there to through, from, or by any fear, my threats, or compulsion of her said husband.

Witness my hand the day and year first above said.

JEHU DAVIS

Kent County
Delaware state

Be it remembered that **BENJAMIN BLACK** came into the adjourned Court of Common Pleas held at Dover in and for the said County on the 30th day of August in the year of Our Lord 1792 and then and there acknowledged that was indeed on to **JOHN MCKNITT** with the lands and premises there in specified to be his right and property according to the purport and affect thereof.

In testimony where I have hereunto set my hand and caused the public seal of said Court be affixed.

JOHN CLAYTON, prothonotary

A true copy

Test **FRANCIS MANY**, recorder

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