

Deed, NC, Johnston, THOMAS SMITH to NEEDHAM BRYAN, 1763

TO ALL TO WHOM these presents shall come, greeting.

KNOW YE that I, **THOMAS SMITH** of the county of Johnston and province of North Carolina, for and in consideration of the sum of £70, Virginia money, to me in hand paid before the sealing of these presents, the receipt whereof I do acknowledge, from **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, of the county and province aforesaid, planter, and I acknowledge myself therewith fully satisfied and paid and do, by these presents, acquit, exonerate and discharge the said **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, his heirs, executors and administrators forever, do by these presents fully, and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, confirm and make over to the said **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, one certain plantation or tract of land on the south side of Walnut Creek, on the Great Branch.

Beginning at a Red Oak, **GEORGE POOLE**'s corner, running N200 poles to an Oak, thence S208 poles to a White Oak; thence E308 poles to a Red Oak; thence N578 poles to a White Oak; thence N108 poles to **GEORGE POOLE**'s corner; thence with the same to the beginning.

AS MAY fore fully appear by a plan of the said land annexed to the original deed, granted to the said **THOMAS SMITH** from Earl Granville and bearing date January the 1st 1763 and being in the county and province aforesaid, containing 650 acres.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said bargained premises with the appurtenances, privileges, and commodities to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining, to him, the said **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, his heirs and assigns forever, to his and their own proper use and benefit.

AND I, **THOMAS SMITH**, for me, my heirs, executors, and administrators do covenant, grant, promise to and with the said **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, his heirs and assigns, that before the sealing hereof, am the true, sole and lawful owner of the above bargained premises and am lawfully possessed of the same in my own proper right and have in myself full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain, sell, convey, enfeoff, and confirm the said bargained premises, as aforesaid, and that **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, his heirs and assigns shall and my from time to time and at all times forever hereafter, by force and virtue of these presents, lawfully, peaceably and quietly, without any molestation, have, hold, use, occupy, and enjoy the said discussed premises with all appurtenances free, and clear, and freely, and clearly, acquit, exonerate, and discharge of and from all manner of former and other gifts, grants, bargains, sales, mortgages, wills, etc., etc., or any encumbrance whatever.

AND I, **MARY SMITH**, wife of the said **THOMAS SMITH**, do heartily, freely and willingly give up and surrender all the right of dowry to me belonging.

AND I, the said **THOMAS SMITH**, do covenant and engage the bargained premises within and above to the said **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claim of any person or persons whatsoever, to warrant, secure and defend, as also to sign, deed, execute any other instrument of writing for the better securing the above premises according as his council learned in the law shall or may advice, derive or require.

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IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal & etc.

THOMAS SMITH {seal}

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JOHN G. THOMAS

WILLIAM SPEIGHT

N. B. The wife of the above **THOMAS SMITH** being privately examined by **JOSEPH LANE**, Esq., confessed that was with her free will and consent, that her husband, the said **THOMAS SMITH** executed the above deed.

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