

**Deed, NC, Mecklenburg, RICHARD RANKIN to ROBERT ALEXANDER, 1797**

THIS INDENTURE made the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1797.

BETWEEN **RICHARD RANKIN** Esquire, sheriff of the county of Mecklenburg, state of North Carolina of the one part and **ROBERT ALEXANDER** of the county of Lincoln in said state of the other.

WHEREAS by virtue of an execution issuing from the Superior Court of the district of Morgan against **JOHN SUMPTER** [**SUMTER**] of the suit of **JAMES GREISLER** for the sum of £114.4 and whereas by virtue of another execution issuing from the county court of he last will and testament of **ROBERT HENDERSON**, deceased, for the sum of £42.

WHEREOF and WHEREAS the said executions were directed and delivered to **RICHARD RANKIN** Sheriff commanding him, of the goods and chattels, land and tenements, of the said **SUMPTER** to cause to be made the said sums to satisfy the said executions and costs thereon.

AND the said **RICHARD RANKIN**, in pursuance thereof by virtue of his office did seize and take into his possession at the request of the said **SUMPTER** (there not being sufficiency of goods and chattels) several tracts, pieces or parcels of land lying and being in Mecklenburg County aforesaid a number of which are adjoining each, viz. the house in which the said **SUMPTER** late lived, now occupied by **CHARLES WRIGHT** with the public ferry on the Catawba River known by **SUMPTER**'s ferry, the whole of said lands lie on the Catawba river and waters thereof, one tract of which includes one moiety, or half part, of an oil mill and one moiety, or half, of a grist mill the whole of which lands are butted and bounded as follows, viz.

One tract in Mecklenburg County containing 86 acres

Beginning at a L. O. on the bank of the Catawba river and near **THOMAS THOMPSON** (now deceased) corner; runs thence N83E 64 poles to a Hickory; thence S18W 130 poles to a Pine; thence S58W 200 poles to a B. O. on the Catawba River; then up the several courses of said river to the beginning. Originally granted to **JOHN MOOR** [**MOORE**] the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1764 by him, his wife **ANN** [**MOORE**] conveyed to **MOSES SCOTT** 8<sup>th</sup> October 1771 by the said **MOSES** [**SCOTT**] and his wife **SARAH SCOTT** on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 1778 was conveyed (together with another tract of land).

Beginning at a B. O. on the river bank a corner of the aforesaid tract on which **MOSES SCOTT** then lived, runs with said **SCOTT**'s line N58E 200 poles to a Pine, **SCOTT**'s other corner of said tract; then with his other line N18E44 poles to a S. O.; then S30E 34 poles to a B. O. then S40W 140 poles to a Pine; then S10W 88 poles to a B. O.; then to the beginning, to the said **MOSES SCOTT** to **EDWARD SHIPLEY**, both of which tracts were conveyed by said **SHIPLEY** at different times, viz, the 75 acre tract last described and granted to **MOSES SCOTT** to **JOHN SUMPTER** by deed dated January 10<sup>th</sup> 1786 and the above 86 acres tract conveyed to said **SUMPTER** by a grant dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 1787.

Also another tract originally granted to **JOHN DICKSON** by grant dated 4 March 1775 containing 238 acres on the waters of Long Creek to a W. O.; then E 140 poles to a W. O.; then N55E 260 poles to a Hickory on or near **DAVID MCCORD**'s line; thence N3W 50 poles to a B. O. on **HOGAN**'s line; then to the beginning and by he said **JOHN DICKSON** conveyed to **JOHN SUMPTER** the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1787.

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Also another tract of land in Mecklenburg County on the Catawba River, including the house **JOHN SUMPTER** lately lived in now occupied by **CHARLES WRIGHT** with the improvements and ferry, called **SUMPTER's** ferry, and said river containing 52 acres originally granted by state of North Carolina 29<sup>th</sup> April 1788.

Beginning at a B. O. and Hickory **JOHN SCOTT's** corner, on the bank of the Catawba River; running thence with said **SCOTT's** line E88 pole to a Pine on **JOSEPH GALBRAITH's** line; then N44E 52 poles to a small B. O. **EDWARD SHIPLEY's** corner on said line; thence with said **SHIPLEY's** line N45W 118 poles to a R. O., his corner on the river bank near the north of a branch; then down the river as it meanders to the beginning.

Also another tract of land covered with water except an island in the Catawba River containing 25 acres originally granted to **JOHN SUMPTER** by patent from state of North Carolina dated 9th July 1794.

Beginning in the middle of the Catawba River; runs thence S65E 60 poles crossing an island to a Dogwood on the east bank of said river **JUSTIN BEACHES [BEACH]** corner; then down the river bank S30W 24 poles to a stake on the river bank; then down said bank S13W 54 poles to a stake on the river bank; then down said bank S25W 36 poles to a stake on the river bank; then W28 poles to a stake in the river; then to a stake, the beginning of another tract of land containing 100 acres granted to **JOHN SUMPTER** by patent date 7<sup>th</sup> November 1796.

Beginning at a Birch in the Catawba River; runs then N80W 15 poles to a rock in said river; then following said river S31W 120 poles to a rock in said river; then S10E 30 poles to a Holly on the bank of said river; then S78E 26 poles to a B. O. **JUSTIN BEACHES [BEACH]** corner S41E 128 poles to a B. O. and **LEWIN's** corner; then N53E 104 poles to a B. O., said **LEWIN's** corner; then N53E 104 poles to a B. O., **LEWIN's** corner; then N67W 128 poles to a Persimmon on the bank of the river; then to the beginning, including four islands.

Also another tract of land containing 155 acres granted by the state to **JOHN SUMPTER** by patent dated Nov 28th 1792.

Beginning at a W. O. **JUSTIN [JUSTICE] BEACHES** and **THOMAS THOMPSON's** corner; run thence S53E 80 poles to a Hickory, **THOMPSON's** corner; then with his line N55E 40 poles to a P. O., **THOMPSON's** corner; then with his line S27E 70 poles to a B. J., **THOMPSON's** other corner; then S30E 18 poles to a B. O. on **HUTSON's [HUDSON]** line; then wit said line N75E 80 poles to a W. O. **HUTSON's** corner; then S20W 160 poles crossing a branch to a small R. O.; hen S13W 92 poles crossing the same branch to a W. O. **JUSTIN BEACHES** corner; then with his line N43W 178 poles to a R. O., **BEACHES** other corner; S34W 146 poles to the beginning.

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Also another tract granted by patent to **JOHN SUMPTER** dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 1794 containing 57 acres on the east side of the Catawba River.

Beginning at a Pine, **JOHN SUMPTER**'s own corner; and runs thence N22W 198 pes to a small B. O. on the point of a hill; then N24E 10 poles to a B. O. and ??? on the river bank, **MILES ABERNATHY**'s corner; then N60W 16 poles to a Birch and Persimmon, **MATHEW [MATTHEW] ROBESON**'s corner; then with his lie S17W 132 poles to a B. O., said **ROBESON**'s and **SUMPTER**'s corner then to the beginning.

Also another tract supposed and said to be 7 acres on which there is a grist mill and oil mill, one moiety, or half part, of which at the said time of aforesaid land and purchased by the said **ROBERT ALEXANDER** as the property of said **SUMPTER** but as the title to said 7 acres to said **SUMPTER** cannot be found, I, the said **RICHARD RANKIN**, sheriff & c. as aforesaid, do convey the aforesaid 7 acres on the bank of Catawba River in Mecklenburg County together with the one moiety aforesaid grist and oil mills in as full and ample manner as I have and by these presents will convey an of the aforesaid tracts.

AND I, the said **RANKIN**, do covenant and promise that when called on by the said **ROBERT ALEXANDER**, his heirs, executors, I will more fully and particularly convey the said 7 acres of land and said moiety of said grist and oil mill and give suit, further assurance as the said **ROBERT ALEXANDER**'s counsel, learned in the law, may or will advise or direct.

ALSO another tract of land granted by patent ??, deceased, **SHIPLEY** dated 2 November 1784 and by said **SHIPLEY** conveyed to **JOHN SUMPTER** the 14<sup>th</sup> September 1787. Containing 96 acres, 25 acres of which was conveyed to **JOHN THOMPSON** by said **SUMPTER** 24 March 1791 and by said **THOMPSON** conveyed to **SAMUEL LOWRY [LOWRIE]** 24 April 1797 which said 25 acres (as supposed from grants & c. without running the land) at the 6<sup>th</sup> corner of said land, from the beginning, and runs S60E 80 poles to the 7<sup>th</sup> corner & c for 25 acres, which was not executed nor ??? as **SUMPTER**'s property nor included in this title, which said tract of 96 acres (71 only conveyed)

Beginning at a W. O., **JOHN DICKSON**'s corner on said **SHIPLEY**'s line; runs with said line N28E 52 poles to a B. O., said **SHIPLEY**'s own corner; then with his own line N32W 38 poles to a R. O., said **SHIPLEY**'s other corner; then with his line N13E 84 poles to a Hickory, one of his corners on the said **THOMPSON**'s line (now deceased); then with said line N86E 57 poles to a R. O., said **THOMPSON**'s corner; then with his line N20E 77 poles to a B. O. (now dead) on said line; then S60E 80 poles to a small W. O. in a draught; then S37W 250 poles to a stake; then W 20 poles to beginning.

AND WHEREAS some of the conveyances of said **SUMPTER** have not been proven or were not proven and recorded at the time of Levy and sale of his lands and some were not to be procured the conveyance of which have been obtained and whereas the whole land here conveyed amounts to no more by estimation than \$866 Acres.

NOW SHOULD IT HEREAFTER appear that the said **JOHN SUMPTER** has or had other lands within the county of Mecklenburg which were not conveyed on and sold before the sale of the above tracks I, the said **RICHARD RANKIN** Esquire, Sheriff as aforesaid, to Covenant and agree with the said **ROBERT ALEXANDER** to convey the same and therefore to make him an indivisible title and fee simple to him and his heirs

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forever. It is further understood that I, the said **RICHARD**, do by these presents convey unto the said **ROBERT ALEXANDER**, his heirs forever, all the real estate that was on the 25th of February 1797 within the county of Mecklenburg the property of the said **JOHN SUMPTER**.

AND the said **RICHARD RANKIN**, Sheriff as aforesaid, after due advertisement according to law did cause the said pieces of land to be set up at public sale on the 25th of February 1797 with all the appurtenances thereto belonging at which time and place the said **ROBERT ALEXANDER** became the last and highest bidder at the sum of £181.11 said lands.

AND this indenture, therefore, further witnesses that the said **RICHARD RANKIN**, Sheriff as aforesaid, £181.11 in hand paid by the said **ROBERT ALEXANDER** the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged he, the said **RICHARD RANKIN**, Sheriff as aforesaid, by virtue of his office did here by bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, and confirm unto the said **ROBERT ALEXANDER**, his heirs and assigns forever, all the aforesaid described and mentioned lands agreeably to the true intent and meaning of these presents that the said **RICHARD RANKIN** doth hereby likewise convey and confirm all right, title, claim, or demand of, in, or to, this said the said pieces and parcels of land above described with all the hereditaments and emoluments to the same belonging.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to him, the said **ROBERT ALEXANDER**, his heirs and assigns forever, in as full and ample manner as the said Sheriff is empowered by his office and further the said **RICHARD RANKIN**, Sheriff, doth covenant and promise and grant that he said **ROBERT ALEXANDER**, his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times hereafter have, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy the said premises with the appurtenances particular of and from all encumbrances had, made, or done by the said Sheriff, or his order, and that the said **RICHARD RANKIN** will warrant and defend the same to the said **ROBERT ALEXANDER**, his heirs and assigns forever, so far as his office of sheriff will admit and no further.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said **RICHARD RANKIN**, Sheriff as aforesaid, hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

**RICHARD RANKIN**, Sheriff {seal}

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of

**SAMUEL LOWRY [LOWRIE]**  
**JAMES MARTIN**

Mecklenburg County July session 1797

the execution of this deed was duly acknowledged in open court and admitted to record

**ISAAC ALEXANDER**, Clerk

September 1797

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