

State of North Carolina

This Indenture made the 3^d day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty five Between William W. Gentry Esq^r Chairman of the County Court of Orange & State aforesaid on behalf of the Justice of S. C. Court & their Successors of the one part & John Stul Sen^r of the other part Witnesseth that the said William W. Gentry Esq^r in pursuance of an order of the said County Court made this day & according to the directions of the Act of Assembly in that case made & provided with respect, plan, & bind, unto the said John Stul Sen^r Betty Cooke now of the age of Four Years with the said John Stul Sen^r to live after the manner of an apprentice & servant until the said apprentice shall attain to the age of Twenty one years during all which time the said apprentice shall be master faithfully serve, his Lawfull Commands everywhere gladly obey, She shall not at any time absent herself from her said Masters Service, without leave but in all things as a good & faithful servant shall behave towards her said Master & the said John Stul Sen^r both Covenant, promise, & agree, to & with the said William W. Gentry Esq^r that he will teach & instruct or cause to be taught & instructed the said Betty Cooke to learn the art of Housewifery, & that he will constantly find & provide for the said apprentice, during the term aforesaid.

Sufficient diet washing, clothing & apparel, fitting for an apprentice & also all other things necessary both in sickness & in health, in witness whereof the parties to these presents have ~~subscribed~~ set their hands & seals the day & year above written

Signed & Sealed
in presence of

William W. Gentry Esq^r

J. Benton Esq^r

John Stul Sen^r

To all people to whom these presents shall come, I James Armstrong do send Greeting.
Know ye that I the said James Armstrong of Orange County & State of North Carolina Planter, for & in Consideration of the some good will & affection which I have & do bear towards my Grandson Thomas Armstrong of Lincoln County, State of Virginia, have given and granted & do by these presents freely give & grant unto the said Thomas Armstrong his heirs and assigns forever a Negro fellow named Lee, of which before the signing of these presents I have delivered the said Negro to said Thomas Armstrong to be his own property to have & to hold to him the said Thomas Armstrong his heirs Executors, or assigns from Henricforth, even forever as his and their property absolutely without any manner of condition. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of May one thousand seven hundred & eighty six Signed Sealed & delivered
in the presence of said date & date
& Henry Lake

James Armstrong Esq^r

Orange County May Term 1784

The Execution of the written deed of Gift from James Armstrong to Thomas Armstrong was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Jacob Lake one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded

Teste

Wm. B. Carter

I John Trice Clerk of the Court of Orange County and State of South Carolina have named, constituted and appointed Thomas Guinn Esquire one of the most able and faithful attorneys for me and in my name and to my use to execute a Deed of conveyance to Thomas Guinn Esquire a certain tract of Land Lying in Orange County containing three hundred acres forming the lands of Edward Guisham Senr. and Edward Guisham Junr. sold by me to the said Guinn Esquire and wanting to myself all my full power and authority to use and execute all such things and divers as shall be necessary to do and execute in as full as if I might or could do being present Ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever my said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done therein by virtue of these presents in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twentieth day of November anno Domini 1784

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of

E. M. M. M. M.

Thomas Guinn
Thomas Lake
Jacob Lake

Orange County February Term 1785

The execution of the written deed of Gift from John Trice to Edward Trice was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Robert Adams one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded

Wm. B. Carter

To all people to whom these presents shall come
Greeting know ye that I John May of Orange County and State of South Carolina for the love and kind Affection that I have and so have towards James Dessem my son in law of the County aforesaid State aforesaid do hereby give and grant unto and confirm unto the said James Dessem his heirs Executors and admors and assigns forever the plantation and part of the tract of Land situate between Town Line beginning at the north of my strong branch in Olden Court running up the several courses of the spring branch to the road thence running a North course to John Bakers corner thence a West course to John Tickers line thence along Tickers line and so course to Gushams line thence a long Gushams line to the first Station containing by Estimation one hundred and sixty five acres of land be the same more or less to have and to hold the said land and premises and Appurtenances thereto annexed with all woods and undivided woods waters and water courses free and freely clear and clearly to him the said James Dessem his heirs Executors admors and assigns forever In Witness I have unto set my hand and affixed my seal this 14th day of February 1785.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of

John May
John May
George Gusham

John May Seal