

Deed of Margaret Williams, relict of John Williams

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Hawkins Co., Tennessee, Deed Book 8, pp. 66-68:

John Williams heirs To Ephraim Johnson

Registered 24th day of April 1818

This indenture made and entered into this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen between Margaret Williams, relict of John Williams deceased late of Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee, Joseph Williams, John Williams, John Smith and Sally his wife, William Williams, John Moore and Betsy his wife, George Williams, Pascal Hamblen and Mary his wife, Amis Grantham and Margaret his wife, heirs of the above named John Williams deceased of the one part and Ephraim Johnson of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the aforesaid relict and heirs of the above named John Williams deceased for and in consideration of the sum Two thousand eight hundred dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby convey alien(?) enfeoff and transfer unto the aforesaid Ephraim Johnson two tracts of land lying in the county of Hawkins State of Tennessee on the North side of Holston River above the mouth of Poor Valley Creek, the said tract bounded as follows, to wit, Beginning at three beaches at the Mouth of Poor Valley Creek on Isaac Clouds[?] upper line running up the said Valley for complement . . . [missing bottom of page 66] hundred and eighty poles to a dogwood and locust on the bank of said river thence north fifty(?) poles to a stake thence West one hundred and twenty poles to a stake thence South twenty seven degrees west two hundred and twenty two poles to a stake thence a direct course to the beginning containing two hundred acres be the same more or less. The second tract beginning at a dogwood and locust on the river bank corner to the said named tract running thence the meander of the River eighty poles to a beach thence north thirty eight degrees west one hundred and fifty two poles to a white oak on Laughlan's line thence with(?) said line south forty five degrees south twenty two poles to an island(?) on the line of the first said named tract thence with said line east one hundred and twenty poles to a stake thence south forty(?) poles to the beginning containing eighty nine acres more or less which said tracts of land ___ the aforesaid Margaret Williams, relict of John Williams deceased, Joseph Williams, John Williams, John Smith and Sally his wife, William Williams, John Moore and Betsey his wife, George Williams, Pascal Hamblen and Marry his wife, Amis Grantham and Margaret his wife, heirs of the aforesaid John Williams deceased with all and singular(?) their(?) woods, waters, water courses, profits(?), commodities, _____ and appurtenances thereunto either in law or equity unto the sd. Ephraim Johnson his heirs and assigns do forever warrant defend free from the claims or _____ of all and every person or persons whatsoever in Witness whereof we the said relict & heirs of the aforesaid John Williams deceased have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of George Williams (Jurat)

Amis Grantham (Jurat) her

Margaret X Williams {Seal}

mark

her

Elizabeth X Moore {Seal}

mark

Mary Hamblen {Seal}

her ackn. Margaret X Grantham {Seal} mark

Joseph Williams {Seal}
by his attorney George Williams

Pascal Hamblen {Seal}
by his attorney

George Williams
ackn. George Williams {Seal}
ackn. Amis Grantham {Seal}
ackn. John Moore {Seal}

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Then the execution of this Deed of Conveyance by Margaret Williams was proven in open court by the oaths of George Williams and Amis Grantham ___ as subscribing witnesses. And was acknowledged as to its execution by Joseph Williams, Pascal Hamblen, George Williams, Amis Grantham and John Moore. And the Court appointed John A. Rogers & Richard Matthew(?) Esquires to examine Elizabeth Moore, Mary Hamblen, & Margaret Grantham separate and apart from their husbands whereupon the sd. Elizabeth, Mary & Margaret acknowledged that they had executed & had of their own free will & accord & not through the threats & compulsion of their husbands whereupon the court ordered sd. deed of conveyance . . . [missing bottom of page 68] . . . Mitchell, Clk.

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