

**Deed, NC, Johnston, Sheriff John Bryan to Samuel Smith, 1792**

THIS INDENTURE made the 28th day of February in the year of Our Lord 1792.

BETWEEN **JOHN BRYAN** Esquire, High Sheriff of Johnston County and state of North Carolina of the one part and **SAMUEL SMITH**, Esquire, of the county and state aforesaid of the other part.

WITNESSETH that whereas by a writ of fieri facias issuing from the county court of Johnston in February term 1791 to the sheriff of Johnston County commanding him that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of **MOSES EASON** he make the sum of £171 current money, besides endorsed fees which lately in the county court of please and quarter sessions of Johnston **SAMUEL SMITH**, Esquire, recovered against the said **MOSES EASON** for his damages and costs and said suit expanded where of the said **MOSES EASON** is ??? and liable as appears of record and have you the money before the court of Johnston, on the last Monday in May following, then to render to the said **SAMUEL SMITH** his debt and costs aforesaid and have you then and there this writ.

WITNESSETH **REUBEN SANDERS**, Clerk of said Court seal his office the 28th day of February A. D. 1791. **REUBEN SANDERS** Clerk, in obedience to the command thereof, and in pursuance and consequence of the several Acts of Assembly in the state, in such case made and provided, **JOHN BRYAN**, High Sheriff, as aforesaid, did enter upon and possession take of one certain tract or parcel of land in Johnson County, the proper right in the estate of **MOSES EASON**, bounded by the lines after to be described and the same so taken by him, the said Sheriff, after giving due and legal notice upon the day appointed on the premises being the 28th day of May last did set up the aforesaid tract or parcel of land at public sale for the purpose of raising the sum required by the aforesaid writ for the same day and place before mentioned **SAMUEL SMITH** did appear and bid aforesaid tract or parcel of land the sum of £50, and was the highest bidder for the aforesaid lands, and the same was struck off to him as the highest and the aforesaid sum of £50.

NOW THIS INDENTURE witnesses that the said **JOHN BRYAN**, High Sheriff as aforesaid, hath, for and in consideration of the aforesaid sum of £50, bargained, sold, conveyed, and confirmed under the said **SAMUEL SMITH** Esquire, his heirs and assigns forever, the aforesaid tract or parcel of land which is bounded as follows:

Lying in the county of Johnson on both sides of Buffalo swamp joining Smith's line on both sides including his improvements beginning at **JOHN VINSON**'s corner on the south side of Buffalo swamp and; running S 60 poles to a Hickory; then W 200 poles to a Red Oak; then N 55 poles to a Pine in **DRURY VINSON**'s line; then along said line E 61 poles to his corner, on the corner on the creek; then up the creek crossing the same 24 poles to a holly corner to **DRURY VINSON** old tract; then alongside N 222 poles to a Pine; then E 264 poles to a Pine; then S 370 poles to the swamp; then a direct line to the first station.

CONTAINING by estimation 640 acres.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said **SAMUEL SMITH**, Esquire, the aforesaid granted and bargained premises with all and singular the profits, privileges to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining to him, the said **SAMUEL SMITH**, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever. And that the said **SAMUEL SMITH**, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns shall and may from time to time and

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at all times, by force and virtue of these presents, have, hold, use, occupy, possess, and enjoy the above granted and bargained premises.

AND the said **JOHN BRYAN**, High Sheriff as a aforesaid, doth for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators hereby covenant, promise and engage to warrant and secure and forever defend the same tract or parcel of land and as full and ample a manner to all intents and purposes as he can do, in virtue of his said Office of the sheriff of the county of Johnson, and in virtue of laws whereby he is the authority to make such conveyance to the said **SAMUEL SMITH**, Esquire, his heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, the said **JOHN BRYAN** High Sheriff as aforesaid have here and to set his hand and a fixed his seal the day and date above written.

**JOHN BRYAN** {seal}

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of

**J. M. CULLERS**  
**MOS JOHNSON**

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Then was the execution of this deed duly acknowledge and open court by **JOHN BRYAN**  
sheriff and order to be registered

**R. SANDERS, C. C.**

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