

## SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY MANUMISSION ABSTRACTS

### **Southampton County Deed Book 6 1782-1787 LVA Reel # 3**

p. 81–Jordan Denson of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others frees Tom a Negro man abt 23; Rachel a woman abt 20 and Jinny a woman abt 20–and two in their minority viz: Treasey a girl born 23 Feb 1778 when 18 and Sam born 25 June 1780 when 21–27 Aug 1782–rec 14 Nov 82

p. 82–Christian Denson and Jordan Denson of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others frees Negro man Pompey near abt 35 yrs old–and in their minority viz Aggy a girl born in Aug 1778; Cherry a girl born 28 May 1780 and Zilphah a girl born in Jan 1782 when they are 18 reserving guardianship–10 Sept 1782–rec 14 Nov 1782–affirmed by Lemuel Jones

p. 83–Sally Denson of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others–frees Negroes Minor aged abt 37 and Phillis aged abt 18–and in their minority Andrew a boy born 21 June 1779 when 18; and Nancy a girl born 18 Dec 1781 when 18–reserving guardianship–11 Sept 1782–rec 14 Nov 1782–proved by affirmation of Lemuel Jones and Samuel Eley

p. 84–Joseph Denson of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others–frees David born in the “seventeenth” month 1766 when he is 21, reserving guardianship–10 Sept 1782–rec 14 Nov 1782

p. 85–Lemuel Jones of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others–frees Negroes Tom aged 48; Fancy aged 39; Nann aged 60; Sampson aged 22 and Siller aged 22–and in their minority Emanuel born Aug 1762; Cresay a girl Dec 1766; James a boy born 6 Nov 1776; Sampson a boy born in Aug 1780–reserves guardianship until 18 and 21–13 Aug 1782–rec 14 Nov 1782

p. 86–James Stanton of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Nanny aged abt 33–and seven Negroes now in their minority viz: Lucey aged abt 16 on 18 Dec 83; Siah aged abt 14 on 7 April 86; Tom abt 12 on 3 Aug 91; Sam abt 9 on 15 Jan 94; Moses abt 7 on 22 Aug 96; Davey abt 4 on 30 May 99 and Kate abt 2 on 19 Dec 98 when males 21 and females 18 and reserving guardianship–13 Aug 82–rec 14 Nov 1782–proved by affirmation of Sampson Stanton and Richard Wrenn

p. 87–Jacob Vick, Sr of Sohampton-- freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negroes Pompy aged abt 50 and another Pompey distinguished by the name of Meherring abt 55 yrs old–12 Oct 1782–rec 14 Nov 1782–proved by affirmation of Samuel Jones, and Jordan Denson

p. 88–Sampson Stanton of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro Jim aged abt 18 but reserves guardianship until 21–ie on 1 Jan 1785–13 Aug 1782–rec 14

Nov 1782

p. 89–William Butler of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negroes Phillis aged abt 31; Ned aged abt 27; Jinny aged abt 25; Jimmey aged abt 23; and three in their minority viz: Sam aged abt 13 free in 1790 ; Billey aged abt 6 in 97; and Linder aged abt 4 in 96-- reserving guardianship until 21 and 18–8 Oct 1782–rec 14 Nov 1782–proved by affirmation of Samson Stanton and Richard Wrenn

p. 91–Thomas Pretlow Sr of Sohampton–having under my care a number of Negroes which I have set free about 9 yrs since and have acted as guardian to them to keep them from being sold at public sale which the law required–now law is changed “to tolerate them and those that have a mind to set them free”–so declares them free in court viz: Sarah 66 yrs old last January; Sam Diggs 65 yrs on 21 June last; John Hornes 52 on 26 May last; Dick Freeman 49 on 4 Feb last; Charles Hill 40 on 23 Nov last ie 1782; Daniel Jeffray 40 on 28 Mar last; William Mingo 37 on 20 Jan last; Fanny Diggs 37 on 20 Jan last; Nanny Green 35 on 7 June last; James Green 28 yrs old; Hannah Green 19 on 1 Sept last; Silvia Diggs 19 on 17 Sept last; Patty Diggs 17 in April last; Sam Diggs 12 on 20 Dec 1781; Joseph Diggs 11 on 8 Aug last; Ellick Green 4; Celah Green 2 yrs old; George Diggs 3 ½ yrs old; Charlotte Diggs 1 ½ yrs old–29 Nov 1782–rec 14 Nov 82–note discrepancy in date of deed and date of recording–Pretlow uses number of month ie deed is signed on 29 of eleventh month of 1782–

p. 92–Elizabeth Eley of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro Rose aged 37 and in their minority viz: David born 10 May 78; Venus a girl born 1 April 69; and Judah a girl born 1 April 1771–reserves guardianship until 21 and 18–8 Sept 1782–rec 14 Nov 1782–proved by affirmation of Thomas Ricks and Jordan Denson

p. 93–Richard Ricks of Sohampton –freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro man Jack aged abt 25 and Negro woman Sarah aged abt 28–and Negro girl China abt 10 when she is 18–reserving guardianship–15 Sept 82–rec 12 Dec 1782

p. 94–Anne Ricks of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro woman Joan aged 25 on 19 March last, in one year–27 Sept 82–rec 12 Dec 82–affirmed by Thos and Robt Ricks

p. 95–Martha Smith of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees six Negroes viz: Hannah abt 60; Mill abt 40; Yellow Dick abt 35; Benn abt 23; Siah abt 21–and ten in their minority viz: Sam age 19 on 31 Dec 84; Dave aged 17 on 31 Dec 86; Bob aged 15 ib 31 Dec 88; Mike aged 14 on 31 Dec 89; Anica aged 12 on 31 Dec 88; Natt aged 10 on 31 Dec 93; Charles aged 8 on 31 Dec 95; Joe aged 6 on 31 Dec 97; Hannah/Harry aged 3 on 31 Dec 1800 ; Willis 7 mos on 31 Dec 1802–3 Aug 1782–rec 12 Dec 1782–[it is Hannah in one place and Harry in another–since it is 21 yrs from birth it must be Harry]--affirmed by Thos Pretlow Jr and Joshua Bailey

p. 97–Milisent Ricks of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc-frees

Negro woman Sarah abt 26 yrs and four in their minority reserving guardianship for Hagar abt 7; Jacob , 4 yrs old on 26 of June last; Patience 2 sometime in April last; Patty abt 1—when males 21 and females 18—27 Sept 1782—rec 12 Dec 1782—proved by affirmation of Robt Ricks and Thos Ricks

p. 98—Mary Ricks of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees Negro woman Judy aged 27 yrs and 6 mos—and 5 in their minority viz: Venus a Negro girl abt 10; David aged 8 the 25 Dec next; Lucreasey 6 on 12 April last; Isaac 3 sometime in Dec next; Amey 1 yr the 27 Mar next—reserving guardianship until males 21 and females 18—27 Sept 82—rec 12 Dec 82—proved by affirmation of Robt Ricks and Thos Ricks

p. 99—Elizabeth Denson and Anne Denson of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees Negro woman Abb aged abt 25 and 2 in their minority viz: girl Esther aged abt 4 when 18 and a boy named Daniel abt 2 when his is 21-- 1 Dec 1782—rec 12 Dec 1782—proved by affirmation of Thos Draper and Ephraim Draper

p. 116—Lemuel Jones of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees Negro Ned aged abt 46 and Negro Patt aged abt 46—10 Feb 1783—rec 13 Feb 1783

p. 116—Jeremiah Draper of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees Negro girl Jinny aged abt 17 when she is 18—2 Feb 1783—rec 13 Feb 1783

p. 117—Mary Hargrave of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees Negroes Cupit aged abt 50, Cudger aged abt 24 and Lucy aged abt 32—and 7 in their minority viz: Abraham aged 17 in Mayl next; Essex aged 11 in April next; Ned aged 9 in June next; James aged 7 in Oct next; Peter aged 5 in May next; Silver aged 3 in Aug next; Sampson aged 1 in Aug next reserving guardianship until 21 and 18 etc—10 Feb 83—rec 13 Feb 83—proved by affirmation of Lemuel Jones and Jeremiah Draper

p. 122—Richard Wrenn of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees three Negroes viz: Sam aged abt 61; Roger abt 24; Tinner aged abt 25—10 April 83—rec same

p. 208—David Barrow of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and golden rule etc and mentions legislation—frees Negro man Ben Blackhead abt 23 yrs of aged and a Negro woman named Lucrecia Blackhead of abt 18—declares them free Citizens of the State—10 Feb 1784—rec 11 Mar 1784

p. 235—Philip Davis of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees Sier? aged abt 20; Izabell aged abt 18 and reserving guardianship for Ellick aged abt 12, to be free in May 1793; Peter aged abt 4 to be free in June 1801; Ben aged abt 2 to be free in April 1803; Lydia aged abt 1 to be free in April 1801—10 May 84—rec 10 June 1784

p. 237—Joel Davis of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees two Negroes Dinah aged abt 40—note deed says two but only Dinah named—10 June 1784—rec same

p. 252–William Peterson of Northampton, NC for faithful service received from Negro slave London who for sometime past hath removed himself with my permission into the county of Southampton, VA and become an inhabitant of–frees him–13 May 1784–rec 8 July 84

p. 355–Thomas Ricks of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees two Negroes while reserving guardianship etc viz: Jacob aged 20 the 11 June next and Judy aged 3 the 1 Dec next–10 Feb 85–rec same

p. 368–Joseph Ricks of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others and having Negroes left him by Robt Ricks decd of Sohampton frees Hannah abt 35; Bess, 22; Peter born March 1771; Fagains? born 2 April 76; Jane born Nov 1781 and Moses born 15 Jan 1784–reserving guardianship etc–19 Feb 85–rec 10 Mar 85–proved by affirmation of Thos and Robert Ricks

p. 369–Richard Ricks of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees while reserving guardianship for Negroes Jacob abt 54; Patience 19, Beck born 21 Dec 1768; Amos born 14 May 74; Tillar born 18 Dec 75; Nancy born 9 Jan 85–19 Feb 85–rec 10 Mar 85

p. 379–Joseph Bishop of Sohampton–frees while reserving guardianship etc–Negro man Dick aged abt 42; Negro woman Violet abt 26; Negro boy James aged 6 in April 85; girl Fanny aged 4 on 1 June 85; boy Dick aged 1 on 1 June 85–no statement of reason–10 Mar 85–rec 10 Feb {sic} 1785–prob should be March court

p. 402–Howell Myrick of Sohampton–after mature deliberation of Bill of Rights [VA], freedom is natural right and doing unto others at injunction of Jesus Christ etc–frees Negroes Samuel aged 25; Thomas, 30; Frank, 25; Hardy, 23; Lucy, 23; Violet, 25; Jack on 8 Mar 179?; Lettice on 8 Mar 1795; Rachell on 8 Mar 96; Anthony on 8 Mar 02; Willis on 8 Mar 03; Polly on 8 Mar 02 and Cherry on 8 Mar 01–10 May 85–rec 12 May 85–

p. 455–Henry Davis of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negroes Sam aged 28; Brister aged 26 both on 1 Jan 88; and Kate aged 18 on day of acknowledgment of this deed–11 Aug 85–rec 8 Sept 85

p. 456–John Johnson of Sothampton–citing act of assembly and freedom is natural right of all mankind and quoting golden rule frees Negro woman Milley aged abt 23 or 24–7 Sept 85–rec 8 Sept 85

p. 534–William Butler of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees and reserves guardianship over Violet aged 14 yrs and 8 mos; Molly aged abt 13 yrs and 2 mos; and Riter [girl] aged abt 5 yrs and 4 mos; Daniel aged abt 7 yrs and 6 mos until Violet is free on 10 Aug 90; Molly on 9 Oct 91; Riter on 10 Dec 98 and Daniel on 10 Feb 1800–12 Aug 86–rec 14 Sept 86–

p. 684–Joshua Vick of Sohampton–frees Negro man Luke abt 40 yrs of age–9 Jan 87–rec 14 June 1787

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p. 41–Toomer X Joyner of Sohampton–act of assembly, freedom is natural right and golden rule–frees Negro man Sam Black abt 40–13 Dec 87–rec same

p. 59–Robert X Husk of Sohampton–empowered by act of assembly–frees Hannah aged 33; Bede, 7; Phebe, 4; Rhody, 2 in conformity of act of assembly–1 Feb 88–rec 14 Feb 88

p. 64–Henry Jones of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees two Negro slaves viz James Freedom abt 18 and George Liberty abt 18, both at age 21–13 Dec 87–rec 14 Feb 88

p. 65–Giles Johnson of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and do unto others etc frees James and Dick Blackskin, James abt 38 and Dick abt 23–13 Dec 87–rec 14 Feb 88

p. 140–Robert Ricks of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees and reserves guardianship over minors, viz: Fan abt 40; Jacob abt 38; James, 33 the 10 April last; Tony born in April 76; Lewis born Feb 81; Daniel born Jan 84; Clotilda born May 86; until 21 or 18–9 Oct 88–rec same

p. 164–Thomas Lane of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Ede abt 31; Ave abt 21; Ned abt 14 and Lemuel abt 13 and half month, the latter two when 21–11 Dec 88–rec same

p. 190–Benjamin Beal, Jr of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro man Mingo agd abt 27–12 Feb 89–rec same

p. 191–James Scott of Sohampton–doing unto others–frees Negro man Pompey aged abt 60; Ben aged abt 30; Sam born in Feb 72 and Cherry born Oct 84 with guardianship reserved over minors–12 Feb 89–rec same

p. 191–Miriam Scott of Sohampton frees Negro man Robin aged abt 79; boy Cromwell born March 70 when of legal age; woman Venas abt 57; woman Celia aged abt 18; and girl Rachel born in Nov 75 when of legal age–12 Feb 89–rec same–proved by oaths of two

p. 196–Benjamin Whitefield of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Jane aged abt 67; Peter, 41; Kate, 41; Nanney, 36; Ned, 27; Milley, 23; Hannah, 21; Easter, 19; Patte, 18; and 17 in their minority viz: Seamor 20; Sampson, 14; Ephraim, 12; Abram, 10; Sharper, 8; Charles 8; Amy 12; Kate 6; Jane 5; Natt 4; Crecy 3; Milley 2; Micah 1; Chany 1; Olive 11 mos; Hardy 11 mos; Crecy 6 mo; when 21 or 18–12 Feb 89–rec 13 Feb 89

- p. 231–William Williams of Sohampton–after full deliberation of our bill of rights, freedom is natural right and doing unto others as Jesus Christ enjoined–frees Negro man Harry who will be 21 in Aug 1789 when he is of full age–3 Sept 88–rec 9 July 89
- p. 256–Dolphin Drew of Sohampton–freedom is natural right –frees Negro man Nicodemus aged 42–10 Sept 89–rec 11 Sept 89
- p. 257–Lewis Vick, Pilgrim Vick, Joshua Vick, Sarah X Vick, Giles Vick, and Piety Vick free Negro woman Rose aged abt 50 and Simon aged abt 30–27 Jan 89–rec 11 Sept 89
- p. 266–Thomas Lane and Lucy his wife–freedom is natural right and doing unto others frees Negroes Sam abt 36; Will abt the same age; Jacob abt 36 or 37; and Frank abt 27 –?Oct 89–rec 8 Oct 89
- p. 275–Edwin Davis of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro woman Mely abt 25 and in their minority–Timpy a girl born 25 Dec 82; Brittan a boy born 21 Mar 85; Fanny a girl born 15 Nov 87–reserving guardianship until 21 and 18–17 Mar 89–rec 8 Oct 89
- p. 275–Philip Davis of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and going unto others etc frees Negroes Charles aged 41 and James aged 32–9 Sept 89–rec 8 Oct 89
- p. 276–Sarah Pond of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro woman Mourning aged abt 20–9 Sept 89–rec 8 Oct 89
- p. 279–James X Jones of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro man Nead aged abt 50–10 June 89–followed by bond of Jones and Sampson Stanton with overseers of poor that Ned will not become chargeable–8 Oct 89–both rec 8 Oct 89
- p. 339–Arthur Whitehead of Sohampton–full conviction of the odious impropriety of slavery frees Judith, Natt, Priskey, Jordan, Abby, Jacob, the three last in their minority so retains guardianship over them until 21–9 April 90–rec 8 April 90–note dates would be out of order
- p. 359–Bailey Branch of Sohampton–conscious of injustice of depriving my fellow creatures of their natural right from God frees Negroes Peter on 1 Jan 91, Jesse on 30 Dec 91 and Silvy on 30 Dec 1807–13 May 90–rec 11 June 90
- p. 382–Joseph X Powel of Sohampton–impropriety of depriving fellow creatures of that blessing liberty frees Jinney in 1 Jan 91; Lidde on 1 Jan 91; Primus on [ditto] 98; Phillis on ditto 99; Willis 1 Jan 04; Alfred on 1 Jan 10; Elijah on 1 Jan 12 –nd–rec 8 July 90
- p. 430–whereas Mathew Vick Sr late of Sohampton died possessed of ....then follows some of the provisions of a will of 26 Sept 88–wife Sarah Vick, convinced of impropriety of slavery frees Negroes Sharper, Patience and Mason (Simon and Peter being dead)–9 Dec 90–rec 10 Dec 1790

p. 454—Jordan Judkins of Sohampton—freedom is natural right frees Negroes Diner aged abt 46 and Ben abt 26 and in their minority when 21 or 18: Silvy aged abt 16; and Isaac abt 5 yrs—19 Jan 90—rec 9 April 90—seems out of order with other documents

p. 465—James X Wright of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others frees Negro man Zack aged abt 25—10 Feb 91—rec same

p. 465—Edwin Gray of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees mulatto man George Whitefield formerly the property of Geo Kerr dec'd—10 Feb 91—rec same

p. 469—Anne Scott of Sohampton—freedom is the natural right and doing unto others etc—frees Negroes Will aged 59; Jo a man aged 29; Billy a boy born abt the last of July 81; Miles a boy born in April 86; Sue a woman abt 45; Treasya or Treesy a girl born 10 July 73—Billy, Miles and Treesy when they reach legal age—13 Jan 91—rec 10 Feb 91

p. 530—Benjamin Drew of Sohampton—with authority of act of assembly frees mulatto woman Ariana aged abt 23 and her child Kizzea abt 3 yrs old—9 June 91—rec same

p. 643—Edmund Turner of Sohampton—for divers motives frees Negro man Simon—14 June 92—rec same

p. 745—Benjamin Drew of Sohampton—with authority of act of assembly frees Negro girl named Anna abt 6 or 7 yrs old—20 Dec 92—rec 10 Jan 93

p. 797—Mary X Joyner of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees Negro man Jim abt 36—10 Feb 91—rec 12 April 93

#### **Southampton County Deed Book 8 1793-1798 LVA Reel # 4**

p. 13—Josiah West Cathon of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees Negroes Will abt 45; Calah abt 20 and Pleasant abt 18—and two in their minority when come of age viz Phereby 15 on 1 Aug 95 and Patt 11 on 1 Feb 99—reserving guardianship—2 Feb 93—rec 12 Feb 93—proved by affirmation of Lemuel Eley and Jn Rawls being people called Quakers

p. 25-- Meriam Scot and James Scott of Sohampton and Joseph Pretlow of Nansemond—free Negroes Cary a man aged 24; Edy a woman aged 26; Mourning a girl aged 15; Patty a girl aged 4; Sucky a girl aged 2yrs and 6mos; Lucy a girl aged 1 year—15 July 93—rec 10 Oct 93—affirmed by Jordan Denson and Lemuel Jones

p. 87—Holland Brown of Sohampton—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees Negro woman Hannah aged 55; Lucy aged 35 now and Negro woman Rhoda on 18 Aug 94 and boy Toby on 12 Dec 96 and Judah on 17 Feb 05—22 Oct 91—rec 12 June 94—witnesses swear and “ordered to be recorded except as to the negro woman Hannah she being over the age of forty

five years.”

p. 167–Richard Ricks of Sohampton was possessed of sundry slaves and did in his last will and testament of 2 Sept 1778 devise to Thos Ricks, Robt Ricks, Richard Ricks, Joseph Ricks, Mary Ricks, Milisent Ricks and Ann Ricks sundry slaves and being divided Sam 7 yrs old fell to Thos Ricks–so he frees Sam because naturally entitled to freedom and by virtue of act of assembly–reserving guardianship–notes that said slave is still considered to be an asset for the payment of the debts of Richard Ricks–11 Feb 95–rec 12 Feb 95–affirmed by Samuel Ricks and Robt Ricks Jr–

p. 269–under identical provisions to the previous entry p. 167–Mary Ricks frees Dick who was 15 on 1 Dec 95? reserving guardianship and liability for debts–10 Dec 95–rec 15 April 96

p. 269–under identical provisions to the previous two entries, pp 167 and 269–Ann Ricks frees Jenny born 19 Sept 78; David born 1 June 88–reserving guardianship etc–10 Dec 95–rec 15 April 96

p. 270–under identical provisions to the previous three entries, pp 167 and 269–Milisent Ricks frees Tom Buck born 23 April 74; Sarah the 8 Nov 92 reserving guardianship over Sarah –10 Dec 95–rec 15 April 96

p. 299–articles of agreement between Benjamin Drew and Abraham other wise known by the name of Abraham X Browne 11 Feb 96–Abraham in consideration of 5s to him in hand paid agrees to serve the above named Benj Drew as a slave for and during the term of 50 yrs and he the said Abraham doth by these presents relinquish and forever make over to him the said Benj Drew all the right and liberty and freedom for and during the aforesaid term of fifty years upon this express condition however that he the said Benj Drew is not to sell one Negro woman by name Agg and the present wife of the sd Abraham to Carolina nor the two children which she now has and supposed to be the children of him the said Abraham Browne And the said Benj Drew doth further agree that in case he should die or that he should sell the aforesaid Agg or her two children then the sd Abraham Browne is to be totally free to all intents and purposes as although [sic] this writing had never existed–Thos Davis, Peter Butts, John Dennen and Elias X Love witness and Butts swears to–rec 15 July 96

p. 480–Ryland Travis of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Robert abt 5 yrs old–9 Jan 97–rec 17 July 97–proved by oaths of two witnesses

p. 676–John Norfleet of Sohampton–for divers good causes frees Negro man called Aaron abt 42 yrs old–28 May 98–rec 20 Aug 98

#### **Southampton County Deed Book 9 1798-1802 LVA Reel # 4**

p. 104–Joseph X Phillips of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro Peter abt 38 yrs–19 Jan 99–rec 19 Aug 99

p. 157–Thomas Porter of Sohampton frees man Tryall aged 51 yrs–20 Jan 1800–rec same

p. 214–James Simmons of Sohampton–for divers considerations frees Negro man Dick formerly the property of Howel Edmonds and purchased by Simmons of his administrator–21 April 1800 rec same

p. 343–Benjamin Barnes of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negroes Toney aged abt 28 and George aged abt 27–and Moses aged 13 yrs and 11 mos reserving guardianship until 23 Jan 1808 when he will be free–15 Dec 1800–rec 20 Jan 01–note that this deed starts with Benj Barnes but is signed by Benj Jordan who is also credited with acknowledging it

p. 379–Richard Williamson of Sothampton–pleased with his faithful services and good behaviour frees Negro man Jack aged between 45 and 50–14 Mar 1801–rec 20 April 02 [sic] 1801

p. 382–Benjamin Whitfield of Sohampton–frees Negro boy Dick aged 14 reserving guardianship until 21–13 Dec 1800–rec 20 April 01

p. 405–John Jackson Sr of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro Jim aged abt 37–16 or 18 May 1801–rec 18 May 01

p. 583–Benjamin Whitfield fo Sohampton–believes it is their right to be free and he has power to free –so frees two Negroes viz Jonas, 21 and Jack, 15 reserving guardianship over Jack until he is 21–19 April 02–rec same

p. 633–James Gee of Sohampton–believing that all mankind are equally free–frees Negro girl Lizza–18 Oct 02–rec same–on page 630 Gee bought Lizza from Henry Crittenden of Northampton, NC for his friendship and one dollar –15 Oct 02–rec 18 Oct 02

### **Southampton County Deed Book 10 1802-1805 LVA Reel # 5**

p. 115–Cromwell X Scott of Sohampton–freedom is natural right of all mankind–frees Negro boy named Nathan Scott born 17 Feb 1800–reserves guardianship until 21–13 April 03–rec 19 July 03–

p. 178–Richard Williamson of Sohampton–deliberation of bill of rights and freedom is natural right and doing unto others frees Negro Dinah abt 40 yrs of age–17 Oct 03–rec same

p. 183–Benjamin Jordan of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees Negro woman Patience aged 27–17 Oct 03–rec same–affirmed by Jn Knox and Isaac M. Knox

p. 210–James Washington of Sohampton–deliberation of bill of rights, freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc-frees Negro James–17 Oct 03–rec same

p 251–John Urquhart on 20 Feb 1804 frees mulatto slave named Jim–rec same

p. 519–Mary X Nursley of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees Negro girl called Milly tucker abt 8 yrs reserving guardianship until 18 on 1 Oct 1815–15 July 05–rec same–

**Southampton County Deed Book 11 1805-09 LVA Reel # 5**

p. 46–Whereas a certain person of color called and known by the name of John Honesty formerly the property of Sarah English of N.C. Was some 5 or 6 months ago brought before the court of Sohampton and tried under an act of the gen assembly entitled an act to reduce into one several acts concerning slaves, free negroes and mulattoes passed 17 Dec 92 as a slave permitted to go at large and hire himself and contrary to the 26<sup>th</sup> section of the said act and whereas the said court of Sohampton that the rights of the said Sarah English in and to the said John could be sold at public auction at the court house the next succeeding court day after passing said Decrees which was accordingly done and Jesse Browne became the purchaser and whereas the said John Honesty after being so purchased by the sd Jesse Browne instituted a suit in the District Court of Suffolk (in forma pauperis) for his freedom according to the act of the gen assembly entitled an act to reduce into one the several acts concerning slave, free negroes, and mulattoes and for other purposes passed the 25 Dec 1795 first and second sections alledging that he was brought from N. C. to Va and kept 12 mos which entitled an act to reduce into one the second acts concerning slaves, free negroes, and mulattoes passed the 17 Dec 1792, Now know all men by these presents that the said Jesse Browne for and in consideration of sundry good services rendered to him by the said John and for Divers other good causes thereunto moving him hath this day emancipated and set free and forever given up unto the said John Honesty all right and claim etc etc–5 Sept 05–rec ? Jan 1806

p. 48–Thomas Vaughan of Sohampton–for divers good causes frees Negro man Kit aged 50 and a Negro girl Fanny abt 9 yrs of age–14 Feb 06–rec 17 Feb [written over Jan] 06

p. 76–James Folk of Sohampton–for divers good causes frees Negro man Toney–30 April 06–rec 19 May 06

p. 160–James Gee of Sohampton–all mankind by nature equally free–frees Negro woman Ursey aged abt 35–17 April 06–rec 15 April 06–followed on page 161 with purchase by Gee of Ursey from James Bradley for divers good causes and 5 shillings–28 Feb 06–rec 15 April 06

p. 163–Faithy X Hurst of Sohampton–mankind are by nature equally free–frees Negro man London aged abt 50–20 April 06–rec 15 April 06–note date of deed follows date of court

p. 164–Benjamin Jordan of Sohampton–freedom is natural right and doing unto others frees Negro man Silas aged 22–20 April 06–rec 15 April 06

**Southampton County Deed Book 12 1808-1812 LVA Reel # 6**

note: many of the pages of this book are illegible—index does not identify nature of documents  
no deeds of manumission observed

**Southampton County Deed Book 13 1812-1814 LVA Reel # 6**

p. 10—Jemimah X Hunt of Southampton for the many good offices rendered me by my man Stephen as well as the natural affection I bear to him frees him—nd March 1812—rec nd March 1812 -his mark

p. 311—17 Jan 1813—overseers of poor for Nottoway Parish and Southampton Co bind Anthony Browne son of Milley Browne a free Negro to Arnold W. Ricks to be brought up as a planter or farmer until he is 21—gets a new suit of apparel at end of apprenticeship—no age given

**Southampton County Deed Book 14 1814-1816 LVA Reel # 6**

p. 351—John Foster of Southampton for divers good causes and considerations manumits and sets free Daniel a Negro man—20 Nov 1815—rec same

end of reel and book

**Southampton County Deed Book 15 1816-1818 LVA Reel # 7**

p. 128—Benjamin Jordan of Southampton believing it my duty to do unto others as I would be done by—emancipates Negro man Willis aged abt 30—16 Aug 1816—rec 16 Sept 1816

p. 162—?? Nov 1816--Henry Walsh and wife Sophia for \$30 sell to Hannah Ricks a free woman of colour now the wife of Craven a Negro man belonging to Lazarus Cobb, 5 acres on north side of Nottoway River—is same land purchased by Walsh from Penny Parker 1 July 1816—rec 29 Nov 1816

p. 267—Osmin Ricks of Southampton—doing unto others as I would be done by frees Negro man Caesar aged abt 40 and Negro man named Robin aged abt 30 yrs—25 June 1817—rec same in clerks office and entered into ct proceedings 21 July 1817

p. 268—Osmin Ricks of Southampton—doing unto others etc—frees Negro man Moses abt 25 yrs—12 July 1817—rec in clerks office 12 June 1817 and into ct proceedings 21 July 1817

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p. 137–James Jackson of Sohampton believing it unjust for one human being to enslave another and deprive him against his will of the profits of his labor have manumitted Pat a Negro woman abt 40 ys of dark complection and her seven children viz William a boy abt 16 mulatto, Tom a boy about 14 mulatto; Chloe Matilda a girl abt 12 mulatto; Peter a boy abt 9 mulatto; Willis a boy abt the age of 7 mulatto; Dick a boy abt the age of 5 mulatto; and Eliza a girl abt the age of 2 mulatto–17 Nov 1818–rec in court proceedings 16 Nov 1818–note way dates work here

p. 141–John Faircloth of Sothampton–for divers good causes frees Peter a mulatto boy abt 5 sometimes called Peter Faircloth–16 Nov 1818–rec same

p. 221–Patty X Evans a free woman of colour of Sohampton–has purchased of William Bryant of Sohampton a black man named Bryant and in consideration of natural love and blessings of freedom frees her husband Bryant–20 January 1819–rec clerks office 15 Feb 1819 and in ct proceedings 15 Mar 1819

p. 290–Samuel Jones of Sohampton believing that personal slavery is inconsistent with the principles of equity and justice frees black man Davy Harvy–no age given–20 June 1819–rec in clerks office 21 June 1819 and in ct proceedings 19 July 1819

p. 302–Samuel Jones of Sohampton–same statement–frees 24 yr old black man named James Harvy–14 Aug 1819–rec 16 Aug 1819

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