

Singletony Family

Historical Papers

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1759

Edward Harrison, Jr to Edward Harrison

The Caroline
County

To all people to whom

of the County and

the said Edward Garrison

affection which I have and do bear unto

to cause and consideration me hereto

by clearly and shortly give grant & confer

or parcel of land lying & being in the

ing of a parcel of land known by

1827 at 89 p. 10 to a stake in the

ning fifty acres be the same more or less

of & upon former by me negotiable letter

under in the thirty first year of our reign

we and to hold the said fifty acres of la

ment ways with water water course

out that unto belonging & the Reverend

to thereof unto him the said Edward Garrison

the said Edward Garrison his heirs & assigns

over the me half of all ards & other

permits only accepted & allowed to the use

Edward Garrison his heirs the said

on this presents shall come Edward Garrison his

rights & interests, and granting, know ye that

it so well for and in consideration of the natural

my well beloved son Edward Garrison so for

owing have given & granted and by these presents

to unto the said Edward Garrison all & singular

County & on the West side of the great Swamp

to the said parcel of land known by

1827 at 89 p. 10 to the beginning

of the said land and the said

that bearing date the twenty sixth day of

of the said Edward Garrison and

and together with all & singular the

rights & interests and appurtenances

to the said Edward Garrison his heirs and

and his heirs to the only proper use benefit and behoof

of the said Edward Garrison his heirs & assigns

all rights & interests in the said

to the said Edward Garrison his heirs and assigns

of the said Edward Garrison his heirs and assigns

Ed or mentioned, to be granted with the ap-
proval of the said Garrison
and every other
or any of them what
Garrison for: and
it may at any time
of the or any part
you in the law of
whether & other laws
now in force, but the

tenance and very part and possible that you
the said Edward Garrison, for & the said and
fully claiming to claim by form or under the
and by the parents and further that he the said
and & power whatsoever lawfully claiming or the
state right title or power to the said proposed
him or any of them upon the aforesaid request
he or anyone shall and will sign seal & deliver any
device or device in the law
of the said, a series of bond commitments and

who hereby grants or mentioned to be granted
unto the said Edward Garrison the said
in the law of the said or may be aforesaid
said Garrison he shall be bound to do
our Lord me the said Edward Garrison
ed Seal & Delivered
the parents of me
Robson for
in

with the spirit & tenance and very part & power
I have to by him or them or by me or their Council
I was advised or required for witness who say the
that the said day of October in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and thirty seven
The word and
before me
W. Mason County
Ctada David 1837
The above was acknowledged in open
Court by the said Edward Garrison
to our face of me
D. H. Garrison

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of October 1837
D. H. Garrison

granted or mentioned to be granted with the
 the said Edward Garrison his heirs & assigns against
 against all & every other person & persons whatsoever
 them or any of them what so ever and further that the
 Edward Garrison his heirs & all and every other person
 shall or may at any time or times hereafter (them or any of them)
 premises or any part thereof by force or violence or wrong
 & changes in the law of the said Edward Garrison his heirs
 such further & other reasonable Dues or Fees or charges
 whatsoever for or better enjoyment and comfort
 I make hereby to grant or mentioned to be granted
 thereof unto the said Edward Garrison his heirs
 learned in the law that it may be lawfully done
 and Edward Garrison his heirs & assigns but his heirs
 year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eight
 signed sealed & delivered
 In the presence of us
 The Robson for
 John Robson

tenance and every part and parcel thereof
 the said Edward Garrison his heirs & assigns
 fully claiming or to claim by force or violence
 and by their force and further that the
 and persons whatsoever lawfully lawfully
 or Edward Garrison his heirs or Edward Garrison
 premises or any part thereof by force or violence
 such further & other reasonable Dues or Fees or charges
 at the said Edward Garrison his heirs & assigns
 with the aforesaid tenance and every part
 of the same by him or them or by his or their
 and advised or required for his heirs & assigns
 and that the said Edward Garrison his heirs & assigns
 by some
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and seal this
 the 10th day of June
 1788
 John Robson
 The above Robson was
 signed by the said Edward Garrison
 in the presence of us
 John Robson

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708 2/3

Edward Garrison Esq
To
No. 25 South Street
Boston

My dear Sir

Received in the Register Office
in Boston County in Book P. p. 95.
Attest
J. B. [Signature]

1772

Joseph Singletary will

In the Name of God Amen the fourth Day of July
in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred
and Seventy Two I Joseph Singletary of the County of
Bladen and Province of North Carolina Being of perfect
Mind and Memory and Understanding do make and Ordain
this my Last will and Testament

Impresis It is my will and I do Order that in the first place all
my Just Debt and Funeral Charges be first paid and satisfied

Item It is my will and Desire that my Children shall be
schooled out of my whole Estate what ever my Executors
hereafter Mentioned shall think Sufficient

Item It is my Will and Desire that my Beloved wife Mary
Singletary enjoy my whole Estate Both Real and Personal
~~During her Widowhood except the schooling of the Children~~
~~but in case she marries that immediately after that~~
she is to have one third part of all the Remainder of
my Moveable or Personal Estate Laid off to her by my
Executors hereafter Mentioned to her and her Heirs and
assigns for ever

Item It is my Will and Desire the other Two thirds of my Personal
Estate Likewise all my Real Estate be Equally Divided
Amongst my Children when the Youngest Arrives to the age
of Fourteen Years old. But in case their Mother is then
Living in Widowhood the Real Estate not to be divided
while she Remains in that State to them their Heirs
Executors admin^{rs} and assigns for ever

And I do hereby Utterly Disallow Revoke
and Disannul all other former wills by me made, And I do
Declare this and No other to be my Last will and Testament
and I do hereby Nominate ordain and Appoint my Two
Sons

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this my Last will and Testament

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assigns for ever

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and Disannul all other former wills by me made, And I do
Declare this and No other to be my Last will and Testament
and I do hereby Nominate ordain and Appoint my Two
Brothers Benjamin Fitzgouldph and Thomas Singularly
to be my Executors of this my

Last will and Testament
I have
hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and Year

His Majesty's Captain-General
JOSIAH MARTIN, ESQ.
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
NORTH-CAROLINA.

First Witness

Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared
by the Testator to be his Last will and Testament
in the presence of the Subscribers Who subscribed
Our Names in the presence of the Testator

John Soynter
Mary Soynter
Brayton Singletary

Joseph Singletary *(Seal)*

North Carolina }
Bladen County }

November Court 1744

Be it Remembered that the Execution of
the Original ^{will} was proved in open Court by the
Oath of John Soynter who swore that he did see Joseph

Singletary sign Seal publish and declare this
to be his last will & testament at the same
time Mary Soynter ~~Brayton~~ Singletary
signed Concurring evidence thereto

Test

Naturin Phillie

North Carolina }
Weldon County }

November Court

• We Remember that the Execution of
• the Original ^{Will} was proved in open Court by the
• Oath of John Payne who swore that he did see Joseph

Singletary sign Seal publish and declare the
to be his last Will & Testament at the same

time Mary Payne ~~Witness~~ Singletary
signed Concurring Evidence thereto

Test

John Payne

[Signature]

1786

Edward Harrison deceased

North Carolina
Blount County
May 20th 1832

and pursuant of Edward Strain or deceased is
I want to say for the service of Stephen Child.

This certifies that the whole of the estate was

John H. Child
J. Child

106-2-8
12-10

118-12-8

113-16-10

5-15-10

The land was sold July the eight
and bought by me John P. Ryan 1988

1788

**Sarah & Edward Harrison deceased
Ralph Regan guardian**

Their said Robert Rogers together with the said James for various reasons
 willing as well more fully to know the Return of the said David of Execution by me as
 if appeared to the County Court of Peter, & Quarter of Peter for the last County of Middle
 of said County in August the said James returned to the County of Middle of Peter and
 of the said John with Sheriff of the said County of Middle of Peter and
 one of the said Sheriff of Peter in last year made & showed and Peter in con-
 tin of the above mentioned sum of twenty five pounds one shilling to me in hand said
 King of Peter the Receipt thereof to the said Robert Rogers with given granted bargain
 & bought & bought and by the present with Grant bargain with bought and bought
 said Abraham Barron the said and bought for and all the other right title
 that the said John Barron the said and bought for and all the other right title
 said David and the other bargain & bargain to the said David he bought in any
 whatsoever. We have & to hold all the other bargain to the said Abraham
 on his heirs & assigns for ever in full with bought the said John of Peter
 a selling said David the 6 day of

John Smith

Seal

(Witnessed in the 10th time before the said
 being by the said James the said Robert Rogers
 at Peter

Signed sealed & Delivered
 in presence of

Robert Rogers

Wm. Lloyd Garrison
to
Wm. L. Garrison
100 Days

Nov 11, 1838

This deed was acknowledged
in your Court and records
be registered

Wm. L. Garrison

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Registered in the Registry
Office of the State in Book
& page 81 June 25 1838

Wm. L. Garrison

1805

Shadrack Cook deed to Jonathan Singletary

Shadrach book

To
Jonathan Singletary

This due was acknowledged
in Open Court by Shadrach
ack book and ordered to be
Registered March Term
1806 attest J. L. Purdie Clk

Registered in the High

Office of the Admiralty

Book (H) page

(500) 9th of June

1806

J. Ellis Reg^r

This Indenture made this seventh day
Thousand eight hundred and five between the
State of North Carolina of the one part and
and State aforesaid of the other part Witness
consideration of the sum of one hundred and so
the said Jonathan Slightary at and before
payment whereof is hereby acknowledged. He the
herby bargain sell alien enfeoff and confirm in
executors and assigns forever a certain piece
situate lying and being as follows on East Side
Oak about one hundred yards above Edward
South twenty East one hundred and twenty
hundred and ten poles to a pine tree North
down the swamp to the beginning patented
Also one other tract joining the above on
John Harrison beginning at a pine and
and so forth as the same North eight

of ~~the~~ December in the year of our Lord one
Shadruck Cook of the County of Samson and
Jonathan Singletary of the County of Bladen
that the said Shadruck Cook for and in
twenty five pounds specie to him in hand paid by
making and signing of these presents the said
said Shadruck Cook for himself and his heirs &c.
to him the said Jonathan Singletary his heirs &c.
a parcel of land in the County of Bladen
of the great Swamp Beginning at a small red
Harrison's upper line on the Swamp thence
to a pine thence North twenty East one
twenty west sixty to the swamp thence
to John Harrison and containing fifty Acres
the East side and was patented by the said
Running North ten west forty four Chains
East ~~to~~ twenty two Chains and thirty six links
bars and twenty three links thence South thirty
to the beginning as appears by the patent this
piece or parcel of land with all ways woods
longing or appertaining the said Shadruck Cook
thence ~~to~~ hath hereby sold set over
to the said Jonathan Singletary his heirs
the said Shadruck Cook for himself his heirs
to and with the said

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Harrison's upper line on the swamp thence
to a pine thence North twenty East one
twenty west sixty to the swamp thence
to John Harrison and containing fifty Acres
the East side and was patented by the said
Running North ten west forty four Chains
East ~~to~~ twenty two Chains and thirty six links
bars and twenty three links thence South thirty
to the beginning as appears by the patent this
piece or parcel of land with all ways woods
longing or appertaining to the said Shadwick Cook
store ~~and~~ bath hereby sold set over
to the said Jonathan Singletary his heirs
the said Shadwick Cook for himself his heirs
heirs and assigns to and with the said
Singulars and Assigns that the said Shadwick
shall and will warrant and forever defend the
rights of its members and Appurtenances free
from whatsoever unto the said Jonathan Singletary
Singulars and Assigns forever in witness whereof
hand and seal the day and year and year

+ Shadwick Cook

of the great
Harrison's up
to a firm to
Twenty West
John Harrison
the East Side
Running North
East towards

three South ten Degrees east forty four Bars and Twenty
West twenty two Bars and thirty six links to the beginning
this day delivered with the Deed which said pieces or parcels
waters and every other appurtenance thereto belonging or appur
for himself his heirs executors administrators ~~and assigns~~
conveyed released and confirmed in open market to the said
executors administrators and assigns and the said Shadruck
executors and administrators both hereby Covenant and po
for that as Singletary his heirs executors administrators and by
book his heirs executors and administrators shall and with
said pieces or parcels of land with all and every of its memb
from all lawful claim of any person or persons whatsoever
Singletary his heirs executors administrators and assigns
the said Shadruck book hath hereunto set his hand and seal
Above written

Test Joseph Singletary
Test Josiah Singletary

1842

Account of Jonathan Singletary

June 30	2 1/2 ^{lb} Coffee 15 [¢]	375	
" "	1 lb Sugar	125	
" "	2 yds. Muslin 67 [¢]	<u>125</u>	5:72 [¢]
Sept. 19	10 ^{lb} Coffee		1 66
" 24	1 lb Sugar	30	30
" "	1 lb Coffee	<u>12</u>	42
Oct. 12	1 Box P. Pills		50
May 24	20 ^{lb} Coffee		2 80
July 23	2 1/2 ^{lb} Coffee 111 [¢]	364	
" "	8 yds. Calico 37 [¢]	300	
" "	1 Spool. Cotton	<u>4</u>	6:70
" "	1 ^{lb} Epsom Salt		15
Sept 15	30 ^{lb} Coffee 14 [¢]		4:35
Nov. 5	1 Box Salt		46 [¢] ² / ₃
" 30	48 ^{lb} Coffee 111 [¢]		6:29
" "	1 Box P. Pills		50
" "	1/2 ^{lb} Pepper		10
" "	1 Quintet		15
Jan 15	1 ^{lb} Rais		10
" 18	1/2 ^{lb} Spice		<u>10</u>
			35:09

1841		
May 24	By Cash	\$6 00
" "	10 ^{lb} Bill	75
" "	10 ^{lb} Butter	2 1/2
" "	5 1/2 yds. 40 cent. Dress 87 [¢]	<u>2 62[¢]</u>
		\$11:63 [¢]

Pal. Dec 23. 1842

Recd on the above acc. \$11:63[¢] this Feb 22. 1842
 W. B. Robinson

1843

**Daniel Nance, Joshua Nance, & Joseph Nance
Agreement Note**

State of North Carolina Bladen County
Whereas We Daniel Stance Joshua L
Stance and Joseph Stance all of the said
County and State as before mentioned do hereby
acknowledge each of us indebted to the
others in the sum of four hundred dollars
lawful money to which payment each of us
do bind ourselves our heirs and assigns in
case that either of us shall fail to pay in
the Condition here after named dated the
15th of July 1843 and sealed accordingly
The Condition of the above is such that if

Don. McNamee did Choose Don Singletary Sen.
Joshua DeVance Colin Monroe and Joseph DeVance
Rowland Singletary for the purpose of valuing
each ^{lot} as already ^{by us} divided and laid off and in case
that either of us do not comply in giving this
note in whatever sum may be agreed and consider
ed justly ^{due} as Valued by the above named individuals
by us chosen if complied with this to be void other
wise to remain in full force and Virtue July 15th 1843

Witness
Colin Monroe
Rowland Singletary

Daniel McNamee Seal
Joshua DeVance Seal
Joseph DeVance Seal

1844

Letter from Thomasville, GA to Jonathan Singletary from his brother who died before finishing letter. Finished by son Josiah Singletary

Thomas [unclear]

Dear Brother I now am
and family are all spared until the present
of action enjoying a reasonable portion of health for we
blessing I would wish to be truly thankful hoping these
few lines may reach you and yours enjoying the blessing
of good health. There has been the most sickness in this
section of country that ever has been since I have been
in this part of the country and some deaths David Singletary
son Edward is dead old So. Wood rat Singletary and Willie
Singletarys son So has all had a severe spell of the chill
and fever but they appear to be recruiting the rest of the
connection I believe the rest of the connection is in reason-
able health at present. I have great reason to be intirely
thankful to the Almighty for his mercy toward us it is going
on eight years since we came to this place and we have
never had the fever in our families as to myself I expect I
have enjoyed as good health for twelve months past as I
~~have in several years. But the power of my mind and~~
body is fast declining I am nearly worn out with old age
and certain I am that a few more days or months will
finish my existance here but I entertain a hope that
I shall leave my sorrow here and arrive to that
good world where the wicked cease ^{to} trouble and the
weary are at rest. The crops in general in this
country is not very good the first of the summer was
rather dry and the latter part uncommon wet which
was an injury to crops of every description but corn
and peas in particular. But I think there is plenty of

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country is not very good the first of the summer was
rather dry and the latter part uncomon wet which
was an injury to crops of every description but cotton
and pears in particular. But I think there is plenty of
support made. Cotton is worth from 6 dollars and a half
to seven per h^r but pork from 3 to 4 dollars per h^r wt
Corn from 30 to 50 ct per bushel coffee from 8 to 12 pounds
to the dollar salt 2 dollars and 75 ct per sack ~~and dry~~
and ^{all} kind dry goods intirely cheap

December

me to

is a great comfort
dear old Brother

to mourn in these ~~low~~ lands

that I departed this life in the lively hopes of a
better resurrection I want you when you receive this to write
to me and let me hear how my brother disposed of his
property and who he left Executors to his will some of them
has told me they would be glad to hear although they
expected nothing themselves. We have met with a considerable
loss about two weeks past we killed about 1530 wt of an nice
pork I think as we ever had and every joint of it is
spitt and a number of the neighbors has shared the same
gate

May the ^{3rd} 1844

Dear Uncle I have to inform you that Father
has left us he departed this life on the
14 of April. he began to write this
letter before he rec'd yours and he began
to get worse with that Swelling in his leg
and he kept getting worse till he Died
he was confined to his bed from the last of
January till the 14 of April when
he died he was deranged and crazy
for three Months we thought it was right
to send it to you The Family connection
is all well as far as I know Uncle Jonathan
I want you to write to me as soon as you
receive this we all wish to be remembered
to you and family and to all enquiring
friends if any in that Country I must

... I want you when you receive this to write
me and let me hear how my brother disposed of his
estate and who he left Executors to his will some of them
told me they would be glad to hear although they
acted nothing themselves. We have met with a considerable
about two weeks past we killed about 1530 wt of an animal
I think as we ever had and every joint of it is
salt and a number of the neighbors have shared the same
to

May the 3rd 1844

Dear Uncle I have to inform you that Father
has left us he departed this life on the
14 of April. he began to write this
letter before he died yours and he began
to get worse with the Lwimming in his head
and he kept getting worse till he died
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he died he was deranged and crazy.
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to send it to you The Family connection
is all well as far as I know Uncle Jonathan
I want you to write to me as soon as you
receive this we all wish to be remembered
to you and family and to all enquiring
friends if any in that country I must come
to a close by saying I remain your
affectionate Nephew till death

Josiah Singletary

Number
me to

is great enough
dear old Brother

is now in their long lands

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May the 3: 1844

Dear Uncle I have to inform you that Mother
has left us he departed this life on the
14 of April he began to write this
letter before he was 9 years and he began
to get some with that business in his hand
and he he's getting worse till he died
he was confined to his bed from the last of
January till the 14 of April when



THOMASVILLE
MAY 31
GA

The
Superintendent
of
Prisons

Elizabeth City

Bladen County

W. A. G. A.