

**ABNER BAILIFF BY REBECCA BAILIFF HIS MOTHER AND NATURAL
GUARDIAN PURCHASED 140 ACRES FROM JAMES WATSON ON WATSON
CREEK IN ORANGE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA 1785**

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This indenture made this **21st day of August in the year of our Lord 1785**. Between **JAMES WATSON** of the State of North Carolina and County of Orange, of the one part and **ABNER BAILIFF** by **REBECCA BALIFF** his mother and natural guardian of the same place of the other part. Witness that the said **JAMES** for and in consideration of the sum of twenty pounds in hand paid by the said **REBECCA** his mother and natural guardian of the said **ABNER** to the said **JAMES** the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained sold and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell unto the said **ABNER** his heirs and assigns forever that tract or parcel of land **CONTAINING 140 ACRES** more or less situate lying and being in Orange County in **WATSON CREEK**. Beginning at a Black Oak a binding corner of the said tract running the South thirty three chains to a Spanish Oak. Then East 37 chains to a stake. Then North sixteen chains to a W.O. [white oak]. Then East 10 chains to a Red Oak. Then North 17 chains B.O. [black oak]. Then West 47 chains to the first station **CONTAINING 140 ACRES OF LAND** be the same more or less **IT BEING PART OF 300 ACRES OF LAND** for which the said **JAMES** hath lately obtained a grant from the secretary's office. To have and to hold the aforesaid bargained premises to him the said **ABNER** his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof the said **JAMES HATH** hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

JAMES WATSON

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of **THOMAS MULHOLLUN** Jurat.

PHILLIP AUSTIN ORANGE COUNTY AUGUST COURT TERM 1785

The execution of the within deed was duly proved in open court by the oath of **THOMAS MULHOLLUN** and ordered to be registered. **L.Z. BENTON CC**

SOURCE: Deed Bk 2, Page 168, Orange County, North Carolina 1785.