

**THOMAS BALIFF BY REBECCA BALIFF HIS MOTHER AND NATURAL  
GUARDIAN BUYS 150 ACRES FROM JAMES WATSON ON WATSON CREEK IN  
ORANGE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA 1785**

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**Watson to Baliff.**

This Indenture made this **21<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1785**. Between **J[ames] WATSON** of the state of North Carolina and County of Orange of the one part and **THOMAS BALIFF** by **REBECCA BALIFF** his mother and natural guardian of the same place of the other part. Witnesseth that the sd. **JAMES** the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enseossed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien and confirm unto the said **THOMAS** his heirs and assigns forever that tract or parcel of land **CONTAINING 150 ACRES**, situate, lying and being in **ORANGE COUNTY** on **WATSON CREEK**. Beginning at a Black Jack running South 23 chains B.O. then E. 43 chains B.O. then North 43 West of then West 77 chains P.O. then South 20 chains P.O. then West 20 chains to the first station **CONTAING 150 ACRES OF LAND** by the same more or less. It being part of **300 ACRES OF LAND** for which the said **JAMES** hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

**JAMES WATSON**

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

**ORANGE COUNTY AUGUST TERM 1785**

The execution of the within deed from **JAMES WATSON** to **THOS BALIFF** was duly proved in open court by the oath of **THOMAS MULHOLLUN** a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered.

**L.Z. BENTON CC**

**SOURCE:** Orange County, North Carolina, Deed Bk. 2, Pages 164 & 165.