

THE COPES FAMILY  
of  
Accomack County, Virginia  
Four Early Generations

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## Foreword

The Copes name has been spelled several different ways in the records. The earliest form of the name was Cope, but it has also been found as Coupes and Coapes. The first Giles Copes was called Guiles Cope at one point.

Until 1 January 1752, New Year's Day was on the 25th of March. January, February and the first 24 days of March all had the same year date as the preceeding December. In this report, wherever appropriate, the date has been written as found in the records, followed by the year that would conform to the present calendar.

The enclosed copies are all from original records, except the typewritten one. In 1932, the Accomack County Clerk of Court had three volumes of Wills & Etc, 1692-1715, transcribed. The original volumes were then withdrawn from public use, since they had been "greatly mutilated by long use and (are) gradually disintegrating".

Giles Copes, II, who died intestate in 1730/1, had other sons in addition to Peter Parker Copes. Apparently, Robert Copes, who died testate in 1766, was his son. Robert lived<sup>in</sup> Upper Accomack County. In 1746, he bought 100 acres near our home farm on Horntown Road, in the New Church area. His will named his sons as Daniel, Giles, Peter, and Jesse Copes. The only Copes families in this area today are African Americans.

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Giles Copes  
The First Generation

The name of Giles Copes first appears in Eastern Shore of Virginia records on 28 June 1648, when he was listed as one of eight headrights by Mr. William Andrews, when Andrews was granted four hundred acres of land.<sup>1</sup> A new patent was granted to Major William Andrews on 24 February 1654 for 1500 acres "at great Nuswattucks Creek".<sup>2</sup> This patent included the original 400 acres and the same eight headrights were named for it. The land was located in present-day Accomack County, just below Pungoteague.<sup>3</sup>

Giles Copes had married by 22 December 1660, when he and his wife Margaret lost a daughter named Ann.<sup>4</sup> He and Margaret had a daughter, Margaret Copes, born on 23 June 1661.<sup>5</sup>

Giles Copes is listed as a tithable (a person to be taxed) in Accomack County for the year of 1664.<sup>6</sup> His name continued to appear in the tithable lists through 1677,<sup>7</sup> when he apparently moved into Northampton County. However, on 8th 7ber (September) 1686, Ruth Copes, "aged 30 years or thereabout", appeared in the Accomack County Court to give a deposition concerning the nuncupative will of William Williams.<sup>8</sup> Since she was obviously by then the wife of Giles Copes (he named Ruth as his wife in his will), she must have traveled from Northampton County to testify. The Copes name does not appear at all in the index of Accomack County Wills, Deeds & Orders 1678-1682.

On 17 October 1670, Giles Copes appealed to the Accomack County Court that he had purchased land from Lt. Isaac Foxcroft but had received no title to it.<sup>9</sup> The Court ordered Foxcroft to give Copes a title "at the next court". This land was located east of present-day Exmore.<sup>10</sup>

Giles Copes was apparently living on this land on 23 July 1696, when he wrote his will.<sup>11</sup> The will was recorded on 1 March 1696/7. He gave his "plantation

where I now live with two hundred acres of land belonging to it" to his son Thomas Copes, providing Thomas pay his brother Giles Copes 4000 pounds of tobacco. He made his wife Ruth Copes his executrix and named a daughter as Mary Cobb, the wife of Samuel Cobb. He gave "all the rest of my children" 12 pence each.

Giles Copes first named as a headright on  
28 June 1648

At a Court of the Corporation of the City of London  
28th of June 1648  
Present the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council  
of the City of London  
In the presence of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council  
of the City of London  
The Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council  
of the City of London  
The Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council  
of the City of London

to order that m. H. n. Andrews shall have a  
share of the land of the City of London in the  
City of London for the transportation of the  
which map is and Subscribes  
→ Giles Cope - The Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council  
The Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council  
The Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council  
The Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council

+ In the Name of God Amen I Giles Copes of the County of Northampton in Virginia beinge sick and weak of body but of perfect sense and memory (Praised be God free) doe make this my last will and Testament:

Imprimis I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly Father hopinge of forgiveness for all my sinnes in and through the merits of Jesus Christ mine alone Saviour and my body I give to the Earth desiringe Christian Buriall as for my worldly Estate I give as followeth.

I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Copes my plantation where I now live with two hundred acres of Land belonging to it as the said Thomas Copes payinge to his Brother Giles Copes four thousand pounds of Tobacco & caskes. But and if my son Thomas dislike of payinge the said summe of four thousand pounds of Tobacco that then the said two hundred acres of Land to be equally divided betwixt my said son Thomas Copes and Giles Copes, and so to remaine for them & their heirs for ever. But my will is that neither of my said sons Thomas & Giles shall not disturb my beloved wife Ruth Copes of her house and close ground and orchard that now is but she the said Ruth Copes to enjoy the same duringe her widowhood but my said sons may cleare and build in the woods & distant from the plantation not disturbinge their mother.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Cobb the wife of Samuel Cobb one small featherbed but fillinge for one body to lye on with a bolster and blanket: also the 23<sup>rd</sup> of my children I give twelve pence a peece.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife all the 23<sup>rd</sup> of my whole movables to her & to her disposinge. And I doe make my beloved wife Ruth Copes my sole executrix & Receivinge all other wills I make and ordaine this my last will & Testament. In witness hereof I sett my hand & soule this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1696

Witnessed in the presence of  
us the undersigned

Giles Copes

Giles Copes, II  
The Second Generation

Giles Copes, II, the son of Giles Copes and his first wife Margaret, was born circa 1665. He married circa 1690, Elizabeth Parker, a daughter of Peter Parker. This marriage is stated in an Accomack County deed dated 1 January 1710/11, in which Peter Parker's 330 acres of land was divided between his four daughters and their husbands and says that by this date, Giles Copes had bought one-fourth of the land from Parker's daughter Rachel and her husband, Sebastian Cropper.<sup>12</sup> This last deed was written on 2 November 1708 and was for 83 acres "at Nuswadox Creek neare Metomkin". Giles Copes paid Sebastian Cropper and wife Rachel 12,000 pounds tobacco for their share of the 330 acres.<sup>13</sup> The land was located slightly north of present-day Accomac and east of the highway.<sup>14</sup> It was south of Parkers Creek and can be found today near the end and north of Baylys Neck Road. Peter Parker's daughter Mary had married Thomas Copes, brother to Giles Copes, II, and the fourth daughter, Sarah, married Samuel Simpson.

On 4 March 1728/9, Giles Copes, planter, gave to his son, Peter Parker Copes, the 83 acres he had purchased of Sebastian Cropper and "Rachel his wife deceased, joining land I had with my deceased wife Elizabeth and upon the Land of Samuel Simpson".<sup>15</sup> This Giles Copes was deceased by 6 January 1730/1, intestate, when Peter Parker Copes, his administrator, presented his inventory for the records.<sup>16</sup>



oake, and from thence to a marked white oake standing upon y<sup>e</sup>: branch side, all which s<sup>d</sup> bounds as afores<sup>d</sup>: are Lade out by y<sup>e</sup>: Consent of the parties afores<sup>d</sup>: which was the s<sup>d</sup> Giles Copes and Elizabeth his wife Thomas Copes and Mary his wife and Samuall Simson & Sarah his wife our and Every of oure heires Executors, Adm<sup>rs</sup>: and Assignes doth Covenant Article and Agree by these psents that the aforesd: bounds of y<sup>e</sup>: afores<sup>d</sup>: lines that devides the neck between the s<sup>d</sup> Giles Copes for the one halfe Thomas Copes and Samuall Simson the other halfe and the s<sup>d</sup> Divitionall line that devides y<sup>e</sup>: other halfe between the said Thomas Copes and the s<sup>d</sup> Samuall Simson are hereby Rattified and Confirmed to be true deviding lines of the afores<sup>d</sup>: Neck and to stand and remaine unaltered for Ever, and further it is Covenanted and Agreed by the parties afores<sup>d</sup>: that when it shall be thought fitt by the s<sup>d</sup> Giles Copes to put a fence along the devitionall line that devides that part between the said Giles Copes and Thomas Copes and Samuall Simson as aforesaid the s<sup>d</sup> Fence shall be made and sett up at the proper Cost and Charge of the s<sup>d</sup> Giles Copes his heirs or assignes; and the other Fence that devides the other part of the s<sup>d</sup> Land between the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Copes and the s<sup>d</sup> Samuall Simson whensoever the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Copes Intends to make & sett up the Fence along the s<sup>d</sup> line it shall be at the proper Cost and Charge of y<sup>e</sup>: s<sup>d</sup>: Thomas Copes; and it is further Covenanted and agreed by the parties afores<sup>d</sup>: that whensoever the s<sup>d</sup> Land is Fenced as afores<sup>d</sup>: then it shall be Lawfull for the s<sup>d</sup> Samuall Simson his heirs or assignes for Ever to have the benifitt and previllidge of the s<sup>d</sup> Fence to Joyne where he pleaseth without any molestation disturbance or hinderance of the s<sup>d</sup> Giles Copes and Elizabeth his wife and Thomas Copes and Mary his wife their and Every or Either of their heirs &c: for Ever and further it is Covenanted and agreed by the parties; as afores<sup>d</sup>: their heires &c that when Soever the rest and Ressidue of the aforesaid Land without the neck belonging to the s<sup>d</sup> Devident of three hundred thirty three Acres of Land should be thought fitt by y<sup>e</sup>: parties afores<sup>d</sup> to be divided the said Giles Copes his heirs & assignes shall have the one moiety or half part of y<sup>e</sup>: s<sup>d</sup> Land adjoining to his Land in the Neck and the other Moiety or half part to be divided between the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Copes and Samuall Simson and the heirs and Assignes; and it is Further Covenanted and ~~agreed~~ <sup>agreed</sup> between the parties afores<sup>d</sup> that soe long as the s<sup>d</sup> devitionall lines as afores<sup>d</sup> in the neck as afores<sup>d</sup> remaine unfenced the s<sup>d</sup> Giles Copes his heirs & assignes shall not keep within the neck above forty head of Cattle & horses and the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Copes & Samuall Simson their heirs and Assignes shall not keep above twenty head of Cattle & horses Each within y<sup>e</sup>: s<sup>d</sup> neck wee Giles Copes and Elizabeth his wife Thomas Copes and Mary his wife and Samuall Simson and Sarah his wife their & Every of their heires Executors Administrators or Assignes &c Doth hereby Covenant promise & agree to Fullfill and performe all and Every of y<sup>e</sup>: Abovesaid Articles






- IN WITNESS whereof wee the parties here underneath have hereunto sett our hands and fixed oure seales this first day of January An DOM: 1710

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED )

in the psents of us - - - )

( Interlined y<sup>e</sup>: words to Joyne where he )  
( pleased in y<sup>e</sup>: two & fortyeth before )  
( signed )

Henry Custis  
his  
James J Vaulx  
mark  
Seb: Cropper  
Cha: Snead

his  
Giles ) ) Copes   
mark  
her mark  
Elizabeth / Copes   
his mark  
Thomas T C Copes   
her mark  
Mary X Copes   
Samuall Simson   
her mark  
Sarah S S Simson 

The within Instrument in  
writing was Acknowledged in  
open Co<sup>rt</sup>: of Accomack County by  
Giles Copes Thomas Copes & Samuall  
Simson as their Acts & Deeds June y<sup>e</sup>

The land of Peter Parker divided between his  
four daughters

ARTICLES of Agreement made, Concluded and agreed upon by and between Giles Copes and Elizabeth his wife Thomas Copes and Mary his wife and Samuell Simson and Sarah his wife their heirs Executors Administrators and assignes as Followeth viz<sup>t</sup>: Whereas William Parker Mary Selby formerly Mary Parker together with her husband Daniel Selby did by a Certain deed bearing date September the 19<sup>th</sup>: 1693 and now upon Record in Accomack County did Give, Grant, Bargaine, Sell Assigne & sett over unto Elizabeth Parker Mary Parker Rachell Parker and Sarah Parker, daughters to Petter Parker dec<sup>d</sup>: a Certain dividint or Tract of Land Containeing three hundred thirty three Acres Cituate lying and being in Accomack County on the seaboard side and bounded as Followeth Easterly bounded one a Fork of Naswatux Creek and southerly on a branch of y<sup>e</sup>: afores<sup>d</sup> Creek which devides between William Parkers Dwelling Plantation and the s<sup>d</sup> Land Notherly bounded by another Branch of the s<sup>d</sup> Creek which devides between the Land which belonged to Isaack Dix deceased and the s<sup>d</sup> three hundred thirty and three acres of Land and westerly Runing up in the woods as fur as the Three hundred thirty three acres of Land shall Extend, the s<sup>d</sup> Land to be Equally devided between the aforesaid foure Daughters; and whereas Giles Copes hath married w<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth one of the afores<sup>d</sup> foure daughters, Thomas Copes hath married with Mary one other of the afores<sup>d</sup> foure daughters, Sebastian Croper hath married with Rachell one other of the afores<sup>d</sup> foure daughters and Samuell Simson hath married with Sarah the other of y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> foure daughters; all w<sup>ch</sup> became possessed of the Land as afores<sup>d</sup> and Sebastian Croper & Rachell his wife haveing sold their Quarter part of the s<sup>d</sup> Land to Giles Copes which w<sup>ch</sup> Gives him Right to one Moiety or halfe part of the s<sup>d</sup> Land NOW KNOW YEE that Wee Giles Copes and Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Copes and Mary his wife, and Samuell Simson and Sarah his wife their heirs and assignes for Ever, doth Covenant Article and Agree and by these presents hath Covenanted Articled and Agreed to divide the neck being part of the s<sup>d</sup> Land by meets and bounds, that is to say one moiety or halfe parte to the s<sup>d</sup> Giles Copes & the other moiety or halfe part to Thomas Copes, and Samuell Simson, by mutiall Consent of the s<sup>d</sup> Giles Copes & Elizabeth his wife Thomas Copes and Mary his wife and Samuell Simson and Sarah his wife, the bounds of the deviding line for the moiety or halfe part of the neck are as Followeth viz<sup>t</sup>: begining at a marked read oake standing upon the marsh towards the sea side thence notherly by a line of marked trees to a Read oake standing at the Road side w<sup>ch</sup> Moiety or halfe part belonging to the s<sup>d</sup> Giles Copes is y<sup>e</sup> westernmost bounds, then the devitionall line that devides the other Moiety or halfe part of the s<sup>d</sup> neck between Thomas Copes and Mary his wife and Samuell Simson and Sarah his wife is as Followeth viz<sup>t</sup>: begining at a marked Pine standing upon a Read banke Towards the sea side and from thence to a marked Read oake saplin standing in the Corne field and from thence to a marked saplin Hickery standing about halfe way from y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Road

Peter Parker Copes  
The Third Generation

Peter Parker Copes, son of Giles Copes, II, and wife Elizabeth Parker Copes, was born circa 1700. His father gave him half of his land in March 1728/9 and he inherited the balance at his father's death in 1730. He then owned circa 165 acres.

Peter Parker Copes married Rhoda Simpson, widow of Thomas Simpson, Jun<sup>r</sup>, circa 1728. This is shown by a deed of 27 July 1756, in which Peter Parker Copes and wife Rhoda, for 5 pounds, deed to Southy Simpson, Gent, all their right of dower Rhoda had in the estate of Thomas Simpson.<sup>17</sup> Southy Simpson was Rhoda's son by her first marriage.

Peter Parker Copes wrote his will on 11 February 1760 and it was recorded on 26 February of the same year.<sup>18</sup> He left his land and plantation to sons Charles Copes and Parker Copes, after the death of his wife Rhody, who he made executrix. He named two younger sons as Thomas Copes and Solomon Copes. When the will was recorded, it was written that his son Parker was actually another Peter Parker Copes, the heir-at-law (eldest son).

This Indenture made this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno Dom. 1682  
between Peter Parker Copes and Rhoda his wife of Accomack County in  
of the One Part & Southy Simpson of the Same place of the other  
Witnesse that the said Peter Parker Copes & Rhoda his wife for  
of the Sum of Five hundred Current Money of Virginia to him the said  
the Sealing & Delivring hereof the receipt whereof the said Peter Parker Copes & Rhoda  
and thereunto doth Assent & Discharge the said Southy Simpson his Heirs & Assigns  
and all to the said Southy Simpson his Heirs & Assigns for ever all the Right Title Interest  
& Demand whatsoever which together Peter Parker Copes & Rhoda his wife have or right of  
them as Donors of the said Southy Simpson late of the County of West of Accomack  
Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying & being in Accomack County of Virginia by  
lot or division One hundred & twenty Acres of Land more or less with all the Rights &  
privileges thereto belonging Excepting a certain certain Parcel of Land &  
Appurtenances containing by lot or division forty Acres of Land more or less situate in  
Eastward of the said Tract & enclosed in a line beginning at a Marked black gum Tree  
standing on or near the Line that Divides the County granted by the said Southy Simpson  
as from the Land of Gen. Middleton to the Eastward of the said Middleton's house &  
from thence running with a right Line parallel to the great County Line untill it  
intersects the Line of Solomon Dias Land which is hereby declared not to be granted  
and sold with the rest of the said Tract of one hundred & twenty Acres of Land to  
have and to hold the said hereby granted bargained and sold Land and Appur-  
tenances except as before excepted to the said Southy Simpson his Heirs and Assigns  
for ever to the Only Use and behoof of the said Southy Simpson his Heirs & Assigns for ever and  
no other Use or Uses whatsoever In Testimony whereof the said Peter Parker Copes & Rhoda  
their Presents interchangeably affixed their hands & Seals the Day & Year above mentioned  
Peter Parker Copes (S) Rhoda Copes (S) Signed sealed & Delivered in Presence of  
A. B. Present with all the appurtenances thereto belonging & these words to the said  
Southy Simpson were entered before the sealing & delivery as also the date is now

In the Name of God Broom this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1760  
 Peter Parker Copes of Accomack County Survisor of the County being wife  
 Althy my Land and Plantation together with my lands situate in all  
 the rest of my Estate Real and Personal during her widowhood and after  
 Marriage or Death Disposes of my Estate in manner and form following  
 Item I give to my sons Charles Copes and Parker Copes all my Land and  
 Plantation together with my lands situate in all the equally divided between  
 them and each of them their full share but Charles to have my House and  
 Orchard Item I give all the rest of my Estate real and personal to my two  
 youngest sons Thomas and Solomon Copes to be equally divided between them  
 My will is that my Loving wife Althy shall be my whole and sole Executrix of  
 this my Last will and Testament and do hereby revoke and disannul all  
 every former will by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand and affixed my seal this Day & Year first above written Peter Parker Copes  
 Copes Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Sundry Simeon  
 Laban Simeon Richard Dix

At a Court held for Accomack County Febry 26<sup>th</sup> 1760

That within Last will and Testament of Peter Parker Copes did was  
 Proved by the Oaths of Sundry Simeon and Richard Dix two of the Justices  
 of the said County admitted to do so (Peter Parker Copes Son at Law to Peter)  
 appearing & having nothing to object to the Motion of Althy Copes the  
 Widow & Executrix taking the Oath & giving Sundry Simeon for her Bond  
 who entered into & acknowledged Bond for that purpose Certificate is granted  
 her for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form

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the court was held in the County Court at Accomack County Virginia on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1760  
 the said Peter Parker Copes being deceased the said Althy Copes being his widow and the said Charles Copes and Parker Copes being his sons  
 the said Thomas Copes and Solomon Copes being his youngest sons  
 the said Sundry Simeon and Richard Dix being Justices of the said County  
 the said Peter Parker Copes being deceased the said Althy Copes being his widow and the said Charles Copes and Parker Copes being his sons  
 the said Thomas Copes and Solomon Copes being his youngest sons  
 the said Sundry Simeon and Richard Dix being Justices of the said County

Adm.

(Peter) Parker Copes  
The Fourth Generation

(Peter) Parker Copes was born circa 1730,<sup>19</sup> to Peter Parker Copes and his wife Rhoda. He would have married circa 1755, but the maiden name of his wife Elizabeth has not been found. He inherited circa 83 acres from his father in 1760.

Charles Copes sold his half of his father's land to Southy Simpson for 150 pounds on 1 October 1763.<sup>20</sup> On 30 January 1765, Parker Copes and wife Elizabeth exchanged deeds with Southy Simpson "to fix lines".<sup>21</sup> On 30 April 1765, Parker Copes (no wife cosigned) mortgaged his inherited 83 acres to Charles Bagwell for 100 pounds.<sup>22</sup> The tract was then bordered on the east by Southy Simpson lands, south and west by Thomas Copes, and north by Roady Branch, "where Parker now lives".

(Peter) Parker Copes wrote his will on 11 May 1770 and it was recorded on 31 July 1770.<sup>23</sup> He loaned his wife Elizabeth all his estate as long as she remained his widow and then his land and plantation was to go to son Southy Copes. His movable estate (personal property) was to be divided between his four youngest children, Elizabeth, Beverly, Peter Parker, and Rachel. When (Peter) Parker Copes' will was proved by witnesses Southy Simpson and Jacob Sturgis, it was stated that George Corbin, Jun<sup>r</sup>, was appointed guardian to Southy Copes, heir-at-law to the testator. Had son Southy been fourteen years of age, he would have been allowed to chose his guardian.

It can be deduced that (Peter) Parker Copes' son Southy Copes was born in 1757 to 1759. On 6 April 1780, Southy Copes, Jun<sup>r</sup> (there was an older Southy Copes in the area, a descendant of Giles Copes' son Thomas) sold to Selby Simpson, 58 acres for 6000 pounds "current money of Virginia".<sup>24</sup> Southy Copes married Euphamy Ironmonger by a bond of 2 May 1785.<sup>25</sup> While no second marriage for Southy Copes has been found, he was married to a Tabitha by 30 December 1799, when he and this wife sold 2 acres to James Ironmonger.<sup>26</sup> No later deed by Southy Copes has been found

locally. The 1800 Federal Census for Accomack County shows Southy Copes, 26 to 45 years old, with two other males in his household, both 10 to 16 years of age. In 1810, Southy Copes was over 45 and he again had two males in his household, both under 10 years. He was not listed in the 1820 census. Southy Copes was commissioned a Lieu<sup>t</sup> of the Accomack County Militia on 30 July 1777.<sup>27</sup> He was a lieutenant in the 2nd Regiment in July 1799,<sup>28</sup> and resigned his commission on 28 May 1804, when he was a lieutenant in th 99th Regiment of the Militia.<sup>29</sup> Southy Copes and both of his brothers, Beverly Copes and Peter Parker Copes, were eligible for bounty lands given by the Federal Government to those who served in the Revolutionary War.<sup>30</sup>

In the name of God Amen This is Day  
 of May 1770 of Parker Copes of Accomack County Do make  
 And Declare this my Last Will and Testament Item  
 I Give My Wife Elizabeth all My Estate Both Real &  
 Personal During the time she Lives.. My Widow  
 And at her Marriage or Death which first happens  
 I Give of my estate as follows Item I Give to my son  
 Southy Copes my Land and plantation to him and  
 his heirs for ever Item my Will is that all my  
 Movable estate be equally Divided Amongst my four  
 Youngest Children Elizabeth, Southy, Peter, Parker, and  
 Rachel, I appoint My Wife Executor to this Will Witness  
 My hand and Seal the Day and Year above written

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Signed Seal and Published  
 in the presence of Southy Simpson &  
 Jacob Sturgis -

Parker Copes L.S.

(At a Court held for Accomack County July 31<sup>st</sup> 1770 -  
 The within Last Will and Testament of Parker Copes Dec  
 was proved by the oaths of Southy Simpson and Jacob Sturgis  
 Witnesses thereof (George Corbin Just<sup>r</sup> being by the Court.  
 Appointed Guardian to Southy Copes His at Law to the Testator  
 to Contest the prob thereof appeared and having nothing to object  
 the same is admitted to stand and on the Motion of Elizabeth  
 Copes the (Executor therein named) taking the oath and  
 Giving Thomas Copes for her surety and Acknowledging this  
 Bond for that purpose Certificate is Granted her for Obtaining  
 Probate thereof in due form -

Truly Recorded

John Holden Esq<sup>r</sup> Clerk



Copes  
&  
Simpson

This Indenture made this sixth day of April and in the year  
of our lord one thousand Seven Hundred and eighty Between Southy Copes  
of the County Accomack in the state of Virginia of the one part & Selby  
Simpson of the County and state aforesaid the other part Witnesseth  
that the said Southy Copes hath and in consideration of the sum of ten  
thousand pounds current money of Virginia which the said Copes doth  
truly acknowledge he hath already received the sum of ten thousand pounds

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current money of Virginia in part hath given granted Bargained and sold and by  
these presents doth fully and clearly give grant Bargain sell and confirm  
unto him the said Selby Simpson his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract  
of land containing fifty eight acres more or less lying and being in the County  
of State aforesaid and bounded by the lands of Thomas Copes late John Abbott  
Benjamin Tunstall Dix and William Parker together with all and singular  
the rights profits privileges and appurtenances Whatsoever to the said land  
belonging or in any wise appertaining To have and to hold the said tract of  
Land of fifty eight acres more or less together with all and singular its appurtenances  
and every part and parcel thereof unto the said Selby Simpson his heirs &  
assigns forever and the said Southy Copes for himself and his Heirs firm covenants  
and doth unto the said Selby Simpson his Heirs and assigns forever that he the said  
Southy Copes now the true lawfull perfect and lawfull owner of the premises in  
fee and that he the said Southy Copes hath full power good right and lawfull  
Authority to give grant Bargain sell and assign the premises and every part  
and parcel thereof with their appurtenances to the said Selby Simpson his

Heirs and assigns forever in manner and form aforesaid and the said Southy  
 Copes for himself and his Heirs forever. Doth hereby accordingly covenant  
 unto the said Silby Simpson his heirs and assigns. That he the said Southy  
 Copes will warrant and Defend the said Silby Simpson his Heirs and assigns  
 forever in the lawful place all and quiet possession and enjoyment of  
 the aforesaid tract of land containing fifty eight acres more or less together  
 with all and singular the rights profits privileges and appurtenances  
 whatsoever to the said land belonging or in any wise appertaining against  
 all persons whatsoever Indefinitely. Whereof I have Heavens wit my hand &  
 affixed my seal on the day & Date above mentioned

Signed Sealed and Delivered }  
 In presence of us

Southy Copes

Geo. Hickman  
 Southy Simpson  
 William Brantley  
 Charles West

At a Court held for Hancock County  
 July 17<sup>th</sup> 1760  
 This Instrument was proved by the oath of Southy Simpson  
 Charles West and William Brantley Witnesses thereto  
 and ordered to be Recorded.

## Footnotes

- <sup>1</sup> Northampton County Deeds, Wills, 1645- 1651, p. 143 (copied).
- <sup>2</sup> Nugent, Nell Marion, Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623-1666, Vol. I, The Dietz Press, Richmond, VA, 1934, p. 300.
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