

# Hall Family Papers and Sugar Plantation Records

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Call them people to whom these presents shall come William  
Smith of the Parish of St. Elizabeths Planter sendeth Greeting in our  
Lord God everlasting Amen We that Whereas our Sovereign Lord  
Charles the second by the Grace of God of England Scotland France  
and Ireland King and of Jamaica Lord Defender of the Faith &c. did  
by his Letters Patents bearing date on or about 8. day of June in the 23.  
Year of his said Majesty's Reign for divers good causes and considerations  
in the said Letters Patents mentioned for himself his heires and Successors  
Give and Grant unto William Smith his Heires and Assigns all that  
parcel of Land meadow or pasture and woodlands and whatsoever kind of  
Land the same is containing by estimation One hundred and Twenty acres  
situate lying and being at the Black Rivers mouth in St. Elizabeths  
Parish bounding West Northerly and North Easterly to Mr.  
Anns Topp East Southerly on Moros and Black River &  
South west on the sea together with all Edifices Woods Trees Plants  
profits Commodities ways passages and Emoluments whatsoever  
growing or being upon the premises or any part thereof and all mines and  
minerals whatsoever in the premises or any part of them Mines of  
Gold and Silver only excepted To have and to hold the said parcel  
of Land aforesaid meadow or pasture and all and singular the premises  
whereby granted with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said William  
Smith his Heires and Assigns for ever To be holden of his said Majesty  
his Heires and Successors by fealty in free and common Socage  
for all Services whatsoever Rendering therefore Yearly and Every  
Year unto his said Majesty his Heires and Successors the Yearly  
rent of one penny of Acre for every Acre now planted or manured  
or which shall hereafter grow planted or manured on the Feast of  
St. Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of the blessed  
Virgin Mary by equal Portions and also rendering Yearly and  
Every Year to his said Majesty his Heires and Successors on the  
Feasts of St. Michael the Archangel a twentieth part of the cleare  
yearly profits of all Mines thereby granted which now are or shall  
hereafter happen to be found or be within the premises or any part thereof  
Now Know Ye that The said William Smith &c.  
in consideration that William Walker was included in the said Patent  
whose Interest in the same is not distinguished and one Edward Ray  
joyned in Marriage to the Relict of the said William Walker &c.



One Leticia Walker Daughter of the said William <sup>Walker</sup> by Jane his Wife now Wife  
 to the aforesaid Edward Ray to whom the aforesaid Edward Ray hath obliged and  
 bound himself to deliver the said Land when the said Leticia shall be of age  
 into her Possession or to pay her the Sum of Sixty Pounds Sterling &  
 do therefore freely assign and set over and by these presents sell Alien Assign  
 and set over unto Edward Ray aforesaid his Heirs and Assigns Ninety acres  
 of the said Land aforesaid that is to say half one acre at the Rivers mouth  
 and the rest as is agreed upon to be laid out by Coll. John Vassall upon  
 square Lines from the Sea side upwards free and clear from me the said  
 William with my Heirs Executors Assigns for ever To have  
 and to hold the said Land to him the said Edward Ray, his Heirs  
 Executors Assigns for ever from all incumbrances titles or troubles  
 whatsoever had made caused or done or suffered by me or any other person  
 or persons by or under me whatsoever In Testimony whereof  
 I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my Seal this third day of Oct.  
 in the Year of our Lord God 1672.

Signed Seal & Delivered  
 in the presence of Test.  
 Israel Belchamber  
 Tho: Wilks.

Wm <sup>signum</sup> Frith

Acknowledged before me  
 the day and year above written.  
 John Vassall.

Vera Copia  
 Ex. <sup>per</sup>  
 Sam: Williams sciff

1672  
 with to Gray, and  
 to Jane widow of Wm Walker  
 sister of Leticia Walker  
 of the same