

into them the said trustees and their successors in office forever, in trust that whereas there have been built as above mentioned a house of worship for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this United States of America according to the rules and discipline which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted by the Ministers and Preachers of the said Church at their General Conventions hereafter permit such Ministers and Preachers belonging to the said Church as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the General Conference of the Ministers and Preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church or by the yearly Conference authorized by the said General Conference and none others to Preach and expound God's whole word therein, and in further trust and confidence that as often as any one or more of the trustees herein before mentioned cease to be a member of the said Church according to the rules and discipline aforesaid, then and in such case it shall be the duty of the stationed Minister or Preacher authorized as aforesaid who shall have the pastoral charge of the members of the said Church to call a meeting of the remaining trustees as soon as conveniently may be and when so met the said Minister or preacher shall proceed to nominate one or more persons to fill the place or places of him or them whose office of Offices has or have been vacated as aforesaid provided the person or persons so nominated shall be members of the said Church and be at least twenty-one years of age and the said trustees so assembled shall proceed to elect and by a majority of votes approve the person or persons to fill such vacancy in order to keep up the number of said trustees forever, and in case the said trustees should be divided in their vote the stationed Preacher shall have the casting vote and the said Nathaniel Pierce and Priscilla his wife doth by these presents warrant and forever defend all and singular the before mentioned acre of ground unto them the said trustees and their successors chosen and appointed as aforesaid from the claim or claims of him the said Nathaniel Pierce & wife, Priscilla their heirs and assigns and from the claims or claims of all persons whatever in testimony whereof the said Nathaniel Pierce and Priscilla his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals this day and year aforesaid

Sealed and delivered in presence of

of Samuel Pond

Nathl. Pierce Esq
Priscilla X Pierce Esq
witness

The Common Council of Virginia to Gentlemen Justices of the peace for the County of Southampton, Whereas Nathaniel Pierce and Priscilla his wife by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale bearing date the 19th day of June 1773 have conveyed unto William Briggs William Ketchum, John S. Pond Peter Potts Robt Mellow Erasm Drake and Henry Biggs trustees for the purpose in the said Indenture particularly mentioned, of the County aforesaid