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 This Indenture made this ninth day of May in the year one
 thousand eight hundred and sixteen by and between Richard Murfee
 and Emory Murfee his wife of Southampton County and state of Virginia
 of the one part and Abram Gardner of the same County and state of the
 other part Witnesseth that the said Richard Murfee and Emory his wife
 for and in consideration of the sum of thirteen hundred and forty four
 dollars to the said Richard Murfee in hand paid by the said Abram
 Gardner at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the
 receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged they the said Richard Murfee
 and Emory his wife have granted bargained sold aliened and confirmed
 and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien and confirm unto
 him the said Abram Gardner this his and assigns forever a certain
 tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Southampton
 aforesaid on the West side of the Cedar swamp bounded as follows
 Viz Beginning at a black gum a corner tree of Elias Edwards land
 standing in the Cedar swamp running thence along the said Elias Edwards
 line the various courses thereof to a sweet gum a corner tree of Simon
 Murfee land standing in the flat pond to a corner tree in Seymour
 Vaughans line thence along Seymour Vaughans line its variations
 to a Corner in the run of the Cedar swamp thence up the
 said swamp its various courses to the beginning, Containing by estima-
 tion two hundred and twenty four acres be the same more or less together
 with all and singular the appurtenances rents issues profits and
 emoluments to the same in any wise belonging or from or out of the
 same in any manner issuing or proceeding with the following
 reservations and exceptions Viz that the said Richard Murfee is to
 have and enjoy the whole of premises until the 25th day of December
 next and no longer so that he does not cut or destroy any timber trees
 on the land and also that the house now standing on the premises
 and which was lately occupied by Martha Murfee the mother of said
 Richard is reserved for the use and occupancy of her the said Martha
 Murfee for and during the term of her natural life as is mentioned
 in and executed by the said Martha to the said Richard Murfee
 bearing date the 13th day of February one thousand eight hundred
 and nine To have and to hold the said bargained premises with the
 appurtenances aforesaid (except as above excepted) to him the said
 Abram Gardner his heirs and assigns forever and to the only proper
 use benefit and behoof of him the said Abram Gardner his heirs
 and assigns forever and they the said Richard Murfee and Emory
 his wife for themselves their heirs executors and administrators do and
 will by these presents warrant and defend the said bargained
 premises against the lawful claim and demand of all and every
 person whatsoever or whosoever to him the said Abram Gardner
 his heirs and assigns forever In testimony whereof they the said
 Richard Murfee and Emory Murfee his wife have hereunto set their
 hands and seals this day and date first above written
 Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of
 Jacob Darden } Henry Gardner } Lucy Williams } Richard Murfee Esq
 Emory Murfee Esq