At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 21 June 1824. This Power of Attorney was returned together with a Certificate thereon endorsed certifying that Blandford is a person of the peace & another Certificate certifying that Thomas Gibson is a clerk of the Inferior Court for Nansemond County Virginia and ordered to be recorded

Test. Samd Rochelle c

Bond pd to Middleton

Examined and delivered to A. Middleton 19th Oct. 1827

This Indenture made and entered into this 17 May in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between Joshua Gardner and Peggy Gardner his wife of the first part Frederick Cobb of the second part and A. Middleton of the third part all of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia Witnesseth that whereas the said Joshua Gardner being justly indebted to the said Frederick Cobb in the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars and thirty Cents by Note bearing date the 17 May 1824 and the said Joshua Gardner being willing and desirous of securing the said sum of two hundred and twenty dollars and the interest which may thereon accrue to him the said Frederick Cobb Now for and in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of one dollar to the said Joshua Gardner and wife in hand paid by the said A. Middleton This Indenture therefore further witnesseth that he the said Joshua Gardner has given granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain and sell enfeoff and confirm unto the said A. Middleton his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Southampton containing by estimation forty three and a half acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows to wit Bounded by the County line to the Cedar Swamp thence down the Swamp to Joshua Gardner thence with Joshua Gardner's line to the place of Beginning which land came by the wife of the said Joshua Gardner To have and to hold the said bargained premises with all and singular the appurtenances to the said tract of land belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the said A. Middleton his heirs Exors & forever upon trust nevertheless that the said Joshua Gardner his heirs Exors admrs or assigns shall be seized of the said Frederick Cobb against it pursuant to sell the aforesaid tract of land hereby conveyed or so much thereof as may be deemed necessary to the highest bidder at public Auction for Cash first giving at least ten days previous notice of the same by advertisement at the Court House door and at least two other public places having first the time and place of sale at his own direction and out of the monies arising from said sale having first discharged all expenses attending the execution of these presents shall pay the said Frederick Cobb the amount due thereon and the balance if any pay over to the said Joshua Gardner his Executors admrs or assigns but if the said Joshua Gardner shall faithfully discharge the said debt due to him the said Frederick Cobb as aforesaid on or before the 17 day of July 1824 then this Indenture shall be void or else remain in full force and virtue In testimony whereof the parties have hereunto set their hand and seals the day and year before written

Witness
Eli Hart
Henry Briggs
Elsie Forster

Joshua his mark Gardner (Seal)
Frederick Cobb (Seal)
A. Middleton (Seal)
Peggy her mark Gardner (Seal)

Southampton County to wit

Mr. Henry Briggs and Silas Summerell justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Joshua Gardner and Peggy his wife to A. Middleton and to Fr. Frederick Cobb parties to the annexed deed bearing date the 17 May 1824 [illegible] before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be [illegible] and desired us to certify the same acknowledgement to the clerk of the [illegible] that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hand this [illegible]

Henry Briggs
Silas Summerell

[illegible] Southampton County

[illegible] 1824 This Indenture was [illegible] with a Certificate thereon [illegible] Peggy Gardner wife of [illegible] Bond filed for the [illegible]