Griffin & wife to Griffin

This Indenture made this 25 day of March in the year of our Lord Christ eighteen hundred and thirty seven. Between Mills Griffin & Elizabeth Griffin his wife of the one part and Benjamin H Griffin of the other part all of the County of Southampton and parish of Nottoway Witnesseth, that the said Mills Griffin and Elizabeth his wife, in consideration of the sum of forty dollars of lawful money of this Commonwealth, to them in hand paid by the said Benjamin H Griffin, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold, and by these presents do, and each of them doth bargain and sell unto the said Benj.n H Griffin his heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land and premises lying and being in the County aforesaid containing by estimation seven and one half acres, more or less and bounded as followeth Beginning at a gum a corner tree of Jas M.Clemys, John Harris and William Atkinson, thence a line of marked trees Atkinsons line to a white oak, a corner, thence a line of marked trees to a post oak, a corner on the poor house land M.Clemys and John Harris Woodland, thence a line of marked trees to the beginning, together with all and singular the houses, out houses, edifices, buildings, yards, gardens, ways, water and water courses, profits, commodities, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said 7½ acres of land belonging or in any wise appertaining to the same, reserving at the same time the life rights of the said Mills & Elizabeth Griffins in and to the said parcel of land, that is, that they are to remain on it and use that part they now cultivate, and at their death or removal from said land, then the whole right and title to descend to the said Benjamin H. Griffin and his heirs forever, with every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land & premises unto the said Benjamin H Griffin his heirs and assigns forever to and for the only proper use and behoof of him the said Benj H Griffin his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Mills Griffin & Elizabeth his wife for themselves their heirs the said land with all and singular the premises hereinbefore mentioned reserving their life right as before described, unto the said Benjamin H Griffin his heirs and assigns free from the claim or claims of them the said Mills & Elizabeth Griffins (reserving their life rights in the same) their &c. and of all and every other person or persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof the said Mills Griffin & Elizabeth his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of

John Harris

Cary his mark X Worrell

Micajah his mark + Williams

Mills Griffin (Seal)

Elizabeth her mark X Griffin (Seal)

Southampton County In the Clerks Office the 22d day of May 1837.

This Indenture was proved by the affirmations of John Harris a witness thereto and having been proved in the Clerks Office on the 27th day of April 1837 by the oath of Cary Worrell and Micajah Williams also witnesses thereto is admitted to record. And at a Court held for said County aforesaid on the 19th day of June 1837 the said Indenture was entered upon the proceedings of the day.

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This Indenture made this 22nd. day of May in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven between Benjamin H Griffin Son of Mills Griffin of of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia of the one part and John Harris of the same County and State of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Benjamin H Griffin for the consideration of the sum of forty five dollars Current money to him in hand paid by the sd John Harris, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained sold, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed; and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said John Harris to him and to his heirs forever, all my right title and interest claim or demand, which I have in the lands of Mills father wherein he lives; which land was conveyed to me by the said Mills Griffin by virtue of a Deed re the County Court of Southampton as will fully appear by reference thereto - which land is situate in the County and State aforesaid, containing by estimation Eight and one half acres, bounded and bounded as follows to wit, Beginning at a Black gum a corner of William Atkinson, thence line to a post oak, a corner of the poor house land and James M.Clemys, thence landline Water oak, a corner the poor house land and M.Clemys, thence