

It is a Court held for the County of Southampton the 20th day of November 1837.
This bond was acknowledged by the obligors thereof and ordered to be recorded.

Teste L. Edwards Clk

Witness
of Court (Comm.)
to

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to

Know all men by these presents that we Samuel H. Holmes and Benjamin Griffin are held and firmly bound unto the President and directors of the Literary fund and their successors in office in the just and full sum of Two thousand dollars to which payment well and truly to be made to the said President and directors of the Literary fund and their successors in office we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. That whereas the above bound Samuel H. Holmes was on the 11th day of October 1837, by the School Commissioners in and for the County of Southampton, appointed their treasurer for the year ending on the 31st day of December 1838. Now if the said Samuel H. Holmes shall faithfully apply and account for all monies which may come to his hands by virtue of his office and shall do, perform and execute all and every act and thing appertaining to his said office, according to law then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Saml H. Holmes (and)
Benj. Griffin (and)

before the office of Southampton County Court.

This bond being in the form subscribed, and the security thereto being in my opinion, good and sufficient, was acknowledged, received, admitted to record and filed in this office according to law. Given under my hand this 20th day of November 1837.

L. Edwards Clk

Drake
&
Drake trustee

This Indenture made and entered into this 24. day of December in the year of Christ one thousand eight hundred and thirty two between John Drake of the first part, Martha Drake of the second part and Seth A. Bishop of the third part, all of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia. Witnesseth that whereas the said John Drake stands justly indebted to the said Martha Drake by his note bearing the same date with this writing, in the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars and the said John Drake being willing and desirous to secure the payment of the said sum of money unto the said Martha Drake, with as well for and in consideration of the premises as for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said Martha Drake, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, both bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm, unto the said Martha Drake her heirs and assigns forever all this, the said John Drake right title and interest in the lands now owned and occupied by Mary Drake (widow of Jeremiah Drake dead) as her dower right which was laid off and assigned to her by Commissioners appointed by the Court of Southampton together with its advantages, emoluments, hereditaments, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever the said land (and appurtenances) or belonging unto the said Martha Drake her heirs and assigns forever to and for their proper use and behoof of the said Martha Drake her heirs and assigns forever. Nevertheless upon this express condition that should the said John Drake his heirs or assigns pay or cause to be paid unto the said Martha Drake her heirs or assigns on or before the 20. day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty three the above named sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. Then and in that case this present writing to be void and of no effect. But should the said John Drake his heirs or assigns fail or refuse to pay the aforesaid sum of money or any part thereof unto the said Martha Drake her heirs or assigns, then and in that case it shall be lawful for the said Seth A. Bishop (who is mutually chosen by the parties as trustee) to sell at public auction after giving twenty days notice by advertisement at the front door of the Court house and two or three other of the most public places in the neighbourhood of the said lands all the said John Drake's right and interest in the said lands and out of the proceeds pay or cause to be paid unto the said Martha Drake her heirs or assigns the aforesaid sum of money with all the interest which may have accrued and all cost incurred by this writing, and the balance, if any, over to the said John Drake his heirs or assigns. And it is further agreed by the parties to these presents that in case of a sale it shall be lawful for the said Seth A. Bishop to execute to the purchaser or purchasers a full and complete deed for said land conveying to them their heirs and assigns the fee simple right in said lands to them their heirs and assigns forever, and do all other acts which counsel, learned in the law, may advise for the lawful execution of the present writing. In testimony whereof the parties to these presents have