

Southampton County. In the Clerk's Office the 9th day of August, 1838.

This Indenture was acknowledged by all the parties thereto to be their act and deed and admitted to record as a Court held for the said County, the 20th day of said month, the said Indenture was entered upon the proceedings of the day.

Teste L.R. Edwards, Ck.

Person
and
Matthews
the contract
Case?

Memorandum of a contract made & entered into this thirteenth day of March in the year 1838 between John A. Person of the County of Southampton & Mary C. Matthews of the County of Greenville & both of the State of Virginia. Whereas a Marriage is hereby intended to be had and solemnized by Divine permission, by and between the said John A. Person & the said Mary C. Matthews and whereas it is distinctly understood & agreed between the contracting parties, that neither of them shall, by the Marriage which is intended to be had, acquire any right, title or claim whatever to the property of the other - but the same shall be entirely unaffected thereby & remain in such plight & condition as if the said Marriage should never take place. Now these presents are therefore to witness that the said John A. Person well nigh a part, or maintain any claim or right or title to any property which the said Mary C. Matthews ^{now} has or may have or acquire during the marriage, nor shall the said John A. Person alien, or incumber or dispose of the same in any manner, but the same shall be entirely subject to the control & disposition of the said Mary C. Matthews in such manner as she may think proper by her last will and testament or otherwise. And the said Mary C. Matthews in consideration of the love & relinquishment on the part of the said John A. Person with her holy covenants & agree that in case she should after the said intended marriage had, happen to survive the said John A. Person that she should not have or claim any part of the real or personal or mixed estate wherof the said John A. Person should be seized or possessed or entitled unto at any time during the coverture between them, by virtue of her dower or title of dower by Common Law or Statute or as her distributable share or by virtue of her being administratrix or entitled to administration of the goods & chattels rights & credits of the said John A. Person or otherwise however. And it is further agreed between these contracting parties that should there be any issue of their Marriage & any or all of them should die (and in such case as the said Mary C. Matthews would be entitled as heir or distributer in the absence of this contract) then the said Mary C. Matthews shall not have or assert any right or claim to the property of said deceased child or children, but the same shall descend and pass in a course of distribution to the legal heir and distributer of the said John A. Person. And the said Mary C. Matthews wholly depends upon such free & voluntary provision as the said John A. Person may choose or think proper to make for her, if any, by last will & testament or otherwise. In testimony whereof the contracting parties have hereunto affixed our seals & subscribe our names the day & year first above written.

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of
J. H. Thorp
Edward P. Turner
Jno. F. Pickles

John A. Person (Seal)
Mary C. Matthews (Seal)

Southampton County In the Clerk's Office the 10th day of August 1838

This Indenture was proved by the oath of J. H. Thorp a Minors, Thence, and the same having been proved in said Office on the 16th day of July 1838 by the oath of Edward P. Turner and John F. Pickles other Minors Thence, was admitted to record. And as a Court held for the said County, the 20th day of August, 1838 the said Indenture was entered upon the proceedings of the day.

Teste L.R. Edwards, Ck.

Sumner & Matthews
to
Coll.

This Indenture made and entered into on the 24th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight between Byrd Sumner and Nancy his wife of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia of the one part and William Cobb of the same County and State of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Byrd Sumner and Nancy his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty nine dollars current money of this Commonwealth to them in hand paid by the said William Cobb at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold aliened enfeofed and confirmed and