

annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us present  
and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said  
Amanda P Lawrence acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she  
had willingly signed sealed and delivered the said deed and that she wished to retract it  
Given under her hands and seals this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1840

Henry Berdmore 59<sup>th</sup> (Read)

Jno E Nicholson 9<sup>th</sup> (Read)

Southampton County In the Clerks office the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1840—  
This deed of bargain and sale from John B Lawrence and wife to Alonzo Edwards was  
acknowledged by the said John B Lawrence and together with the certificate annexed of his  
examination and acknowledgement of the wife admitted to Record

Teste G. R. Edwards (Signed)

Nicholson & wife This Indenture made this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred  
and forty between Mr H Nicholson and Malipa Frances his wife of the one part and Richard Darden  
of the other part all of the County of Southampton in the state of Virginia, witnesseth, that the said Mr  
H Nicholson and Malipa F his wife in consideration of the sum of Three thousand dollars to them on  
Exam'd & deliv'd hand paid by the said Richard Darden at the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt of  
to Jas. G. Darden which is hereby acknowledged, Have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto  
the said Richard Darden his heirs and assigns a certain tract of Land lying and being in the County  
of Southampton aforesaid. Containing Seven hundred and eighty eight and  $\frac{1}{2}$  acres the same more or less  
and bounded as follows, Beginning in Barrows Road where the avenue or new road enters it thence North  
along said Barrows Road to two lightwood stumps standing together a corner in William Holt's line  
thence South a straight line of marked trees along said Mr. Holt's & Mills Pope's line to the head of  
Henry Hindreid's Mill Pond thence along the main run of said Mill Pond to Charles E. Battle's  
line a corner in the main Run of said Mill Pond, thence Eastward along said Battle's line of marked  
trees (straight) to a small persimmon a corner standing near what is termed the new road  
thence South along said New Road to a red oak a corner in Mills Pope & Charles E. C.  
Battle's line thence North Eastward along a straight line of marked trees in Mills Pope and  
Nathaniel Pope's line to a White Oak in a branch a corner in said Nathaniel Pope's line, thence  
a straight line of marked trees along Nathaniel Pope's line Northwardly to a pine a corner  
in Jacob Williams and Nathaniel Pope's line thence a straight line of marked trees Westward  
along Jacob Williams line to the avenue or new road thence North along said Avenue or  
new Road to the beginning together with all and singular the appurtenances thereto  
belonging or in any way appertaining. To have and to hold the said tract of land with all  
and singular other the premises herein before mentioned or intended to be bargained and  
sold and every part and parcel thereof with every of their rights members and appurte-  
nances unto the said Richard Darden his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Mr H.  
Nicholson and Malipa F his wife for themselves and their heirs the said tract of land  
with all and singular the premises and appurtenances before mentioned unto the said  
Richard Darden his heirs and assigns free from the claim or claims of them the said  
Mr H Nicholson and Malipa F his wife or either of them their executors or trustees  
and of all and every person or persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and defend  
the said by these presents. In witness whereof the said Mr H Nicholson and Malipa F  
his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

John H. Nicholson (Signed)

Malipa P. Nicholson (Signed)

Southampton County S.C.

We Jacob Barnes and Thos. Ridley Justices of the Peace in the County  
of Southampton in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Malipa P. Nicholson the wife of the  
aforesaid John H. Nicholson purports to a certain deed bearing the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840 and bears the name of