

of said and state of Virginia do hereby Certify that Catharine Lewis the wife of John Lewis is personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1840.

Benz Griffin J.P.

Southampton County. In the Clerk's office the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1840  
This deed of bargain and sale from John Lewis and wife to Willard Hood was acknowledged by the said John Lewis and admitted to Record

Test L. R. Edwards C. C.

Branch  
to  
Hancock  
debt  
July 2<sup>d</sup> 1840

This Indenture made this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and Forty between Nevet Branch of the first part Alfred J. Stephenson of the second part and Willard D. Hood of the third part of Benz<sup>el</sup> Hancock dec<sup>d</sup> and in his own right of the third part whereas the said Nevet Branch is justly indebted to the said Willard D. Hood as executor of Benz<sup>el</sup> Hancock in the sum of seventy five dollars with interest from the first day of September last which by reference to said bond will more fully appear and also in the sum of Fifty nine dollars and seventy two cents and which the said Nevet Branch is willing and desirous to secure. Now this Indenture witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said Alfred J. Stephenson at or before the executing and delivery of these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged he the said Nevet Branch has given granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed <sup>released</sup> and confirmed and by these presents does give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release and confirmed to the said Alfred J. Stephenson his heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Southampton formerly held by Nevet Branch containing One hundred and sixty seven and one half acres and bounded as follows East by James Swamp North by Willard D. Hood land West by Jesse Carroll and South Herbert Lanier jun<sup>r</sup> land belonging to the estate of Benz<sup>el</sup> Hancock & Willard O. Bailey or so much thereof as will satisfy the aforesaid bond and all costs attending the carrying into effect these premises with all and singular the appurtenances to the said tract of land belonging or in any wise appurtenanting and all the right title and interest of him the said Nevet Branch in and to the said granted or intended to be hereby granted tract of land and premises: To have and to hold the same with its premises and appurtenances unto the said Alfred J. Stephenson his heirs exec<sup>s</sup> adm<sup>s</sup> and assigns forever to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Alfred J. Stephenson his heirs &c. and the said Nevet Branch for himself his heirs exec<sup>s</sup> and adm<sup>s</sup> does hereby Covenant promise and agree to and with the said Alfred J. Stephenson his heirs exec<sup>s</sup> adm<sup>s</sup> &c. in manner and form following that the said Nevet Branch his heirs &c. the aforesaid Land and premises with its appurtenances unto the said Alfred J. Stephenson his heirs &c. against all persons whatsoever shall warrant and defend forever defended by their presents: Upon trust nevertheless that the said Alfred J. Stephenson his heirs &c. shall permit the said Nevet Branch to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the said tract of land and premises with its appurtenances and take the profit of the same to his own use until default be made in the payment of the said debt by him or to Willard D. Hood as exec<sup>r</sup> of Benz<sup>el</sup> Hancock either in whole or in part and then upon this further trust that he the said Alfred J. Stephenson his heirs &c. shall and will so soon after the happening of such default of payment as he or they may think proper or the said Willard D. Hood his exec<sup>s</sup> or adm<sup>s</sup> may direct sell the said tract of land and premises with the appurtenances or so much thereof as may be deemed sufficient by the said Alfred J. Stephenson to discharge the said debt and costs