

This Indenture made the seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, three Francis H. Bell of the County of Stafford and State of North Carolina of the one part and Leonard G. Bell of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia of the other part: Whereas by virtue of a deed of trust executed to the said Francis H. Bell as trustee by Benjamin Whitfield bearing date September 18th 1823 and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia September 19th 1843 for the benefit of Abner Bixschoff of Hartford City N.H. who will more fully appear by reference to said Deed of trust the said Francis H. Bell trustee pursuant to power reserved from Benjamin Whitfield after duty serving according to the Commission of the said deed of trust did cause all the right like interest or claims in and to the tract of land known as the Whitfield place said to contain two hundred and sixty four acres more or less and adjoining the lands of John B. Brato, Doctor LaRagette Brown and others it being the tract or parcel of land conveyed by Benjamin Whitfield to Francis H. Bell and put up at public sale on the premises on the seventh day of December 1843 at which time and place Abner Bixschoff for Leonard G. Bell became the highest bidder at the sum of one thousand dollars for the aforesaid tract of land (including the steel and cinder castles) with the appurtenances thereto belonging Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Francis H. Bell (trustee) for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to him in hand paid by the said Leonard G. Bell at and before the making and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Francis H. Bell trustee doth hereby bargain sell alien convey and confirm unto him the said Leonard G. Bell his heirs and assigns forever all the aforesaid tract or parcel of land containing two hundred and sixty four acres more or less (aforesaid) with the appurtenances and tenements thereto belonging with all right like interest claims or demands of or unto the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining: To have and to hold to him the said Leonard G. Bell his heirs and assigns forever in and ample manner as the said trustee is empowered by virtue of his trust aforesaid and further the said Francis H. Bell (trustee) doth hereby covenant promise and grant to and unto the said Leonard G. Bell his heirs and assigns who shall from time to time and at all times hereafter have hold occupy possess or enjoy the aforesaid premises with the appurtenances free and clear of and from all encumbrances have made done or committed by him the said Francis H. Bell as trustee or by his own means or foreclosing and the said trustee will warrant and defend the same to the said Leonard G. Bell his heirs and assigns forever so far as he the said Francis H. Bell (trustee) is authorized by virtue of the aforesaid deed in trust and he further in witness whereof the said trustee hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written

J. H. Bell Trustee
written

Witness my hand and seal the 10th day of March 1844
This Deed of Benjamin and date from J. H. Bell to Leonard G. Bell was acknowledged by said J. H. Bell and admitted to Record

John J. Edwards Clerk