

Merritt J. Davis his heirs and assigns the following lands lying in Southampton County State of Virginia known as the White Oak Pocosin containing three hundred acres be the same more or less adjoining the lands of Ethelred Warren, Leonard Cobb & others. To him & to hold the above land with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging unto them M. J. Davis his heirs and assigns upon the use & trust & for the purpose following, that is to say, whereas the aforesaid Amos Copland is in debt to the said H. S. Smith in the sum of five hundred dollars being the purchase money due for the same lands for which the said Amos Copland has executed to said Smith five several Bonds each in the sum of one hundred dollars payable one at the end of each of the five several years bearing Interest, however from date which interest on all the said Bonds is to be annually paid.

And whereas it is the intention of the said Amos Copland to leave the purchase money to the said Smith according to contract aforesaid as well as any interest to accrue thereon. Now therefore whereas Amos Copland shall make default in the premises or fail to pay each and all of the said bonds or any one of them as they successively & severally become due both principal & Interest, or shall fail to pay the interest accruing on any of the other bonds not then due it shall be lawful for & at the option of the said H. S. Smith to require the said M. J. Davis to assort & sell any part or parcel or the whole if necessary for the purpose of paying off the aforesaid bonds & the interest due on them & shall hold & appropriate the proceeds of such sale to the payment of the said Bonds & their interest, as well such as are not due as those due at the time of sale, the aforesaid however to be first made to interest on all of them, then to principal of such of them as have fallen due, and afterwards to the others. And the said Davis shall therefor execute and deliver deeds to the purchasers for any of the said lands he may sell, the sum of any such sale after paying the said Bonds principal & interest with a reasonable compensation for his the said Davis's services & the reimbursement of any expenses that may be incurred in fulfilling this trust, to be returned to the said Amos Copland or paid over to him and wherein the said indebtedness shall be fully paid off whether by sale or otherwise, the lands, or such part of them as shall not have been sold to pay the same to be reconveyed and restored to the said Amos Copland his heirs & assigns.

In testimony whereof the said Amos Copland has to subscribe his name and affix his seal, the day aforesaid  
Signed sealed & dated the 2<sup>d</sup> of June 1853  
in the presence of me  
John Blodgett  
John Cobb  
R. E. Stollard  
Agent of Stollard  
mark

Southampton County. in the Clerk's office the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1853  
This Deed of Trust between Amos Copland of the first part, Merritt