

acknowledged by the said Bowens and admitted to record.

L. R. Edwards, Esq.

Bowen's copy. This deed made the 13th day of December in the year one thousand eight
 and three hundred and fifty two between Sam Bowens and Sally his wife of the one
 part and Joseph H. Smith of the other party, witnesseth that in consideration
 of the sum of three thousand the said Sam Bowens and Sally his wife
 do grant unto the said Joseph H. Smith all their right title and interest
 in a certain tract or parcel of land containing six hundred acres more or
 less lying in the County of Southampton and bounded as follows: Beginning
 at a Cypress standing at the mouth of the Cat Hole gut where said
 gut empties into Black Water river, thence west a straight line across the
 island to a hickory tree standing on the Hill side of the high
 land, thence north along the said Hill side to another hickory tree, thence
 west to a white oak standing on the Franklin road, thence north along
 said road to Harrison Joyner's line, thence along said Joyner's to
 Joshua Bryant's line, thence along said Bryant's line to South line,
 thence along said line to Harrison Joyner again to a gun a corner
 in Sam Bowens land thence east along a small branch or branch
 with marked trees to the Horsebone Branch, a line of James
 Brashears down said branch through the Blackfish hole round to
 north end of the tobacco Patch Island, to the head of the
 board gut, thence down the said board gut to Black Water River,
 thence down the said river to the cypress at the mouth of the cat
 hole gut, the first station.

Witness the following signatures and seals the day and date
 above written.

Signed sealed and delivered 3
 in presence of J. S.
 James Holmes, J.S.

Joseph E. Gillett, J.S.

Sam Bowens, S.A.
 Sally A. Bowens, S.A.

Southampton County, Va.

We James Holmes and Joseph E. Gillett, Justices of the
 peace for the county of Southampton in the State of Virginia, do
 hereby certify that Sally A. Bowens the wife of Sam Bowens parties to
 a certain deed bearing date on the 13th day of December 1850 and
 humbly annexed personally appeared before us in our County offices
 (and being) properly examined by us apart from her husband (and
 having) the debt afterward fully explained to her the said Sally A.
 Bowens acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and doth
 state she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that
 she wished not to retract it given under our hands and seals
 this 18th day of Dec 1853.

James Holmes, J.S.
 Joseph E. Gillett, J.S.

Southampton County. In the Clerk's office the 17th day January 1853
 This due of bargain and sale from Sam Bowens and Sally
 A. his wife to Joseph H. Smith, was acknowledged by the said Bowens
 and together with the certificate of the proper examination and
 acknowledgement of the said Sally A. Smith to record.

Teste,

L. R. Edwards, C.C.

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