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Township County. In the Clerk's office the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1853  
This deed of bargain and sale was presented and together with the  
certificate of the acknowledgement of the grantor James A. Joyner  
Commissioner of Probate to Record.

Teste

A. B. Edwards, C.C.

Joyner & Ely  
to  
Ely

This deed made this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1853, between David H. Joyner and Mary A. Joyner his wife of the one part, and Elisha L. Ely of the other part,  
Witnesseth: that in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars paid me now to the said David H. Joyner (and Mary) A. R. his  
wife hath grant unto the said Elisha L. Ely all that tract or parcel  
of land lying and being in Southampton County (and State of Virginia)  
containing by a late survey one hundred and fifty acres to be the same more  
or less, and bounded east and south by Blackwater river, on the west  
Black creek swamp on the north by the lands of Giles Whitney, Joseph  
Counsell and Hardy Lawrence McShane, the said parties hath  
hereunto set their hands and seals.

Signed sealed and delivered  
in the presence of 3  
Nathan Turner  
Irvin Griffin  
James Holmes.

D. H. Joyner (Seal)  
Mary A. Joyner (Seal)

Southampton County, Va:

We James Holmes and Irvin Griffin Justices of the peace in the  
county and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Mary A. R. Joyner the  
wife of David H. Joyner, parties to a certain deed bearing date on  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1853, (and hereto annexed) personally appeared  
unto us certified aforesaid and being examined by us privately gave a part  
from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she  
the said Mary A. R. Joyner acknowledged the same to be her act and did  
and declared that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the  
same, and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our  
hands and seals this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1853.

James Holmes (Seal)  
Irvin Griffin (Seal)

Howell  
to  
Counsel

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This deed of bargain and sale was proved as to David H.  
Joyner a party thereto, by the oaths of Irvin Griffin and James  
Holmes, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and together with  
the certificate of the just examination and acknowledgement of  
Mary A. R. Joyner, also a party thereto, admitted to Record.

Teste

A. B. Edwards, C.C.

This Indenture, made and entered into this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July on thousand eight  
hundred and fifty three, between Anthony M. Howell of the first part, and  
Benjamin Counsel of the second part, Witnesseth: that he the said  
Anthony M. Howell hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth sell  
and sell unto the said Benjamin Counsel for and in consideration of four hundred dollars  
in hand paid or to be paid, one certain tract or parcel of land containing by estimation  
one hundred and thirty acres more or less being the greater part of the tract known as  
the New Edwards tract and bounded as follows: Commencing at a white oak tree