

1854
May 3 aged 66
W^m Musser

David Howell, his late husband, had served ~~as~~ ^{as} a soldier from the 1st day of January 1853, to the time and during which the said Abraham Howell, ~~left~~ ^{left} his wife, his ~~and~~ ^{and} his heirs, debts &c in her use, for which the said W^m Markee promises to pay her forty dollars lawful money to be paid at the end of each year as the amount of his becomes due. Notwithstanding the said W^m Markee is to allow R^t C^r Edwards to retain possession of land till the 1st of January 1855, he having leased the same for the term of three years commencing the 1st of January 1853 at the sum of fifty dollars ~~and~~ ^{per} the said R^t C^r Edwards paid to the said W^m Markee amounts of fifty dollars for his rent annually as it becomes due for the years 1853 & 1854, and the receipt of the said W^m Markee will be good for the same. Witnesses our signatures ~~and~~
seals.

Lest.

John B. Higgins
Samuel X. J. Howell
mark

Susannah Howell
W^m Marfee

Southampton County. In the Clerk's office thereof day of October 1853.
This Deed of Lease was signed as to Susannah Howell of W^m
Murphy, both parties thereto, by the oaths of John B. Clegg and Samuel
J. Howell, the Subscribers witnesses thereto and admitted to record.

teste.

A. R. Edwards, C.C.

~~Examined~~

This Indenture, made this the 19th day of August in the year 1853, between Arthur A. Duray of the first part (and Duray) (and of the second part, both of the County of Southampton; Whereas at the November Term of the Circuit Court of Southampton County Court in the year 1852, in a certain cause then depending in said Court between the said Arthur A. Duray, guardian to W^m H. Hood & others it was decreed and ordered that the said Arthur A. Duray Commissioner appointed by said Court, should at public auction sell to the highest bidder on a credit of six months taking bond with aforesaid security from the purchaser the tract of land which was devised to William H. Hood by Benjamin M. Hancock in his last will and testament after having given due public notice of the time and place of sale. And whereas the said Arthur A. Duray in pursuance of the said decree (on the 37th day of January) in the year 1853, offers for sale at public auction the said tract of land (after having given the notice required by said decree, at which sale the said tract of land was struck off to the said Duray) for the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars, that being of the highest bid for the same, and whereas at the May Term of the Circuit Court of Southampton County in the year 1853 it was decreed in the same cause that the said Commissioner should execute a deed to the said purchaser conveying the said land when the said purchase money should be paid. And whereas the said purchase has been paid. Now this Indenture witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises (and of the said sum of two hundred and twenty dollars (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) the said Arthur A. Duray doth hereby grant, Bargain and sell unto the said Duray R^d the tract of land which was devised to William H. Hood by Benjamin M. Hancock in his last will and testament. I have (and to have) the said land with the appurtenances thereto belonging or pertaining to him and his heirs forever. And the said Arthur A. Duray will forever warrant and defend the title to the said tract of land against the claims of all persons whatsoever claiming by, through or from him, but against the claims of no other persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said Arthur A.