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his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the aforesaid county of Southampton and State of Virginia containing by estimation fifty six acres more or less, and bounded by the lands of Mrs. Polly Butts, Doctor Saml B. Wells and the lands of the estate of Shadrach Boykin. To have and to hold the same said James M. Butts his heirs and assigns forever.

The rights and title whomever to the said lands, we warrant to be good free from encumbrances, our heirs and assigns forever and from any and every person whatsoever claiming the same. Witness our hands & seals this day good date above mentioned.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
 Phineas Linn
 Eli W. Davis
 Allen Stephenson

W^m R. Stephenson (Seal)
 Nancy R. Stephenson (Seal)

State of Virginia, Southampton County, Court.

We, Thos. J. Bister and D. J. Holmes Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, to certify that Nancy R. Stephenson the wife of William A. Stephenson whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 20th day of December 1853, personally before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privately and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Nancy R. Stephenson acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 27th day of - 1853.

Thos. J. Bister, J.P.
 D. J. Holmes, J.P.

Southampton County. In the Clerk's Office the 16th day of January 1854, This Deed of bargain & sale was acknowledged by W^m R. Stephenson a party, thereto, (and together with the certificate of the being reexamination of acknowledgment of Nancy R. Stephenson, his wife, also a party thereto, admitted to record.

Teste.
 A. P. Edwards, C.C.

This Deed made this 27th day of December 1853, between James M. Butts of May & his wife of the one part & William R. Stephenson of the other, parties thereto. Witnesseth: That the said James M. Butts & Mary T. his wife do grant unto the said William R. Stephenson the following property. To wit: A tract of land which the said Butts purchased of William R. Stephenson, containing 56 acres, 2 beds, and furniture, 1 chest of drawers, 6 chairs, 1 cow & half of their increase, 1 ton of his increase of hest & wheels and all my kitchen furniture and farming utensils, & 1 sum of money to receive several bonds, made payable to W^m R. Stephenson in the sum of fifty dollars each & bearing date the 20th day of December 1853. Witness the following signatures and seals.

Phineas Linn
 Eli W. Davis
 Allen Stephenson

James M. Butts (Seal)
 Mary T. Butts (Seal)
 W. R. Stephenson (Seal)

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