

William A. Jeynes *(Seal)* James D. Jeynes *(Seal)* And whereas, J. C. Dast, James
 Johnson, A. S. B. Merritt and W. H. E. Merritt subsequently became interested as
 partners with the said M. S. Deste & Gray, W. Deste and the copartnership so form-
 ed consists of M. S. Deste, George W. Deste, J. C. Dast, James Johnson, A. S. B.
 Merritt and W. H. E. Merritt, who carried on business under the name and style of the
 "Branchville Lumbering Company" and the said partners or company entered into a con-
 tract with M. S. Deste which is in the words and figures following to wit: "This is
 to show that I have sold unto M. S. Deste, Geo. W. Deste, J. C. Dast, James Johnson,
 A. S. B. Merritt, & W. H. E. Merritt all the Pine Timber growing upon the tract of
 land upon which I now reside, that is one foot in diameter of over one foot that is growing
 above high water, make for the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars and fifty cents
 payable the 31st Dec. 1853, one third the 31st Dec 1854, and one third the
 31st Dec 1855. It is understood by all the parties herein interested that the
 above Timber is sold for the use of a steam saw mill owned by the above company
 and that they shall use it for no other purpose and that they shall enjoy all necessary
 privileges for cutting the same for the term of ten years from the 1st day
 of January 1853, provided that they shall pay me for any damage my crops may
 sustain from the exercise of the above privilege. In witness whereof, I have here-
 unto set my hand & seal this 1st day of January 1853. M. S. Deste *(Seal)*"
 And whereas the said copartners or "Branchville Lumbering Company" entered into
 a contract with George S. James in the following words and figures to wit: "This
 is to show that I have sold unto M. S. Deste, Geo. W. Deste, J. C. Dast, James
 Johnson, A. S. B. Merritt, W. H. E. Merritt constituting the Branchville Lumbering
 Company all the Pine Timber growing on the piece of land sold to me by M. S. Deste containing
 about two hundred and eighty two acres, that is not less than one foot in diameter
 for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars payable on half the first day of January 1853
 and the other half the first day of January 1854. It is understood by all the parties
 herein concerned that the above company shall enjoy all necessary privileges for cutting
 Timber, and shall be responsible for any damages crop or fences may suffer from the
 exercise of the above privilege which shall continue for the term of ten years from
 this the 1st day of January 1853. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
 hand & seal the date above written. George S. James *(Seal)*" And whereas
 the said Branchville Lumbering Company entered into a contract with Betty Jackson
 and Arreaga Jackson which is in the following words and figures to wit:
 "This is to show that we have sold unto M. S. Deste, Geo. W. Deste & others, all the
 Pine Timber of one foot in diam: (and over one foot, all the Ash gathered on the
 tract of parcel of land upon which we now reside given to us by James Jackson
 dead for the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars payable on the 31st Dec 1853.
 The above Timber is sold unto the above parties for the purpose of being sawed
 by a Steam Mill now owned by them, and if from any cause it shall not be
 used for that purpose, it shall revert to us, the parties herein being bound
 to pay for any damage that may have been done the Timber. In witness
 whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 31st day of Dec. 1852. The above
 parties shall have ten years from the first day of Jan'y 1853 to cut the above Timber in
 and shall also have the privilege of cutting paths for hauling the same. Betty
 Jackson *(Seal)* Arreaga Jackson *(Seal)* Witnesses James D. Jeynes, Geo. S. James.
 I do know all men by their marks that we Mark S. Deste, George W. Deste, J. C. Dast, James
 Johnson, A. S. B. Merritt and W. H. E. Merritt for and in consideration of five thousand
 dollars to us in hand paid by W. H. E. Gray (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) do and
 each of us doth grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said W. H. E. Gray the Steam Saw
 Mill, buildings, fixtures and machinery situated or erected on the lands of William A.
 Jeynes and James D. Jeynes in the County of Southampton together with all the fixtures
 and appurtenances to the said Steam Saw Mill belonging and we do and each of
 us doth hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said W. H. E. Gray the four several
 and respective contracts hereinbefore mentioned and recited, and all the benefits, rights

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