

Whereas Thomas J. Smith by his deed of trust dated the 15th day of March A. D. One thousand eight hundred & fifty one & duly recorded in Southampton County deeding to Francis C. Eddicks as trustee therein named for the purpose of securing certain debts to Richard H. Dameron & others among other things the following real estate, to wit "all that certain tract and plantation in which the said Thos. Smith now resides lying and being in the County of Southampton and containing one thousand acres more or less bounded by Pottery and Black Water rivers and the lands of James H. Norfleet Robert Hawks and others" with power to the said trustee to make sale whenever required by Richard H. Dameron or Benjamin D. Smith or either of their representatives or assigns & to sell either privately or publicly as then or either of them shall in writing direct - and to pay the proceeds as by said deed directed - and whereas the said Francis C. Eddicks the trustee aforesaid having soon after the execution of said deed, departed this life, a chancery suit was instituted in the County Court of Southampton by R. H. Dameron & others against T. J. Smith to substitute a trustee in the place of said Francis C. Eddicks, and on the 15th day of December 1854, a decree was made in said cause substituting John R. Kelly for the purposes aforesaid, and whereas the said John R. Kelly duly directed as to do, proceeded on the 19th day of December 1854, to sell the land aforesaid on the premises, on a credit of six months with interest from the date, having first given due & extensive notice of such sale (the said land being subject to the decree of Mrs. Martha G. Smith widow of said T. J. Smith who had recently died) and at the sale so made, the said Martha G. Smith became the highest bidder & purchaser thereof at the price of one thousand dollars. This deed therefore made this 19th day of December 1854, between the said John R. Kelly, trustee as aforesaid of the one part and Martha G. Smith of Southampton County of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said John R. Kelly as trustee aforesaid in consideration of the premises doth grant with special warranty unto the said Martha G. Smith & her heirs and assigns forever the lands aforesaid, sold as aforesaid.

Witness the following signature & seal.

John R. Kelly. Seal
Trustee.

Southampton County In the Clerk's Office the 18th day of June 1855.
This Deed of bargain and sell from John R. Kelly to Martha G. Smith was acknowledged by the said Kelly and Thompson admitted to record.

L. S. Edwards, Clk.

This Indenture made this 19th day of December 1854, between Mrs. Martha G. Smith of Southampton County, State of Virginia, of the first part, Adam Smith (known to the as hereinafter mentioned) of Hanseman County & State aforesaid of the second part and Sarah J. Smith and Richard H. Dameron of Hanseman County and State aforesaid, of the third part. Witnesseth, that Martha G. Smith in consideration of the premises hereinafter mentioned & also of the sum of Five Dollars, doth grant, bargain and sell & convey unto the said

1855
May 27th
John R. Kelly