

Subscribing witnesses thereto. And on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1856. The said Deed was proved as to the said Plaintiff by the oath of Benjamin J. Banfill another subscriber  
and witness thereto (and was then upon admitted to record.)

*Teste.*

R. R. Edwards, C.C.

Ex't & Dated  
Recd. by  
Wm. M. Murphy  
Oct. 28 1856

This Deed made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 1856 between David Lankford of one part (and) Joseph E. Gillette of the other part, witnesseth. That the aforesaid David Lankford doth grant unto the said Joseph E. Gillette, trustee a certain tract or parcel of land known as the John Cobb tract of land in trust to secure the payment of a bond executed by the said David Lankford to W.C. Murphy for the sum of five hundred and twenty Dollars with interest thereon from this day and date, the same being at balance on purchase of said tract or parcel of land. At witness the following signature and seal this day and date above written.

*Witness*

Joseph G. Cumpley  
A. B. Vaughan

David Lankford *(Seal)*  
Jos. E. Gillette *(Seal)*

Southampton County. In the Clerk's Office the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1856.  
This Deed of trust from David Lankford to Jos. E. Gillette, was proved  
as to both parties by the oaths of Joseph G. Cumpley & A.B. Vaughan  
the subscribing witnesses thereto (and the same was admitted to record.)

*Teste.*

R. R. Edwards, C.C.

Dated 6 W.  
J. Francis

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1856

This Indenture, made this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1856 between L.C. P. Cowper of the first part and W.C. J. Francis of the second part; Whereas on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of May 1855, it was decreed by the Circuit Court of Southampton County in a suit in chancery depending in said Court, between Lucy P. Drew and others plaintiffs (and A.M. Jordan and Mary L. his wife and others defendants) that the said L.C. P. Cowper Commissioner appointed by the said decree should make sale of a tract of land in the bill (and proceedings in said suit mentioned upon the terms and in the manner prescribed by said decree, which the said Commissioner proceeded to do on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1855, at public auction to the highest bidder before the doors of the Courthouse of the said, after giving the notice of the time and place of the said sale required by the said decree, at which sale, the said W.C. J. Francis, being the highest bidder, became the purchaser at the price of one thousand three hundred and one dollar (\$1,001.00) dollars; of which sale and of his transaction under the said decree, the said Commissioner made a report, which was confirmed by the said Court, and now remains among the papers in the said cause; And whereas by a subsequent decree pronounced in the said cause on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of May 1856, the said L.C. P. Cowper, Commissioner as aforesaid is directed to collect the two bonds of the said W.C. J. Francis, purchaser as aforesaid, which are retained with his report aforesaid, and to deliver over the same and make to the