

This Indenture made and entered into the 20 day of December 1856, between Meritt J. Davis and his wife Mary V. of the one part and William R. Stephenson of the other part all of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that for and in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred and twenty Dollars then and lawfully paid by the said William R. Stephenson or his assigns, to the said Meritt J. Davis and Mary Vignius his wife have bargained, sold and granted unto the said W^m R. Stephenson or his assigns, one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the aforesaid County of Southampton and State of Virginia commonly called and known as the Betty Riddle Land containing by estimation, One hundred acres more or less and bounded by the lands of Melchor D. Riddle, James D. Riddle, Saml. R. Kille, W^m R. Stephenson and others, and furthermore, one certain house and lot with its appurtenances near Bechtel in the aforesaid County of Southampton and State of Virginia on the road leading from Bechtel to Petersburg containing two acres and bounded entirely by the lands of W^m R. Stephenson. To have and to hold these and that of Land and house and lot with all the appurtenances thereto attached and belonging, to the only proper use and behoof of that the said W^m R. Stephenson his heirs, Executors or assigns. The right and title to the above mentioned property we warrant and defend to be good to the aforesaid W^m R. Stephenson his Executors or assigns free from ourselves, Heirs Executors or assigns and from any and every person or persons claiming by title or in equity either or both of us.

In witness whereof we have this day and date above mentioned affixed our names and seals thereof

Signed sealed & delivered

in presence of

Jos. A. Biddle

Joshua Biddle

State of Virginia County of Southampton, Texas;

W^m Joseph C. Biddle and Joshua Biddle Justices of the peace for the aforesaid County do hereby certify that Mary V. the wife of Meritt J. Davis whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 20th day of December A.D. 1856 personally appeared 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 Mary V. Davis acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declare that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 17th day of May December in the year 1857.

Jos. A. Biddle, J.P.

Joshua Biddle, J.P.

County of Southampton Texas;

Joshua Biddle a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Meritt J. Davis and Mary V. his wife whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date with 20th day of December A.D. 1856 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this day of December in the year 1856.

Joshua Biddle, J.P.

Southampton County. In the Clerk's Office the 20th day of April 1857.

This Deed was presented & together with the certificate of the acknowledgment of Meritt J. Davis and of the foregoing execution of a acknowledgment of Mary V. his wife, both parties thereto, was then and lawfully admitted to record.

Teste E. R. Edwards, C. C.

This Deed made the 20th day of February in the year 1857, between Davis Vick of the one part and John Hargrave of the other part, both of the County of Southampton, do hereby certify that the said Davis Vick doth grant unto the said John Hargrave all his interest in a tract of land containing thirty five acres more or less adjoining the lands of John D. Jenkins, Elliott de Segura, John Hargrave and others which right the said Davis Vick doth warrant and defend to the said John Hargrave and his heirs forever for the sum of Three Hundred and four Dollars in hand paid. In witness whereof the said Davis Vick doth set his hand and fix his seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed, dated and delivered in the presence of

Davis Vick Seal

Joshua Biddle

Mailed to R. Howard 14th Sept 14