

are signed to the writing abovesaid bearing date on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1854 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privately and apart from her said husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Mary E. Smith 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 hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1854.

Chas. H. Potts, J.D.

John W. Rees, J.D.

Northampton County. In the Clerk's Office the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1854.  
This Deed of Bargain and sale from O. A. Smith & John A. D. Smith & wife to A. B. Merritt W. H. E. Merritt, James Johnson and John C. Rust was presented together with the certificate of the acknowledgment of the said O. A. Smith & John A. D. Smith of the proper examination and acknowledgment of the said wife was thereupon admitted to record.

Teste,

L. R. Edwards, C. C.

State of North Carolina  
Northampton County.

This Indenture made this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1855, between John B. Byrum and wife Virginia of the County of State aforesaid of the first part and John A. Smith of the County of Greenville and State of Virginia and O. A. Smith of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina, of the second part, Witnesseth: that the said Byrum & wife Virginia for and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars to them paid (and the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold (and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said John A. & O. A. Smith a tract or parcel of land containing four hundred & fifty (450) acres more or less lying and being situate in the County of Northampton and State of Virginia on the Meherrin River and bounded by the lands of the said John A. & O. A. Smith and others; it being that portion of the Smith plantation allotted to the said Virginia by the provisions of her father's (A. D. Smith's) will: To have and to hold the said land to them their heirs and assigns forever. The said Byrum and wife Virginia doth hereby warrant the title of said land unto the said John A. & O. A. Smith to them their heirs and assigns forever; in testimony of which they have hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals on the day and date above written.

John B. Byrum (Seal)  
Virginia A. Byrum (Seal)

North Carolina.

Northampton County, Court.

I, David H. Clements a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of North Carolina do certify that John B. Byrum whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date March 14<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1855, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1855.

D. H. Clements (Seal)

North Carolina

County of Northampton Court.

W. C. H. Mason & David H. Clements Justices of the peace for the County of Northampton in the State of North Carolina do certify that Virginia wife of John B. Byrum