

with the certificates of the acknowledgment of the said Charles F. Merchant and of the party examination and acknowledgment of the said wife, was therupon admitted to record.

Teste,

S.R. Edwards, C.C.

This Deed made the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1856, between Roberta Stephenson, William R. Stephenson & Nancy his wife & Alfred S. Stephenson Elizabeth Ann his wife John Indus & Mary G. his wife and Wm Atkins W. Stephenson of the first part and Richard M. Stephenson of the second part witnesseth; That in consideration of the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars the said first named parties do grant unto the said Richard M. Stephenson all right title in at certain tract of land of which Richard Stephenson did say & I do say for myself & my family in the County of Southampton of Estimating by estimation Three Hundred & Sixty Acres 36 A. 30 m. 10 s. bounded by the lands of Milton D. Butler, & Alton Stephenson & others with the exception of two rooms in the dwelling house which are reserved for the use of Rebecca Stephenson during her natural life. And that they will specially warrant the property hereby conveyed. Among the following signatures of seals

Robtah Stephenson	(Seal)
Wm R. Stephenson	(Seal)
Nancy R. Stephenson	(Seal)
Alfred S. Stephenson	(Seal)
Elizabeth A. Stephenson	(Seal)
John W. Indus	(Seal)
Mary G. Indus	(Seal)
Wm Atkins W. Stephenson	(Seal)

Southampton County, Novt:

He. Sand P. Kello and Singas Lain Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Va. do hereby certify that Nancy Stephenson the wife of William R. Stephenson, Elizabeth Ann Stephenson the wife of Alfred S. Stephenson and Mary G. Indus, the wife of John W. Indus parties to the above deed bearing date the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1856, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privately and apart from their husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to them the said parties acknowledged the same to be their acts and deed and declare that they have willingly signed and delivered the same and that they do not wish to retract it.

Given under our hands and seals this 30<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1856.

S.P. Kello, J.S.  
Singas Lain, J.S.

County of Southampton, Novt:

I. Sand P. Kello a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that W. R. Stephenson and Nancy R. his wife Roberta Stephenson, Alfred S. Stephenson and Elizabeth A. his wife, John W. Indus and Mary G. his wife and Wm Atkins W. Stephenson whose names are affixed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1856 have acknowledged the same. Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1856.

J.P. Kello, J.P.

Southampton County. In the Clerk's Office the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1857.  
This Deed of Bargain & Sale was presented and together with the certificates of the acknowledgment of Wm R. Stephenson, Roberta Stephenson, Alfred S. Stephenson