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In presence of
R. E. Jannet
Wm M. Beaton.

James Barnes, Commissioner.

Southampton County. In the Clerk's office. May, 17th 1858.

This Deed of bargain and sale was acknowledged by James Barnes, Commissioner aforesaid, and was thereupon admitted to record.

Test, L. R. Edwards, C. C.

This Deed made the twentieth day of December in the year 1856, between Norman L. Brantley and Josephine his wife of the one part and Arthur Emmerson of the second part. Whereof the said Norman L. Brantley and Josephine L. his wife for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars to them in hand paid by the said Arthur Emmerson at and before the enacting and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do grant, bargain, sell with special warranty unto the said Arthur Emmerson all of their lands together with their improvements, buildings, Mills, Milligins, and appurtenances and hereditaments this day coming to the said Norman L. Brantley by deed of even date with these presents from James Johnson, David S. McAlister wife, A. S. B. Merritt, William H. C. Merritt and George W. Deets junr and mentions and describes in the said deed as "those several tracts of land conveyed to James Johnson, John L. East, A. S. B. Merritt, and William H. C. Merritt by deed from John A. Smith and Mary A. C. his wife and Petermas A. Smith bearing date the first day of November in the year 1857, (and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Southampton County) so much thereof as follows to wit; all of that one tract of land (except the three acres which is reserved) lying and being in the County of Southampton, Virginia, on the north side of Meherrin River and adjoining the lands of Peter Edwards, John McWhithead and Mark S. Deets and containing from five hundred to Sixty hundred acres more or less. Also so much of the following tract of land as lies in the State of Virginia the whole of said tract being described in the said deed from John A. Smith's wife of Petermas A. Smith as another tract of land lying on the South side of Meherrin River adjoining the first named tract and lying in the Counties of Greensville, Virginia, and Northampton County, North Carolina, called the "Deerfoot tract" adjoining the lands of Green Staniel and Joseph M. S. Rogers, containing four hundred and eighty acres more or less. Also all of that other certain tract of land conveyed to the said James Johnson, David S. McAlister, A. S. B. Merritt and William H. C. Merritt by deed from Joseph M. S. Rogers bearing date the seventeenth day of March in the year 1855, and bounded as therein described viz: commencing on the South bank of Meherrin River at the Southeast angle of Greensville County Va. and at the point where the boundary line between the States of Virginia and North Carolina crosses said River, thence following the said boundary line between the States of Virginia and North Carolina west to its intersection with the South boundary of the lands belonging to the S. J. R. R. Road Co. thence ascending at right angles from the South boundary line of said R. Road Company one hundred feet to the north boundary of said Company's land, thence following a well and along said northern boundary of said Company's land on a line fifty feet from the center line of said Rail Road into Northampton County N. C. to a stake and pole sapling this day planted in the line of the fence of said Joseph M. S. Rogers, thence at 15 1/2 degrees (N. 1/2 E.) 16 chains and 48 links to a stunted oak blazed and marked standing on the bank of Meherrin River, thence on the same course 20 links to low water mark of said River, thence down said river following its natural course to the place of beginning. excepting therefore such lands included in the above boundaries as are owned by the aforesaid R. Road