

Southampton County Clerks Office February 14<sup>th</sup> 1867.  
This agreement between E. Ballou/Barrett & Rufus E. Darden was acknowledged by the said Barrett and Darden  
and admitted to record. A stamp of the internal revenue of the United States of the amount of five cents being affixed thereto.

Date:

J. R. Edwards Esq.

This Deed, made this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven, between Rufus E. Darden  
and Martha R., his wife of Elizabeth, Southampton County, Virginia, of the one part and John R. Kelly of Suffolk, nonsuited  
County, Virginia, of the other part, Wtningfield; that the said Rufus E. Darden and Martha R. his wife, in consideration  
of the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars, do grant with general warranty unto the said John R. Kelly and to his heirs and assigns  
forever, the house & appurtenances and parcel of ground in Elizabeth aforesaid, known and called as the Old Sheriff's Office,  
situated between the law office of H. H. Postle and the store house of said Rufus E. Darden, and is the same property purchased  
by said Rufus E. Darden of Donald P. Gay & wife, dated the 28<sup>th</sup> December 1866, & now just recorded.  
Witness the following signatures to seal.

Rufus E. Darden (Sig)  
Martha R. Darden (Sig)

Southampton County In the Clerks Office February 14. 1867  
This day Rufus E. Darden & Martha R. his wife, whose names are signed to the writing herein annexed, bearing date 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of January 1867, personally appeared before me in my office aforesaid and acknowledged the said writing to be  
their act and deed. And the said Martha R. being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and  
having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Martha R. acknowledged the same to be her act  
and declared she had executed it willingly and does not wish to retract it. Whereupon the said writing is admitted to  
record. A stamp of the internal revenue of the United States of the amount of fifty cents being affixed thereto.

Date:

J. R. Edwards Esq.

Whereas John D. Myrick and Maria E. his wife by their Deed of Trust dated the 26<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1866, and recorded in the County of Southampton did convey, unto Hader Biggs, as trustee  
for Walter Myrick, among other estates the property in said County known as "Newson's Depot";  
and whereas also the said John D. Myrick and Maria E. his wife by another Deed of trust dated  
the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1866, and duly recorded in said County, did convey unto John R. Kelly, trustee  
therein named, among other property twenty three hundred acres of land in said County including the  
dwelling and store house at Newson's Depot and the Newson place. And whereas by the last  
named Deed it was provided that the said John R. Kelly trustee as aforesaid shall price it as rapidly  
as practicable to make sale of and collect the assets thereby conveyed; and he is expressly empowered to  
make sale of all or any part of the property thus conveyed, at public or private sale and on such  
terms and conditions as he might deem best; And whereas in execution of said trusts, the said John  
R. Kelly and Hader Biggs, trustees as aforesaid, did proceed to advertise by printed hand bills, and  
by advertisements published in the "Petersburg-Independent" & "Norfolk Virginian", and did on Monday  
the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1866, at Jerusalem in the County of Southampton (being County Court  
day) sell at public auction the property known as Newson's Depot, including dwelling and store house  
and two hundred and fifty four and a half acres of land attached, being part of the old Newson farm  
cut off therefrom and attached to the Depot Lot, as will be seen by plat and survey recently  
made and annexed hereto as part of this Deed, and at such Sale James J. Darden became the  
purchaser of the same at the price of five thousand dollars, one fourth cash, and the balance on twelve  
months credit with interest from date & secured by a lien on the land sold.

Therefore this deed made this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1866, between the said John R. Kelly trustee as aforesaid  
and the said Hader Biggs as trustee as aforesaid of the one part and the said James J. Darden of the other  
part, Wtningfield, that the parties of the first part, in consideration of the said sum of five thousand  
dollars, do grant with special warranty, unto the said James J. Darden, and to his heirs and assigns

Recorded Esq.  
J. R. Edwards  
J. J. Darden