

bearing date on the 26th October 1840, acknowledged the same before me
in my City aforesaid, from thence my hand this 27th October 1840
J. F. Johnson, Not. Pub.

Southampton County, In the Clerk's Office, June the 17th 1840
This Deed of Bargain & Sale from Nathaniel Still and wife to
John A. Edwards, was this day received and together with the
Certificate thereof annexed, of the acknowledgment of the said
Nathaniel Still and of the sworn examination and acknowledgment
of the wife, before a Notary Public, admitted to record.

Teste,

Johnell Taylor, J.C.

This Deed made this the 20th day of April 1840, between Abner
Edwards and Frances A. Edwards his wife, of the first part and John
A. Edwards of the second part, Witness that the said Abner Edwards
and Frances A. his wife, in consideration of ten hundred dollars, the
receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do grant unto the said John
A. Edwards, all his right and interest, (the same being one eighth,) in and
to a certain tract of land lying in Southampton County, of which John
Edwards died seized and possessed, containing about three hundred acres,
and is bounded on the north by the Land of Abner Edwards, on the
East by the Land of William Stephens, on the South by the Land of
William Ginnis and on the West by the Land of Captain Sumner -
Witness the following Signatures & Seal -

Witness
Geo. S. Dearing

Abner Edwards (Seal)
Frances A. Edwards (Seal)

Sales County, In the Probate Court, State of North Carolina -
Be it remembered, that on the 22nd April A.D. 1840, before the undersigned
Judge of Probate for said County, personally came Frances A. Edwards
wife of Abner Edwards, the persons described in and who signed
the foregoing Deed, and acknowledged the due execution thereof
by her, as her act and deed. And thereupon I proceeded to take
her private examination, separate and apart from her said husband,
bringing her first Counsel in the execution thereof, and she declared on oath
her examination that she had executed the same freely and of her own
free will and accord, and without any force, fear or undue in-
fluences of her said husband, or of any other person, and did so
voluntarily apart therefrom. The due execution of the said Deed
by the said Abner Edwards is duly proved by the oath
and Examination of George S. Dearing, the undersigned
Clerk of the Superior Court and Judge of Probate of said
County, do herewith set my hand and affix my seal of
Office, this day forth before writing.



Robert B. G. Cooper, J.

Probate Judge -