Northampton County, In the Clerk's Office, August the 17th 1871.

This Deed of Trust from Wm. H. B. Mears and wife to Alexander B. Mears, Trustee for the benefit of Mary L. Mears, wife of said Wm. H. B. Mears and children, was this day received and together with the Certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record. A tax of one dollar and fifty cents for the Revenue Stamp to the amount of two dollars being affixed thereto and duly Cancelled.

Teste, Thos. H. Tyler, J. C.

Exon. and delivered to J. J. Courtney

Know all men by these presents, that I, Joseph J. Courtney, of the County of Northampton, Virginia, being a Householder and Head of a Family in said County, do hereby declare my intention to claim the benefit of the Homestead provided for by the Constitution of the State of Virginia and the act of the General Assembly of said State in pursuance thereof, approved June 27th 1870, and do hereby claim as said Homestead the following property, to wit; One hundred and sixty acres of Land in the County of Accomac, (as appears from the Land Book of said County) of the value of $800.00, One hundred and forty acres of Land in the County of Northampton, in right of the dower of my wife Elizabeth, formerly Downing, (as recorded) afterwards assigned by Commissioners, of the value of $800, Three horses of the value of $150, Three cows of the value of $60, Three hundred and Twenty dollars worth of the value of $60, One sheep of Cattle of the value of $60, 22 Hogs of the value of $60, 75 Hens of the value of $30.50, Household and kitchen furniture of the value of $100, One Wagon of the value of $100, Farming utensils of $50, Tools of $50, and all of the rest and residue of my personal property not herein enumerated. The said Estate both real and personal amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $1800.00. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of October 1870.

Joseph J. Courtney (Seal)

State of Virginia
Accomac County to wit: I, A. J. Edwards Jr., a Commissioner in Chancery of the County Court of Accomac County, in the State aforesaid do Certify that Joseph J. Courtney whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 18th day of October A.D. 1870, this day acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 18th day of November A.D. 1870.

A. J. Edwards Jr., Com. in Ch.

Ex. Accomac County, Clerk's Office, November 15 1870.

This Exonerated Deed of J. J. Courtney was this day received in this Office, and with the Certificate of the acknowledgement, thereof thereon annexed, admitted to record.

Internal Revenue Tax of four dollars and fifty Cents being paid thereon.

Teste, A. J. Edwards Jr., C. C.

Northampton County, In the Clerk's Office, August the 17th 1871.

This Deed was this day received and together with the Certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record. Stamps of the Int. Rev. of the Wd. to the amount of two dollars and fifty Cents, being affixed thereto and duly Cancelled.

Teste, Thos. H. Tyler, J. C.