John J. Degnan this of the Justices of the peace, in and for said County, did present his Certificate of Bond & Qualification as one of the Sureties, jointly to a Certain Deed of Bargain and Sale, bearing date the 17th day of May 1871, and duly proved, and the said James E. Gordon having also duly qualified to their jointly and severally, and upon some his said husband, declared that the said instrument signed, sealed and executed the same and that the said wife is about to leave Virginia, and dated this 17th day of May 1871.

Mills A. Booth J.P.
J. J. Degnan J.P.

County of Southampton, State of Virginia, to wit:

I, Mills A. Booth a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid do Certify that James E. Gordon and Richard E. Story whose names are signed to the writing above being duly sworn to the 17th day of May 1871, that acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 17th day of May 1871.

Mills A. Booth J.P.

Southampton County, In the Clerk's Office, May the 18th 1871.

This Deed of Bargain and Sale from James E. Gordon and wife and Richard E. Story to Margaret Story and others, was this day received and Lodged with the Certificates thereon annexed, admitted to record, a Stamp of the Sale Value of Five Hundred Dollars the amount of Fifty Cents being affixed, Stamped and duly Cancelled.

Teste, James B. Tyler D.C.

Know all men by these presents, that I, James B. Lewis of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, a Free Mulatto and head of a family, do declare and publish unto that I claim as a Homestead and property exempt from levy and Distress and sale for debt under and pursuant to the Annual Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An act to prescribe in what manner and in what proportion houses belonging to heads of a family shall be set apart and held as Homesteads and personal property for the benefit of Minors and family exempt from debts for debt." Assembled June 20th 1870. The following real Estate to wit, One hundred and fifty acres of Land, more or less, estimated to be equal to one hundred and twenty four dollars ($496.00) No. 1 The following personal property, viz: amount Four hundred dollars ($400.00) The Valuation of both the Land and personal property thereby claimed, not being Five Thousand Dollars, the Valuation of total amount both Land and personal property Eight hundred and twenty five dollars.

Witnesses my hand and seal this 8th day of June 1871.

Witness,
J. S. Carnwell,
J. W. Parker,
R. M. Edwards

James B. Lewis (Seal)

Southampton County, This Deed was duly presented in the Clerk's Office of the County aforesaid, and the Certificate thereon annexed, duly received and admitted to record, the said James B. Lewis as the Grantor, and the Grantee, Given under my hand this 8th day of June 1871.

Southampton County, This Deed was duly presented in the Clerk's Office of the County aforesaid, and the Certificate thereon annexed, duly received and admitted to record, the said James B. Lewis as the Grantor, and the Grantee,

E. R. Edwards
at Clerk's Office

1871
April 21

1871
April 21

To the County

To the County

Southampton
This Deed
E. R. Edwards
Stamp of
Affixed, Stamp

Southampton
This Deed
Jos. R. Edwards
Stamp of the
Affixed, Stamp
Cancelled, Stamp
Accounts, day
the Said
as the Grantor