State of Virginia, County of Southampton, to wit: This day personally appeared before me the Clerk of the County of the peace for said County in and for said County John C. Ashby and John R. Rochelle Legatees of Mercurio Ashby deceased, and severally acknowledged the same to be their act and deed. Given under my hand this 5th day of January A.D. 1872.

Miles A. Pretlow, Jr.
Clerk of Court, S.C.

Note further State of Virginia, This is remembered that on the 9th day of January 1872 before me John A. Pretlow, Justice of Peace for said County, personally appeared W. H. Williams and Thos R. Williams, the grantees in the foregoing Deed named, who acknowledged the due execution of the same by them, and each of them, and thereupon Thos R. Williams the wife of the said W. H. Williams, being examined, separate and apart from her said husband, W. H. Williams, and upon being examined the declared that she executed the same of her own free will and accord and without any fear or compulsion from or through any other person, and she did not wish to retract.

J. A. Pretlow
Justice of Peace

Seal

Commission Expires

State of Virginia, To the Clerk's Office, March the 25th 1872.

This Deed of Bargain & Sale from Jeremiah B. Mercurio & wife and others to Joseph B. Ashby, was this day received, & admitted to record upon the certificate thereto annexed, & noted to record. Stamps of the value of $1.00 & the amount of tax thereon of fifty cents, being affixed thereto, and duly cancelled.

Test, James R. Tyler, Clk.

This Deed made this the day of March 1872 between Jeremiah Mercurio of the first part and Joseph B. Ashby of the other part, Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and fifty dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Jeremiah Mercurio doth grant unto the said Joseph B. Ashby, his heirs and assigns in a certain portion of the said Jeremiah Mercurio's Land and the appurtenances thereto belonging thereunto as the same is now staked off & bounded, lying on Barrys Road, the metes and bounds as follows, beginning at the corner on said Barrys Road near Victoriaus & a spring branch; thence down the Jesse Brannock along the line of said Land and the Dividing Branch, and other Waddell Land until the said Brannock comes into the said Waddell Land, thence along said branch until it gets to a spring head Brannock, thence down the branch until it gets to a spring head Brannock, thence down the field and along near the old gate, thence near that branch to a white oak, near the branch, and near the old gate, thence a straight course to the old gate and along the cross fence as it now stands to a dead branch, thence along said branch straight along the hedge row as indicated by a line of marked trees, to a large spring, standing near the cross fence in a thicket