of Southampton & State of Virginia, do hereby certify that R. M. Stephenson and Martha C. his wife, parties to the within deed of mortgage dated July the 18th 1872, personally appeared before us and Martha C. Stephenson, being examined by us privately and apart from her husband, and having the deed fully explained to her, declared she had willingly signed, sealed and executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 8th day of July 1872.

J. W. Parker, J.P.
Thos. M. Parker J.P.

Southampton County, State of Virginia, this day personally appeared before me, R. M. Stephenson, whose name is signed to the annexed deed, bearing date July the 8th 1872, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed. Given under my hand this 8th day of July 1872.

J. W. Parker J.P.

Southampton County, In the Clerk's Office, August the 28th 1872.

This Deed of Bargain & Sale from R. M. Stephenson and wife to Francis Stephenson, was this day received & admitted to record. Whereupon with the Certificate thereto annexed, another & record, & Stamp of the Int. Rev. of the Value of the amount of fifty Cents, having affixed thereto, & duly cancelled.

Teste J. R. Edwards, Clk.

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Whereas by a Deed of Bargain from A. J. Francis and E. C. Francis his wife, made January 8th 1871 to Joseph B. Briggs, Trustee for the benefit of H. S. Pope and R. P. Pope arising of A. M. Stephenson dec'd as duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of Northampton County the said A. J. Francis and E. C. Francis his wife, did Convey to the said Joseph B. Briggs as Trustee a Certain tract of Land containing 100 acres, be the same more or less, which said parcel of land is more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust, for the purpose of securing a debt for Eleven Hundred Dollars due by the said Francis to the said Pope by Bond of even date with the said Deed of Trust and carrying interest at the rate of seven Cents per annum and upwards, the said Debt with the interest and Costs attending the aforesaid Bond, has been fully paid and satisfied unto the said Pope by the said Francis, and therefore the Deed of release made this 8th day of July 1872 between Joseph B. Briggs, Trustee as aforesaid and the said A. J. Francis, Witnesseth that in consideration of the aforesaid premises, the said Joseph B. Briggs Trustee as aforesaid, the said parties hereby Conveying hereby doth Convey and release to the said A. J. Francis and his heirs forever, all the property Conveyed to him by the above mentioned Deed of Trust, free and discharged from the said Trust.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Joseph B. Briggs, Trustee, (Seal)

Northampton County, In the Clerk's Office, September the 14th 1872.

This Deed of Release from Joseph B. Briggs, Trustee, to A. J. Francis was this day acknowledged by the said Briggs to be his act