Release Dower from Wife of Grantor

This Indenture made the 7th day of May in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-three between Allen H. Cotton & Clemenia his wife of the County of Northampton State of Virginia of the first part and Rufus Dardan of the same place of the second part, Witnesseth that the said Allen H. Cotton and Clemenia his wife doth grant unto the said Rufus Dardan as Trustee the following property to wit, all the lands now belonging to the party of the first part lying & being situated in the Second Sale of the Eastern District in Northampton County State of Virginia bounded by the lands of Joseph Dardan, Henry Kelly and the remaining lands of Allen H. Cotton on Pocomoke Swamp the purpose of a certain note for Six hundred and fifty dollars payable to Joseph Dardan bearing date this 7th day of May One thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty three. The boundaries of the above are known that of the said party of the first part shall and do pay to Joseph Dardan the sum of Six hundred & fifty dollars with interest on the same at six per cent before the second day of May One thousand Eight hundred & Sixty four then these presents shall be void otherwise the said parties of the first part do covenant & agree that the party of the second part shall let the expiration of five years from the date of this May One thousand Eight hundred & Sixty three proceed to sell the property aforesaid at public auction to the highest bidder the above described property and shall apply the proceeds of the property of the sale as aforesaid to the payment of the above described note. Witness the following signatures & seals this second day of May One thousand Eight hundred & Sixty three.

Allen H. Cotton (Seal)
Clemenia X her Cotton (Seal)
mark

Virginia Northampton County to wit: I, Jno. Chas. Stokes Office May 9 1873

I, Littleton R. Edwards Clerk of the County Court of Northampton in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Allen H. Cotton whose name is signed to the writing hereunto annexed bearing date the 7th day of May 1873 has acknowledged the same before me in my said aforesaid County & further certify that Clemenia his wife the wife of said Allen H. Cotton whose name is also signed to the said writing personally appeared before me in my said Office, and being examined by me, privately and apart from the said Husband, & having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Clemenia H. Cotton acknowledged the same to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same & that she does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 9th day of May 1873.

L. R. Edwards Clerk

Northampton County Jno. Chas. Stokes Office May 7th 1873.

This Deed of Trust from Allen H. Cotton & wife to Rufus Dardan Trustee for the benefit of Joseph Dardan, was this day received & together with the Certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste L. R. Edwards Clk

Elisha Dark Wyndt this 8th day of May in the year 1873, between Elisha Dardan & Rufus E. Dardan Trustee of the one part and Joseph Dardan of the other party Witnesseth that in Consideration of the sum of Six hundred & twenty four dollars & sixty four cents the said Elisha Dardan & Rufus E. Dardan do grant unto the said Joseph Dardan (the said Elisha Dardan with general & the said Rufus E. Dardan with special warranty) the tract of land on which the said Elisha Dardan now resides containing four hundred and two acres more or less, also another tract known as the "Cotton tract" containing one hundred acres more or less (being the same tract of land conveyed by Deed of Trust executed on the 18th day of April 1872, by the

Grantee

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