said Elisha Darden to Rufus E. Vaughan as Trustee to secure a debt due Joseph J. Darden which said Deed of Trust is duly recorded. Witness the following Signatures & Seals

Elisha J. Darden (Seal)
R. E. Darden (Seal)

Southampton County to wit:

I, Cecil C. Vaughan a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby Certify that Elisha Darden whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date the 5th day of May 1878 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 5th day of May 1878.

Cecil C. Vaughan J.P.

Southampton County, For the Clerks Office, May 9th 1878.

This Deed of Trust from Elisha J. & R. E. Darden Trustee to Joseph J. Darden was this day received & acknowledged by the said R. E. Darden Trustee as aforesaid to be his act and deed. Together with the Certificate thereto annexed & the taxes & contingent by the said Elisha Darden before a Justice of the Peace, admitted to record.

Teste: R. Edwards, Clk

This Deed made this 9th day of May in the year 1878, between Joseph J. Darden of the one part and Elisha Darden of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Joseph J. Darden in consideration of the National bank note offered which he has in hand for his father the said Elisha Darden & of ten dollars by the said Elisha Darden to him in hand paid at & before the sealing and delivering of these presents, hath given and granted and does hereby give and grant unto the said Elisha Darden for and during the term of his natural life, one fifth part or share in value of the land of which whereon he the said Elisha Darden now resides containing 262 acres, more or less, also one third of the other tract called the Home land containing 100 acres, more or less, which land he is to hold off to such intent the Homestead home. Elisha Darden & Coleman Darden jointly owning the said Elisha Darden is also to have the privilege of getting firewood and rails timber off of any part of the said tract of land, and he is hereby agreed that at the decease of the said Elisha Darden whom has presently his Executor Jasper Darden then that the said Executor may have such rights during his natural life, the two thirds land off as aforesaid and the privilege also of getting firewood & rails timber off of the aforesaid tract of land. But the firewood granted the said Executor not to be in lieu of any claim or rights of dower which the wife claim in the real Estate of the said Elisha Darden. He the said Elisha Darden, do at decease of the said Elisha Darden and Executor has off the property aforesaid having Conveyed to be revert to the heirs of said Joseph J. Darden the having delivered the following Witness the following Signatures & Seals

Jos J. Darden (Seal)

Comment of delivered to Rufus E. Vaughan

Comment of delivered to Joseph J. Darden

Comment

Southampton County, For the Clerks Office, May the 9th 1878.

This Deed of Trust from Joseph J. Darden to Elisha Darden, was this day received & acknowledged by the said Joseph J. Darden to be his act and deed and admitted to record.

Teste: R. Edwards, Clk