

This indenture made and entered into on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord 1774, between I. B.  
Biddle and Mary H. Biddle his wife of the County of Southampton, State of Virginia, of the first part; and  
Stephen Ward of the County of Isle of Wight, State of Virginia, of the second part. Whereas that the  
said party of the first part has and in consideration of the sum of six hundred dollars, to her in hand,  
paid by the said Stephen Ward, the receipt of which, we do hereby acknowledge, have signed, sealed  
and witnessed, and by these presents doth bargained sell and convey unto the said Stephen Ward his heirs and  
spouse, a lot of land in the Village of Franklin, containing not quite one fourth of an acre, fronting  
on the west end on the State fifty two feet three inches, and running back to the adjoining lot so as  
to make the East and other corner stand the West, and which lies adjacent to the S. E. of John Miller's  
for on South and the Street at the West and north. The lot now sold was bounded by me from John  
R. Kelly, as convenient by which said reference is now made for further particular, together with all his  
privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or at any time hereinafter unto him the said Stephen Ward, his  
heirs and assigns forever. Moreover we the said party of the first part doth remand and agree to and  
with the said party of the second part that after the delivery of these premises to remand and sever the  
right and title of the aforesaid lot of land with quiet possession unto the said Stephen Ward and to his  
heirs and assigns forever. Wherefore the following signatures and seals.

I. B. Biddle (Seal);  
Mary H. Biddle (Seal);

State of Virginia, County of Southampton to wit:

I. B. Holland a Justice in and for  
the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the day forenoon aforesaid before me in the County aforesaid,  
duly P. O. Post for whose name is affixed to the writing on the preceding page bearing date the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 1774, and acknowledged the same to be the said Mary H. Biddle and her husband, I find unto my hand the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1775.

I. B. Holland J. P.

State of Virginia  
County of Southampton to wit:

I. B. Holland & C. C. Vaughan Justices  
of and for the aforesaid County do hereby certify that Mary H. Biddle the wife of Sam'l B. Biddle whose  
name is signed to the writing on the preceding page bearing date the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1774, forenoon aforesaid  
before us in the County aforesaid, and being examined by us fairly and apart from her husband, and having the  
writing aforesaid fully referred to her she the said Mary H. Biddle acknowledged the said writing to be her act  
and declared that she had willingly executed the same and that she did not wish to retract it. I find under oath  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1775.

I. B. Holland J. P.  
C. C. Vaughan J. P.

Southampton County. Sealed Office September 15<sup>th</sup> 1775.

The said I. B. Biddle and wife and I. B. Holland and wife to Stephen Ward and his day received and  
together with the aforesaid deeds annexed admitted to record.

I. B. Biddle  
I. B. Edwards Esq.