

Know all men by these presents that I Richard S. Schom, of the County of Staunton and State of Virginia, householder and head of a family do declare and make known that I own as a house and property worth, just less than \$2,000.00, and am not taxed by the General Assembly of Virginia with an acre to himself or what number and at what rate, or contribution a head of a family shall be assessed and held in bondage and personal property for the taxes of himself and family worth just under \$1,000.00.

(62) Also, the following real estate to wit, one tract of land containing two hundred and forty acres and one-half of four hundred dollars, and the following personal property for the taxes of himself and family worth just under \$1,000.00, and all my household and kitchen furniture at one hundred dollars the valuation of both the land and personal property being claimed out being two thousand dollars, let valued at \$4,000.00, six hundred dollars. Witness my hand and seal this 2<sup>d</sup> day December 1873.

Richard S. Schom <sup>his</sup> Seal

Southampton County, In the State of Ohio off'd December 5<sup>th</sup> 1873.

The Clerk of Richard S. Schom, claiming the Homestead, under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia on the day named and acknowledged by the said Richard S. Schom to be his act as such and witness to same.

Test.

R. Edwards Esq.

This Clerk signs this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1873, before William H. Benton, Adelma M. Benton his wife of the first part and Paul C. Dyer of the second part, who are test in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars, do receipt of each a sum acknowledged by the said parties of the first part, do hereby give and convey to the said William H. Benton to him and his heirs forever, that general property the following tract of Land to wit, a certain tract of Land situated in Southampton County, containing 550 acres, so in same signed and left him by the late Mrs. Rosewood, Containing the land belonging to the heirs of Lewis Jack, also with the lands belonging to the heirs of Henry Keady, also Mr. Lucy H. Keady & others, and commonly known as the "Borden's place", the said lands part of Land formerly of Jacob Borden, late 5<sup>th</sup> January 1870, given from Mr. Borden to W. H. M. Benton, and which lands used to duly record in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County? And sign the following instrument of lease?

W. H. Benton, Test:  
Adelma M. Benton, Test:

Virginia, Southampton County to wit, I Joseph B. Evans, citizen, Justice of Peace for the County of Southampton of State of Virginia, do certify that W. H. Benton, above named is shown to me writing above bearing date Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1873, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid; and I do further certify that Adelma M. Benton, the wife of W. H. Benton, above named, is shown to me writing the above writing bearing date Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1873, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, and being questioned of her property and who was her late husband, and having the writing produced, fully explained to her, she the said A. M. Benton, etc. wife of said W. H. Benton, acknowledged that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1873?

Joseph B. Evans, J. S.