

End  
A. H. Branch

Whereas the legislature of Virginia did by an act approved the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 1870, prescribing in what manner and in what conditions a homestead or tract of land of a family should set apart and held as hereditary and personal property for the benefit of himself and family exempt from sale or debt, and in order to be entitled to the full benefit of a homestead it must have been acquired, improved, and set up by the said householder or head of a family, since the time the same of the property he is entitled by law to receive. And Whereas the said testator doth declare Alexander H. Branch of Southampton County a householder and head of a family. It is about a homestead the following property to wit: His lot estate is a tract of 16 acres of land owned by my wife Susan Donald in her single right of \$200, and other realty of \$15, and one valuable of \$2, five hogs valued at \$5, ten bushels of corn and 20 bushels of beans, and 100 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of rye, 100 bushels of barley, 100 bushels of corn, valued at \$50, twenty bushels of ground peas, valued at \$20, and Clark's valued at \$1, and thousand feet of timber valued at \$45, All the said property, valued at four hundred and thirty six dollars, and the said estate held out and purposed to be held by me as a homestead until she above mentioned. And witness my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1871.

A. H. Branch (Seal)

Southernland County. In the Clerk's Office November 27<sup>th</sup> 1874.

The Clerk of Southampton County Alexander H. Branch, per his day received and acknowledged by me signed to be his act and deed and witnessed to record.

Teste, W. C. Edwards Esq.

Teste D. I. D. made this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1874, between John Williams and Mr. E. Daugherty, trustees of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, of the first part and Mr. H. E. Daugherty of said County and State of the second part, that whereas Dallas Person and Co. of Person's lot at the Bay of 1770, create a Deed of trust Company to the Mr. Griffin trustee shall extend lot of land lying in the village of Franklin Southampton County, Virginia, at the said side of Park Street, and bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Park Street and Gordon street, thence westerly along Park Street to Dr. H. H. Gordon and Co., thence southerly along the said Gordon's lot, take last of the backlands of Alexander Person, thence easterly along the line of said Person's to Gordon street, thence northerly along Gordon street to its intersection with Park Street, the point of beginning, containing about one acre of land; and fully to assume to the said John Williams the payment of all Gordon's bonds created by said Dallas Person and Co. Person at the purchase price of said lot and whom the said Dallas Person and Co. Person afterwards convey, he agreed to Dr. H. H. Gordon by Deed of Person's lot, subject to the said lot of Person as aforesaid. And whereas the said Mr. E. Daugherty has paid the said bonds created by the aforesaid Deed of Person as is evidenced by the signature of the said John Williams (who aforesay to said Corp.) to this Deed. Therefore I testify that these are and considered of the premises aforesaid. The said portion of the first part to person transferred, where and carry, and by these presents have granted, transferred, released and conveyed unto the said party of the second part all their right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid lot of land lying in the village of Franklin, on the said side of Park Street, and bounded and described as above, the said which the said Person before conveyed to Mr. Griffin, trustee for the benefit of the said John Williams. And the said portion of the first part warrants specially the property hereby conveyed, holding the following signatures and seals to day and year above written.

H. H. Williams

John Williams (Seal)  
H. H. Griffin trustee (Seal)

Southampton County to wit.

J. L. Oakes, a Justice of Peace for the County aforesaid