This Indenture made this 1st day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy four between Robert A. Stephenson of the first part and Sarah M. Bearden of the second part all of the County of Hertford and State of North Carolina witnesseth: that whereas the said Sarah M. Bearden intends to intermarry, and whereas a marriage is intended shortly to be hereafter solemnized between the said Robert A. Stephenson and the said Sarah M. Bearden, now therefore, in consideration of the contract of said marriage the said Robert A. Stephenson and the said Sarah M. Bearden do enter into the following agreement to the faithful performance of which they bind themselves their heirs and assigns to wit. It is agreed to and the said Robert A. Stephenson hereby binds himself his heirs and assigns, to the exclusive use of the said Sarah M. Bearden shall secure full and complete ability to dispose of bequeath and devise all property now belonging to her at any disruption with his little small and personal, lands and chattels by last will and Testament to take effect at her death, which said Will and Testament may be revoked and disposed before or after said marriage, and the said Robert A. Stephenson binds himself his heirs and assigns - not to object to said Will, nor interfere with the disposition of the property devised in said Will and hereby covenants to and with the said Sarah M. Bearden to maintain and keep inviolate her power of this post nuptial contract. And the said Sarah M. Bearden agrees to and with the said Robert A. Stephenson he shall have full power to dispose of any and all property of her the said Robert A. Stephenson, little small and personal lands and chattels by his Will and Testament which said Will may be written and executed before or during said marriage, and the said Sarah M. Bearden hereby not to molest or object to said Will, but permit the property of the said Robert A. Stephenson to be distributed as he may direct by Will as aforesaid, and the said Sarah M. Bearden hereby relinquishes all right of dower in the lands of said Robert A. Stephenson or against deficit in his personal estate should the marriage be had as contemplated and should said Robert A. Stephenson make or leave Will and Testament otherwise disposing of his said property. And the said Sarah M. Bearden covenants to and with the said Robert A. Stephenson to maintain and keep this post nuptial agreement sacred and her power. Witnesses Whereof the said Robert A. Stephenson and the said Sarah M. Bearden have hereto set their hands and seals this day and date first above written.

Signed and sealed
Will not prejudice of
Jos. C. Hayseed
Jos. S. Parrish

J. A. Stephenson (Seal)

Sarah M. Bearden (Seal)

Southampton County: Set the Clerk's office August 16th 1875.
This Marriage Contract, between Robert A. Stephenson and Sarah M. Bearden was this day produced and proved by the oath of Jos. S. Parrish one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and on the 31st day of September 1875 was proved by the oath of Jos. C. Hayseed the other subscribing witness thereto, and admitted to record.

Test. J. H. Edwards C.C.C.

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Whereas by fresh deeds of date Nov. 1st 1874 and 29th September 1874 Jos. T. Henderson by & through H. B. Saunders, assigned property and bond to secure a debt due by said H. T. Henderson to Samuel C. Hinnerity for four hundred dollars, due Nov. 1st 1874 - and whereas the said debt is not yet fully paid nor secured, now this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the above and the sum of ten dollars the said party of first part does grant and assign to said Saunders, Trustee the

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