that the said Thomas to Majette acknowledged that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this Twenty 30th day 1876.

D. T. Pierce J.P.

Southampton County: To the Clerk's Office January 30th 1876.
This Deed of Bargain and Sale from Evelyn Ann Majette, Executrix & Majette unto to Mercurius T. Pitt, that this day received and together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to and ordered to record.

Teste M. M. Edwards C.C.

This Mortgage made this the twenty fourth day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy six (1876) by and between J. H. Thomas of Southampton County and State of Virginia party of the first part and L. B. Newsome of the County of Hertford and State of North Carolina party of the second part, Witnesseth that the party of the first part hereto for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Two dollars ($202.00) which interest at the rate of eight per centum per annum. Now the said first party being thereby desirous to secure the second party with hereby grants sell and deliver unto the said party of the second part four mules viz. Sophet filly, Rodie, Bennie, Polly and Lillie the said mules, being the mules that he now has of his own with in said County of Southampton and which are now in hand as his property mules. It is further agreed that the said first party is to take possession of said mules and use them for his own private use and benefit, subject however to the claims of the second party. Now therefore if the said first party shall pay or cause to be paid unto the said second party his said note aforesaid with interest then the said to be void, otherwise the said second party shall take immediate possession of said mules and after thirty days advertisement the same to sell to the said mules to the highest bidder or so many of them as may be necessary to defray the expense of executing this mortgage. The sale and the surplus if any, to pay over to said first party or his legal representatives.

Witnesses J. H. Thomas
Joel Brinkley

Witness the hand of the said first party which hereby set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

J. H. Thomas (Seal)

Southampton County: To the Clerk's Office January 31st 1876.
This Deed of Bargain and Sale J. H. Thomas to L. B. Newsome, was this day received and acknowledged by said Thomas to be his act and deed and admitted to record.

Teste M. M. Edwards C.C.

This Deed made this 23rd day of January 1876 between Robert A. Edwards and Rian E. Edwards his wife of Gates County (N.C.) of the one fourth and Benjamin B. Vann of Southampton County Va. of the other fourth, Witnesseth that for the consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said Robert A. Edwards and Rian E. Edwards his wife do grant unto the said B. Benjamin B. Vann all their right, title and interest to a certain Boat or parcel of Land situate on the Nottoway River lying and being in the County of Southampton and State aforesaid containing eighty acres more or less and bounded as follows: beginning at a Black gum on the Company Ridge and on the gum branch dividing the said lands of J. B. Vann and Daniel Carter in line of marked trees nearly a north course to Black Jack a Corner in line of Stephenson line thence nearly south course dividing lands of J. B. Vann and J. Stephenson lands a line of marked trees to a small gum in the long Branch a Corner tree dividing J. B. Vann and J. Stephenson land to

lands belonging to the said Robert A. Edwards and Rian E. Edwards his wife and defend the said right to the said Benjamin B. Vann against the said Robert A. Edwards and Rian E. Edwards his wife and all other persons whatsoever, lawfully and rightfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

State of North Carolina
Gates County

To M. M. Edwards and Clerk of the Court of Gates County:
Whereas the within Deed of Bargain and Sale was this day acknowledged before me by the within named Robert A. Edwards and wife Rian E. Edwards as to the said Rian E. Edwards to be her act and deed, and she being examined by me privately and separately and apart from her husband, and she having stated that she executed the said Deed of her own free will and without any compulsion or fear of her husband or any other person whatever, and she having declined to retract the said Deed, and the said Deed being duly proven by the oath of Joel Brinkley, a witness thereto, to be the act and deed of the said Robert A. Edwards