

elated, and being examined by me privately and apart from her husband and having the history of her life explained to her she the said Martha F. Davis acknowledged she had wished to be his wife and dad, and declared that she had willingly eloped the same and did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 1st day of Jan: 1876

John S. Dyer

Sotary Public

State of Virginia
County of Southampton 3 to wit.

I, John S. Dyer a Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that Richard A. Dowd above named is signed & dated the writing above bearing date on the 1st day of Jan 1876 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 15th day of Jan: 1876

John S. Dyer Notary Public

Southampton County: Do the Clerk's Office February 1st 1876.

The Clerk of Court York Richard A. Dowd swears to Oath herein made for the benefit of himself & wife, that this day recited and together with the witnesses hereunto annexed, acknowledge to record.

Date, Feb: 1st 1876.

This Indenture made on the 25th day of February 1876 between Richard H. Dowd of the County of Southampton, and State of Virginia, in the first part, and William H. Morris the second, Consignee merchant, located in the City of Norfolk, and State of Virginia, at the second part. Whereas the said Richard H. Dowd is justly and truly indebted to the said William H. Morris & son in the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars, (\$150.) and whereas the said Richard H. Dowd is greatly desirous to secure the payment of the same. And therefore, the indenture, whereof this Indenture is a copy, is made as follows: To witness, the said William H. Morris & son, to the aforesaid Richard H. Dowd, the sum aforesaid is hereby acknowledged. The said Richard H. Dowd shall remain bound and sold to the said William H. Morris & son, the following personal property, to wit, Two horses, 1 Mares, 1 Colt, together with his farming tools and implements or his Carts of Corn, Cotton or Smoke the year A.D. 1876. The condition however, of this Contract is such that if the said Richard H. Dowd shall fail, and fail fully, pay off and discharge the aforesaid obligation to the said William H. Morris & son, or if before the 1st day of December 1876, dies, and in that case this indenture and every part and clause thereof shall be utterly void, and of no effect, otherwise it is to remain in full force.

Do testimony whereof the Richard H. Dowd affix his hand and set his day and date above written.

Richard H. Dowd
Date
Jan 2. 1876

Richard H. Dowd (seal)

Southampton County: Do the Clerk's Office February 1st 1876.
The Clerk of Court from Richard H. Dowd to William H. Morris & son, recites this day recited and acknowledged by said Dowd to be his act and deed and admitted to record.

Date, Feb: 1st 1876.