

D. Hodgskirk, Thos. A. Jones, Simon Nelson, Esq. H. Rowe and Henry Hodgskirk, whose names are signed to the above writing bearing date 26th day of July 1876, forasmuch as appeared before me and acknowledged the same.

Given under my hand this 26th day February A.D. 1876.

J. A. Schless

Commissioner

State of Virginia

County of Southampton, & wit:

I, John A. Schless a Commissioner in Chancery for the County Court of the County aforesaid, do certify that Simon Hodgskirk, the wife of John A. Hodgskirk, Corinna and Hodgskirk, wife of Simon A. Hodgskirk, Clara H. Jones wife of Thos. A. Jones, Nancy M. Nelson wife of Thos. A. Jones, Henry M. Nelson wife of Simon Nelson, and Sarah A. Rowe wife of Thos. A. Rowe, whose names are signed to the above writing bearing date 26th day of July 1876, forasmuch as appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me personally and apart from their said husbands and having said writing fully explained to them that the said parties acknowledged the same to be their act and deed, that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand as Commissioner, this 26th day of July 1876.

J. A. Schless

Commissioner

Southampton County: In the Clerk's Office February 27th 1876.

The Clerk of Virginia and date from John A. Hodgskirk wife of John A. Hodgskirk, was this day received and together with the Certificate thereto annexed, ordered to record.

John A. Edwards, C.C.

His Lord of South made this 27th day of February 1876 William Edwards, John and Sophia A. Drake his wife of the first part, Simon O. Gordon Drake of the second part and Don Phips of the third part, witnesses that in consideration of the sum of five dollars, the said parties of the first part do grant and convey unto the said Simon O. Gordon Drake as aforesaid, the following (viz) Parcel of land, to wit: a certain tract of land situated in Southampton County State of Virginia and known as the said parcel containing by estimation about one hundred and six to the said tract as he and bounded as follows, on the West by the County Road to Backhouse Farm, thence nearly east 200 yds, Northward, thence also to Dr. Wm. Drake's land on the north by Zennora Creek. In South to agree to the following land and interest, a land conveyed by the said Simon Drake to Dr. Wm. Drake about the 27th day of August 1860 and City the 11th day of October and assigned by Dr. Wm. Drake to Dr. Wm. Drake and afterwards assigned by Dr. Wm. Drake to Don Phips which interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum, said land has several fragments with, having land returned to its original amount say of 76 to on the 9th day of July 1876 by Dr. Wm. Drake, and it is expressly agreed upon by the parties to this deed, that the said Don Phips shall at any time after twelve months from the date of this deed by giving the Drake parcel or parties who have said tract of land sold at public auction for cash after giving thirty days notice of the time and place of sale and in the event of a sale at any time ordered by the said Don Phips by his representatives and the said Drake shall proceed to execute the same - from and of the proceeds of said sale, six cents attending the same and retain five for his Commission five per cent