

Sheweth That Thomas J. Patton was lately died in the County of Southampton, State of Virginia, intestate and seized and possessed of certain lands and valuable real estate which he had from Dorchester to North, and usually called the Dorchester and Smithfield, and including about five acres on the West side of said road, near the junction of the above named road and the road leading from Dorchester towards the said Smithfield, and in the division of Stafford, which above farm is composed of several parcels and whose land is bounded north by the lands of Elijah Williams, S. L. Williams and C. Williams; East by the lands of Wm. D. Cragg and A. Morris Patton; South by said A. Morris Patton, and West by the said Dorchester and Smithfield roads, and including the small piece of about five acres as above named. And whereas the said Thomas J. Patton was left as his heirs at law to whom the said land descended, his four children to wit: R. Thomas J. Patton Jr., A. Morris Patton, Caroline R. wife of John Patton Jr., and Jennie R. P. Ware, wife of the late Thomas A. Ware, and whereas it has been agreed to, by and between the said parties to sell to the said A. Morris Patton the said land also described for six thousand dollars, and whereas to it is agreed his said land payable to John Patton Jr. and R. Thomas J. Patton Jr. as administrators of the said R. Thomas J. Patton was also to be held by them as agents in their hands to be disposed of as either agents of said deceased estate.

Wherefore said John Patton Jr. made this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. thousand eight hundred and twenty six between the said Thomas J. Patton Jr. and Jennie R. his wife, John Patton Jr. and Caroline R. his wife, and the late Thomas A. Ware and Jennie R. P. his wife, of the one part, and the said A. Morris Patton, of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, do, in consideration of the said sum of six thousand dollars, paid with general acquiescence, unto the said A. Morris Patton, and to his heirs and assigns forever, the land described as aforesaid, and containing by estimation twelve hundred acres, more or less, that is to say, above undivided Smithfield Road, the said A. Morris Patton being by his right entitled to the same (part), together with all and singular the appurtenances belonging to the same.

Witness their following signatures read:

Witnessed in two places  
to the above signed

Thos. J. Patton Jr.  
Morris A. Patton  
John Patton Jr.  
Caroline Patton  
J. A. Cragg  
Jennie R. P. Ware

Virginia

Southampton County & to wit:

I, R. B. Griffith a Notary Public in and for said County and State of Virginia, do Certify that John Patton Jr. above named is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date March 30<sup>th</sup> 1876, has acknowledged the said writing before me in said County, and I further Certify that Caroline R. Patton the wife of John Patton Jr. also party to said writing, has personally appeared before me, in said County and being examined by me, privately and apart from her said husband, and having the said writing fully explained to her, she said Caroline R. Patton acknowledged the same to be her act, and declare that she had willingly executed the same, and that she does not wish to retract the same. Given under my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1876.

R. B. Griffith J. R.

Monmouth County  
State of Virginia & to wit:

I, John M. Holman a Notary Public in and