Southampton County – In the Clerk's Office December 1st 1856.
This Deed of Bargain and Sale from Sherrod B. Williams wife and others to W. D. Bell, was this day received and with the certificate thereon annexed admitted to record.
Teste, J. Westbrook Clk.

Exam.

This Deed made and entered into this the 25th day of December 1856, between J. J. Whitehurst and Mr. F. Whitehurst his wife of the City of Richmond State of Virginia parties of the first part, and W. D. Blackburn of the City and State aforesaid party of the second part, witnesseth: that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the premises and of the further sum of five dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and assigned W. D. Blackburn party of the second part the following and attached with general warranty – viz "All that certain tract of land lying and being in the County of Southampton in the State of Virginia known as the Hopewell tract and bounded in the North by the lands belonging to the estate of the late James B. Urquhart in the East by the Petersburg Road leading to James B. Urquhart, in the South east and South by the lands of Southwick Waddy in the West by the lands of William Shields, and containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less, it being the same tract of land which was conveyed to Charles Lee by Southwick Waddy by deed of the 26th of March A. D. 1853 and of record in the Clerk's office of Southampton County and by said Charles conveyed to the said J. J. Whitehurst – Not wishing to secure to the Partnership creditors of J. J. Whitehurst the 1/3 payment of their respective claims for rents against the said Whitehurst the 1st & further covenanted and agreed between the parties to this deed that the said W. D. Blackburn, trustee as aforesaid should proceed as soon as he the said trustee should deem it best in his judgment to sell said tract hereby and hereinbefore conveyed, either privately or publicly and upon such terms as he may deem best in order to secure the highest amount payable for said property and after such notice as he may think proper to give – and out of the proceeds thereof to be paid from the expenses of this trust, the fees for drawing and recording the deed, of their contract, and return a Commission of ten per cent for his services the balance of said proceeds of sale to be divided between all the partnership creditors of the said J. J. Whitehurst pro rata.
Witness the following signatures and seals this the day and year first aforesaid.
J. J. Whitehurst (Seal)
M. F. Whitehurst (Seal)

Sent by Mail to W. D. Blackburn

State of Virginia
City of Richmond to wit:
I Robert Hill a Notary Public for the City aforesaid in the State aforesaid, do Certify J. J. Whitehurst, whose name is signed to the foregoing and annexed deed of trust, bearing date on the 25th day of December 1856, has acknowledged the same before me in my City aforesaid and that Mr. F. Whitehurst, the wife of the said J. J. Whitehurst, whose name is also signed to the aforesaid deed, personally appeared before me and being examined by me privately and apart from her husband, and having the contents of the aforesaid deed fully explained to her, she, the said Mr. F. Whitehurst acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed and that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.
Given under my hand this the 29th day of December 1856.
Robert Hill N. P.

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Know all men by these presents that I Sherrod B. Williams of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby bargain and sell unto W. D. Bell the following negro slaves viz: Jerry, Cornelius, Fanny, Nancy, Ann and Jane, Jerry, & Cornelius, fifty dollars each, Fanny & Nancy, & Ann & Jane, & Ann & Jane, & Nancy & Jane, & Nancy & Ann, & Jane & Ann, & Nancy & Jane, & Nancy & Ann, & Jane & Ann, & Nancy & Jane, & Nancy & Ann, & Jane & Ann