

Southampton County: In the Clerk's Office Feb'y: 16<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 This Agreement between W. M. Beaton and Co.  
 and William Edwards was this day received  
 with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.  
 Test: L. R. Edwards C. C.

Examined &  
 advised to  
 W. M. Beaton

This agreement made and entered into this 7<sup>th</sup>  
 day of Feb'y A. D. 1880, between W. M. Beaton, Walter  
 Boone and Samuel L. Beaton merchants and  
 partners trading under the firm name of  
 W. M. Beaton & Co of the one part and Joseph R.  
 Bryant of the other part. Witnesseth: That whereas  
 the said Jos. R. Bryant is about to engage in  
 the cultivation of the soil, and is desirous to ob-  
 ain during the year 1880, advances in supplies  
 from the said W. M. Beaton & Co to the amount of  
 two hundred dollars, beyond which limit the  
 said Joseph R. Bryant shall not go, and the  
 said W. M. Beaton & Co. having agreed on their  
 part to furnish the said advances, now the  
 said Joseph R. Bryant on his part in consider-  
 ation of the above premises does hereby grant  
 a Lien to the said W. M. Beaton & Co. on the  
 crops which may be made during the year  
 1880, upon the lands in cultivation of which  
 the above amount of advances has been or  
 was intended to have been expended. This  
 Lien is granted under an Act of the General  
 Assembly of Virginia approved April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1873  
 entitled, "An Act to secure Advances for  
 Agricultural Purposes." Witness the following  
 signatures

Joseph R. Bryant  
 W. M. Beaton  
 Walter Boone  
 S. L. Beaton

Southampton County, To wit  
 I David H. Kindred, a Justice of the  
 Peace of the said County, do certify that  
 Joseph R. Bryant, W. M. Beaton, Walter Boone  
 & Samuel L. Beaton whose names is  
 signed to the writing hereunto annexed  
 bearing date on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feb'y: 1880  
 acknowledged the same before me in my  
 said County. Given under my hand  
 this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feb'y: 1880

David H. Kindred J. P.  
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