

Exhibit A
debt to
W. M. Beaton

This Agreement entered into this 21st day of February 1880 between W. M. Beaton, Walter Boone, and S. L. Beaton, merchants and partners trading under the firm name of W. M. Beaton & Co. of one part, and Allen Murfee of the other part witnesseth: That whereas the said Allen Murfee is about to engage in the cultivation of the soil, and is desirous to obtain during the year 1880, advances in supplies from the said Wm. M. Beaton & Co. to the amount of Six hundred & twenty five Dollars - which limit the said Allen Murfee shall not go, and the said W. M. Beaton & Co having agreed, on their part to furnish the said advances, now the said Allen Murfee on his part in consideration of the above premises does hereby grant a Liens to the said Wm. M. Beaton & Co on all 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 2nd 1873 entitled "An Act to secure Advances for Agricultural Purposes". Witness the following signatures.

Allen Murfee
W. M. Beaton
Walter Boone
S. L. Beaton

Virginia Southampton County, To wit:

I David H. Kindred a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia do certify that W. M. Beaton, Walter Boone, S. L. Beaton and Allen Murfee whose names are signed to the above writing dated day of February 1880 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this day of February 1880.

David H. Kindred J.P.

+ Southampton County, In the Clerk's Office February 23rd 1880
This Agreement between W. M. Beaton and Company and Allen Murfee was this day received, and with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

Testi:

L. R. Edwards C. C.