

This Writing between William M. Beaton and Edward  
John Beaton and Edward Beaton was this day received and  
with the certificate annexed, admitted to record  
J. L. Edwards C. C.

Exhibit A  
delivered to  
W. M. Beaton  
This Agreement entered into this 2nd day of April 1880  
between W. M. Beaton, Walter Boone and Ed. Beaton  
merchants and partners trading under the firm name  
of W. M. Beaton & Co. of one part and Benjamin Reese and  
Edward Beaton of the other part Witnesseth: That whereas  
the said Benjamin Reese and Edward Beaton are about  
to engage in the cultivation of the soil and are desirous  
to obtain during the year 1880 advances in supplies  
from the said W. M. Beaton & Co. to the amount of  
one hundred dollars beyond which limit the  
said Benjamin Reese and Edward Beaton shall  
not go and the said W. M. Beaton & Co. having agreed  
on their part to furnish the said advances, now the  
said Benjamin Reese and Edward Beaton on their  
part in consideration of the above premises does  
hereby grant a line 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 line 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

Edward Beaton  
Benjamin Reese  
W. M. Beaton  
Walter Boone  
J. L. Beaton

Virginia Southampton County 2d Wit:

I D. H. Kendrick a Justice of the Peace for the  
County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify  
that W. M. Beaton, Walter Boone, Ed. Beaton Benjamin  
Reese and Edward Beaton whose names are signed to the  
writing above, dated 2nd day of April 1880, have actual-  
ly acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid  
Given under my hand this 2nd day of April 1880

David H. Kendrick J. P.

Southampton County In the Clerk's Office April 14th 1880

This Writing between William M. Beaton and Company and  
Benjamin Reese and Edward Beaton was this day received and  
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T. R. Edwards C. C.