

writing bearing date on the 2nd day May, 1889, has
acknowledged the same before witnesses, namely,
of said given under my hand this 2nd day of
May, A.D. 1889. R. E. Darnum Atty.

Southampton County. In the Clerk's Office May 6th 1889.
This Writing between James J. Darnum and Daniel L.
was this day received and with the certificate
annexed, committed to record.
Test: L. R. Edwards Clk.

Ex parte

Whereas, by a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton
County, made at the November Term thereof in the year
one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight in
case then in pending between A. H. Jones and
others Plaintiffs and Robert Rawls and others
Defendants, it was decreed and ordered that
W. M. Briggs, Sheriff (who was appointed ^{Commissioner} for that
purpose) proceed to sell the real estate of which
said Robert Rawls was seized and possessed, on the
terms and conditions named in the decree. And
whereas the said W. M. Briggs Sheriff Commissioner as
aforesaid, pursuant to said decree did advertise the
said lands as directed, and did on the 27th day of
March 1889, before the Court house door of said County
(being Court day) sell at auction as directed the real
estate aforesaid, when the following parcels were
purchased by Richard H. Rawls at the price of eight
hundred dollars: that is to say, a tract of land in said
County containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less
about one mile from Five Stations on the Atlantic
Mississippi and Ohio Rail Road and bounded with
South by the County road leading to Smiths fire
East by the County road leading to Proctor's Ridge both
by Barbours Swamp and west by a creek, and
being the home place of said Robert Rawls, and also
a tract of land (being all woodland) in said County
containing two hundred and ten acres more or less
and situated near Church Run or Cottonville
and near Black water river, and the land of John
P. Higgins; and whereas of the purchase money by the
said Richard H. Rawls paid in cash the sum of \$200.
and then executed his two Bonds each for the sum of
\$200. with R. M. Bain as surety, the same being the
different fragments; and whereas by a further decree of the
said Court made at the May Term thereof in the year
1889 in said cause it was decreed and ordered that
the said W. M. Briggs Sheriff Commissioner do