

Examined
I did read to
J. L. James

Known all men by these presents that J. Dawson Williams of the Co. of Southampton and State of Virginia for and in consideration off the sum of one hundred dollars to me in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged do bargain and sell unto Joshua L. James Esq. of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia my two mules, one a bay the other a black to have and to hold the said mules forever, and I do covenant with the said J. L. James that I have done me act to encumber the said property, that I have a good and legal right to sell the same, and will so warrant and defend the title to the said J. L. James & Co. against the lawful claims of any and all persons to whomsoever. Witness the following signature & seal this the 27th day of Janry 1881.

Dawson Williams *Seal*

Southampton Co. To wit:

I David H. Rindick Esq. Justice of the Peace of the County of aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Dawson Williams whose name is signed to the above writing having date on the 27th day of Janry 1881 acknowledge the same before me in my said County.

David H. Rindick J.P.

Southampton County In the Clerk's Office February the 28th 1881 this Bill of Sale from Dawson Williams to J. L. James & Co. was this day received and with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

John L. R. Edwards Clk

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Seal

This agreement made and entered into this the 18th day of Feby 1881, between J. L. James & Co. of the one part and George W. Blount, of the other part witnesseth that whereas the said George W. Blount is about to engage in the cultivation of the soil and is desirous to obtain advances in supplies during the year 1881 to the amount of Eighty dollars, beyond which limit the said George W. Blount shall not go, and the said J. L. James & Co. having agreed to furnish said amount of supplies more the said George W. Blount on his part in consideration of the above premises, do hereby grant a lien to the said J. L. James & Co. on all the crops raised on mule during the year 1881 on the land in cultivation of which the said amount of advances has been or soon intended to have been expended. This lien is granted under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled an act to secure advances for agricultural purposes and which was approved April the 2nd 1873. Witness the foregoing signature.

J. L. James & Co.
G. W. Blount