

State of Virginia

County of Southampton to wit:

I R. H. Brister, a notary public for the County of Southampton in the State of Virginia do certify the following Ann Branch the wife of Patrick B. Branch whose name was signed to the writing heretofore annexed bearing date on the 14th day of February 1881 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being ~~examined~~ ^{examined} ~~separately~~ ^{separately} and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Ann Branch acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and also notwile to retract it given under my hand this 14th day of February 1881.

R. H. Brister

Notary Public

Southampton County, In the Clerk's Office February the 21st 1881 this Deed of Deed from P. B. Branch & wife to P. Vicks (Preston) for the benefit of R. H. Stephenson was this day received and with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Note L. R. Edwards & Co

Excerpt

This indenture made and entered into on the 23rd day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty between J. E. Johnson and Hester, his wife of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia of the one part and R. J. W. Kelly of Southampton County State of Virginia of the other part, witnesseth that the said J. E. Johnson and Hester, his wife for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand six hundred and fifty Dollars to them in hand by the said R. J. W. Kelly at or before the delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do give each of them doth grant bargain and sell to them the said R. J. W. Kelly their heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land situated lying and being in the County of Southampton and State of Virginia containing two hundred and ninety six acres more or less and bounded by the lands of the heirs of Oliver Johnson dead the heirs of Wilson Darden dead the heirs Leonard both dead, J. E. Warren and the said Ann Battle, they the said J. E. Johnson and Hester, his wife conveying the said two hundred and ninety six acres of land to have and to hold the above described tract or parcel of land and premises with all and singular its appurtenances unto them the said R. J. W. Kelly their heirs and assigns forever, and the said J. E. Johnson and Hester, his wife for themselves their heirs executors and administrators, do and each of them doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said R. J. W. Kelly their heirs and assigns that they will by these presents warrant and forever defend all the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and premises hereby conveyed against the claims and demands of all and every other person or persons whatsoever in witness whereof the said J. E. Johnson and Hester, his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed