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L. P. Edwards, Ck.

This Deed made the 23rd day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, between Jesse L. Bailey and Dorothy A. his wife of the County of Hanover and State of Virginia of the one part and Levi W. Stephenson of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Jesse L. Bailey and Dorothy A. his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred dollars to them in hand paid, doth grant and hereby convey unto the said Levi W. Stephenson his heirs and assigns all certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Southampton, containing by estimation two hundred and twenty one acres, more or less, and bounded by the lands of Drury, Lord, Lane, Lammie, Nicholas, W. Parkman and others, with all the appurtenances thereto appertaining, the said Jesse L. Bailey and Dorothy A. his wife, reserving to themselves the right to a half acre now used as a Slave Yard, which tract or parcel of land the said Jesse L. Bailey and Dorothy A. his wife, do hereby warrant and forever defend the title thereof to the said Levi W. Stephenson and his heirs forever.

Witness the following signatures and seals this 23rd day of December 1853.

Jesse L. Bailey (Seal)
 Dorothy A. Bailey (Seal)

State of Virginia
 Hanover County, Term: 3

W. Henry L. Jones and Richard A. Crump, Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Dorothy A. Bailey, the wife of Jesse L. Bailey, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date the 23rd day of December 1853, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privately and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Dorothy A. Bailey acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 23rd day of December 1853.

Rich^d. A. Crump, J. P.
 W. L. Jones, J. P.

State of Virginia
 Hanover County, Term: 3

I, Rich^d. A. Crump a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that Jesse L. Bailey whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date on the 23rd day of December 1853, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 23rd day of December 1853.

Richard A. Crump, J. P.

Southampton County, In the Clerk's Office the 16th day of January 1854.
 This Deed of bargain & sale was presented to public view after certificate of the acknowledgment of Jesse L. Bailey, a party thereto, & of the party's thereto, admitted to record.

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