

for me W. E. Rowland, and made oath that he saw the said  
 in named Octavia M. Rowland sign, seal, and as her  
 and undoubted date in the within written deed; and that  
 he, W. E. Rowland, witnessed the execution thereof,  
 done in presence of the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1885,  
 W. E. Rowland, }  
 M. E. Rowland, }  
 Notary Public }  
 Certified and Audited in Office.  
 Recorded for 19<sup>th</sup> March 1885.

542 Mrs. J. N. Hightower  
 John N. Hightower  
 W. E. Humphreys

Parties. The State of North Carolina.  
 Deed Whereas prior to the twenty eighth  
 day of July 1884, Mrs. J. N. Hightower  
 and John N. Hightower were joint owners of a

tract of land in Granville County in said State, contain-  
 ing One hundred and Sixty five acres more or less, being  
 a tract of land called by William to Hightower de-  
 ceased to his three sons John N. Hightower, James M. Hightower  
 and the said M. H. or Mitchell to Hightower, where  
 of the said John N. Hightower conveyed his interest to  
 the said Mrs. J. N. Hightower in July 1881, and the said James  
 M. Hightower conveyed his interest to the said William  
 E. Humphreys, and whereas the said Mrs. J. N. Hightower,  
 William E. Humphreys and M. H. Hightower made  
 an informal partition of said tract of land, on said  
 twenty eighth day of July 1884, and the same was di-  
 vided into three tracts, and the parties respectively ex-  
 ecuted deeds thereto, each to the others. And whereas  
 in said partition proceedings, the said Mrs. J. N. Hightower  
 was represented by the aforesaid John N. Hightower  
 as her Agent, and whereas, through oversight or mis-  
 take, the said deeds were made to and by him in his  
 individual name, instead of as Agent or Attorney  
 of the said Mrs. J. N. Hightower or in her name, Now  
 therefore I know all mine by these presents that I  
 the said J. N. Hightower in consideration of the sum  
 of one hundred and fifty dollars and for the purpose of correcting said oversight  
 or mistake, do hereby ratify, confirm and adopt  
 all and whatever was done in said partition pro-  
 ceedings by said John N. Hightower and the other  
 parties thereto, and do hereby accept the fifty nine  
 acres of land, more or less, conveyed to said John N.  
 Hightower, as my proportional part of said tract  
 of land, and do hereby certify that the same

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quishing all interest in the remainder thereof. In witness  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day  
 of February Anno Domini 1885.

Executed in presence of }  
 A. W. Humphreys } J. N. Hightower, CD  
 M. H. Hightower }  
 State of North Carolina }  
 County of Granville } Before me personally comes  
 and makes oath that he saw the within instrument of writing  
 for the said and purposes therein mentioned, and that  
 he, W. E. Humphreys, witnessed the execution thereof,  
 done in presence of the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1885,  
 W. E. Humphreys, }  
 Notary Public }

State of North Carolina }  
 County of Granville } I, John N. Hightower do hereby  
 acknowledge the truth of the state-  
 ments made in the foregoing instrument of writing, and  
 that I had not at the time of said information particu-  
 lar any interest whatever in said tract of One hun-  
 dred and Sixty five acres of land, or any part thereof,  
 to Mrs. J. N. Hightower on the fifth day of July 1881,  
 in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
 February 6<sup>th</sup> AD 1885.

Executed in presence of }  
 J. N. Hightower } J. N. Hightower, CD  
 M. E. Hightower }  
 S. J. Southwick Master }  
 D. F. Smith }  
 The State of North Carolina }  
 County of Granville }  
 Court of Common Pleas }

To all to whom these presents shall come, I, S. J. Southwick  
 Master in and for the County aforesaid Court of Common Pleas,  
 Whereas, James M. Mahaffey as Executor of John Mahaffey  
 deceased, and in his own right, on or about the 12<sup>th</sup>  
 day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred  
 and Eighty four exhibited his complaint in the Court  
 of Common Pleas for the County aforesaid against  
 Archibald Mahaffey, John M. Mahaffey and others  
 demanding judgment in Petition to the real estate of  
 the deceased mentioned and described, and the same  
 being at issue came on to be heard on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
 November 1884, and such proceedings were had  
 thereon as resulted in a decree of the Court of Common  
 Pleas in and for the County aforesaid, and