

myself my heirs Executors or administrators and against every other person or persons  
 what saever claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof with my  
 hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> June 1826 signed sealed and delivered in presence  
 of Henry S. Houston William Wheeler } M. Houston Jr  
 State of South Carolina } Personally came Henry S. Houston before me the  
 Greenville District } De subscribing Justice and being duly sworn said  
 an said oath that he did see William Houston Junr. assign the within  
 deed of conveyance and that William Wheeler was together with himself  
 in the presence of each other De subscribing witnesses to the same sworn to and  
 subscribed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1826 he fore  
 me J.W. Hansell J.2 Henry S. Houston  
 Recorded for the 13 July 1826

The State of South Carolina Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin  
 Arnold of the district of Greenville in State aforesaid in consideration of the sum of thirty dollars  
 to me in hand paid by Samuel Ward of the district and State aforesaid have granted  
 Bargained sold and released and by these presents do grant bargain sell and release  
 unto the said Samuel Ward all that parcel or tract of land lying & being in the aforesaid  
 S. on Mountain Creek Waters of Saluda River being part of a tract of land originally  
 granted unto the sd. Benj. Arnold by his Excellency Chas. Pinckney on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1791  
 Reference being had thereto will more fully appear all that part of said tract  
 Beginning at a Stake 3x and running N. 50. W. 25. 50 to a Stake 3x thence N. 58. E 25 to a Hickory 3x  
 thence S. 3. W. 30. to the beginning containing thirty acres Together with all and singular the rights  
 members incidents and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in any  
 wise incident or appertaining to have and to hold all & singular the premises  
 before mentioned unto the said Samuel Ward his heirs and assigns forever and  
 I do hereby bind myself my heirs Executors and administrators to warrant and  
 forever defend all and singular the sd. premises unto the said Samuel Ward his  
 heirs and assigns against myself and my heirs and against every person whom  
 - saever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof  
 Witness my hand and seal this third day of June 1826 and fifteenth year of the  
 Independence of the United States of America Signed Sealed & delivered  
 in presence of Winford Arnold, Martin Arnold } Benj. Arnold  
 State of S. Carolina } Martin Arnold came before me & made oath that he was present &  
 Greenville District } sign and acknowledge the within deed to Samuel Ward for the use  
 saw Benj. Arnold } - and purpose therein mentioned also saw Winford Arnold  
 as a subscribing witness to the same sworn to this 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1826.  
 he fore H. Coble J.2 Martin Arnold  
 Recorded for the 17 July 1826

State of South Carolina Greenville District Whereas there has been a very great dispute & contention  
 Between myself & John Hodges respecting the said John Hodges claiming my dower or portion of  
 property left to me by my husband Benjamin Merritt deceased; But now settled by the hon-  
 -orable arbitrators at Greenville Court house on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1818. Whereas the honorable  
 Arbitrators has recommended for me to live & be maintained out of my said property, and  
 to put an end to all further disputes & contentions I do coove and make choice of my son  
 Thomas Merritt to be my guardian and to keep & take care of & maintain myself  
 during my natural life time and in consideration of the same to him I do hereby  
 fully give & Bestow unto him the said Thomas Merritt all and singular my property