

and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto  
 the said J. Thos. Raines and his heirs and assigns from and  
 against me and my heirs executors administrators and assigns  
 and against every other person lawfully claiming the same  
 any part thereof. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand and affixed my seal the 6th day of Janr 1865.  
 Signed sealed and deliv-  
 ered in the presence of  
 J. L. Scuggs

James  
 Thompson  
 The State of South Carolina, Before me personally came J. M.  
 County of Laurens James and made oath that he saw  
 the grant in my possession and conveyed as aforesaid and delivery  
 the same for the purposes therein named and that he with  
 J. Thompson witnessed the execution thereof. Subscribed  
 the 6th day of January 1865.

J. M. James  
 State of South Carolina J. G. Thompson Trial Justice do  
 County of Laurens hereby certify that all upon it was  
 my concern that Mrs. J. Scuggs wife of the late Mathias  
 J. Scuggs did this day appear before me and after be-  
 ing privately and separately examined by me did declare  
 that she did so freely voluntarily and without any compulsion  
 and of her own free will and without any person or persons whose names  
 were released and forever relinquish unto the said Mathias  
 J. Scuggs his heirs and assigns forever all her  
 interest and claim and all her claims of dower of dower  
 to all and singular the purposes within mentioned and  
 released signed under my hand and seal the 6th day of Janr 1865.

J. G. Thompson  
 Trial Justice  
 Calver and Auditor office. Recorded for 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1865.

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 Agreement  
 Amanda Eskew & others  
 of the late Mathias Roberts, Amanda Eskew, Jane Davenport,  
 Elizabeth & James Roberts, of the State & County above men-  
 tioned do hereby agree and promise to & with each other as follows  
 First that in order to effect a just and equitable disposition of  
 the above mentioned Estate mutually and satisfactorily  
 with each other we agree that an inventory and appraisement  
 shall be made of all the real & personal estate

goods & chattels, moneys, notes &c. by three disinterested & judicious  
 neighbors, said appraisers to be chosen as follows; the 1<sup>st</sup> by Matilda  
 Roberts, the other two by Amanda Eskew & James Roberts, respec-  
 tively, said appraisers so chosen shall after the lands have  
 been divided into enter upon & appraise the said lands & set  
 apart one third in value of said lands, to include the home-  
 stead which is to be assigned to the undersigned Matilda  
 Roberts. The remainder of said land to be divided equally  
 among the four children of said Mathias Roberts, viz. Amanda  
 Eskew, Jane Davenport, Elizabeth Roberts & James Roberts, share  
 & share alike and in any manner they may agree. Out of the  
 Personal property, which includes all moneys, notes &c.  
 we each of us agree for the said Matilda Roberts to have  
 one third, the remainder to be divided among the other  
 abovementioned heirs in the same way & manner as the  
 real Estate and we the undersigned heirs do, each of us,  
 agree to pay out of the moneys that may come into the said  
 appraisers all the indebtedness of the said Mathias Roberts  
 in the order First The medical account & burial expenses,  
 then all just & lawful debts, the incidental expenses that  
 may accrue in carrying out the provisions in this agree-  
 ment & effecting a final settlement of the said Estate.  
 And we and each of us do hereby acknowledge that we  
 have no changes or claims against the Deceased. In witness  
 whereof we and each of us have interchangeably set our hands  
 & seals, this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December one thousand eight  
 hundred & Eighty five.

Signed in the presence of  
 Matilda Roberts  
 Amanda Eskew  
 Jane Davenport  
 Elizabeth Roberts  
 James Roberts

In execution of the above agreement, we the undersigned  
 do each of us agree that if any one of us collectively or  
 simply shall try by a process of law to break this agree-  
 ment that the ones so doing shall incur the expenses  
 of such suit to witness our hands & seals the same  
 day & date above mentioned.  
 Matilda Roberts  
 Amanda Eskew  
 Jane Davenport  
 Elizabeth Roberts  
 James Roberts