

John & Spencer Hooker Mortgage, State of North Carolina
To
Samuel H. Townes
For
Land To all to whom these presents may concern

John Hooker and Spencer Hooker in the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that in and by our certain Bond or obligation bearing date the 1st day of November 1854 together Absalom Key & Ellison Hawkins stand jointly and bound unto Samuel H. Townes Commissioner in Equity for the said District, his certain assigns and successors in office, in the penal sum of Two Thousand Dollars conditioned for the payment of the full and just sum of one Thousand Dollars in one, two, and three years from date in equal and successive annual installments with interest from said date as in and by the said Bond and condition thereof to the said Samuel H. Townes reference being thereunto made, will more fully appear. Now know all men that we the said John & Spencer Hooker in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred and thirty five dollars of money aforesaid, and for the better securing the payment thereof to the said Samuel H. Townes as aforesaid according to the condition of the said Bond; and also in consideration of the further sum of Three dollars to us paid the said John & Spencer Hooker in hand well and truly paid by the said Samuel H. Townes Commissioner as aforesaid at and before the writing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged we the said John & Spencer Hooker have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released and of these presents do grant bargain sell and release unto the said Samuel H. Townes Commissioner as aforesaid his certain assigns and successors in office all that tract and parcel of Land lying and being situated in certain State and District known and described as follows, To wit, Beginning at a point on the wagon road, running thence westwardly on a conditional line adjoining Nell Maddox to a Post, thence S 39° W to Poplar on Long Branch thence up meanders of said Branch thence S 10° E to Mountain Creek to Poplar, thence down the meanders of said creek 3 chains and 10 links to a white oak, thence S 10° E 3 chains & 15 links to a Box Sack, thence S 80° W 3 chains and 10 links to R. C. Sapling, thence N 8° E to Pine stump thence N 85° E to stake thence S 2° E to Pine, thence up said creek to the road, thence S 25° E to a river Gum, on Branch, thence the meanders of same to Mountain Creek thence up said creek to the Road, thence westwardly along said road to the beginning all of which land is situated on both sides of Mountain Creek and contains in all 24 1/2 acres more or less.

Together with all and singular the rights, members, tenements and appurtenances to the said Premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining to them and to hold all and singular the said Premises unto the Townes his assigns, assigns, and successors in office forever. And we John & Spencer Hooker do hereby bind ourselves, and heirs, Executors and Administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said Premises, unto the said Townes as aforesaid from and against our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof. Provided always nevertheless, and it is the true intent and meaning of the parties to these presents, that we the said John & Spencer Hooker do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the Townes aforesaid

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