

William^{his} Rowe ~~Handwritten~~
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Wm. Toler ~~Handwritten~~
Mary^{his} Rowe ~~Handwritten~~
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Benedicta Toler ~~Handwritten~~

Craven County Court, December Term. 1789, There was the execution of the foregoing deed, by all the bargainors except John G. Gaskins proved in open court and in due form of law by the oath of David S. Millis subscribing witness thereto. Whereas Frederick B. Latham Esquire one of the Justices composing the court was appointed to take the private examination of Mary Rowe wife of William Rowe and Benedicta Toler wife of William Toler parties to this deed as to their free consent in executing the same the said Mary and Benedicta being here present in court, and the said Frederick B. Latham here reports to the court that he examined the said Mary Rowe and Benedicta Toler here in open court but separate and apart from their said several husbands on which said examinations taken as aforesaid the said Mary and Benedicta did each of them declare admit and acknowledge that their assent to the execution of this deed was not given under the fear, control or compulsion of their said several husbands or of any other power but of their own free will and consent and that they and each of them do now assent to the execution thereof, Ordered that said deed be Registered.

Wm. Toler J. G. Gaskins

This Indenture made and executed on this day of September 1789, one thousand eight hundred and forty nine between Lewis Meath of the first part and James Averitt of the other part, all of the County of Craven and State of North Carolina, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred Dollars to the said Meath in hand paid by the said James Averitt the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold and do by these presents grant bargain and sell unto the said James Averitt his heirs and assigns one half of a certain undivided tract of land in the aforesaid County and State on the North side of Pease river and East side of the Great Swamp adjoining the lands of Enoch Averitt, Tho^s Ewell and others consisting of three patents first granted to Harmon Gaskins one dated April 26th 1791. The other dated September 13th 1787, another granted to William Dewley dated September 26th 1783. To have and to hold the aforesaid granted premises the improvements privileges and appurtenances therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining therunto, to him the said James Averitt his heirs and assigns forever, the said Lewis Meath do hereby agree to and with the said James Averitt that he will forever warrant and defend the right and title of the said lands against the lawful claims of any and all persons whatsoever, In testimony the said Lewis Meath do hereunto affix his hand and seal date above written.

Lewis Meath ~~Handwritten~~
Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
C. B. Street
Enoch Averitt