


hold, the said lot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to him the said Henry C. Layman, his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Louisa C. Staples covenants that she will warrant generally the title of the property hereby conveyed, and that she will execute such further assurance of said property as may be requisite.

Witness my hand and seal on the day and year first herein written. *Louisa C. Staples* 

Test: William Medders

State of Maryland,
Kent County, to wit:

I, hereby certify that on the first day of December in the year eighteen hundred and eighty five, before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Kent County, personally appeared Louisa C. Staples of Kent County aforesaid, the party grantor within named and did acknowledge the foregoing instrument of writing to be her act and deed.

William Medders J.P.

And was duly recorded by
Samuel Beck, Clerk

Ex and Reference to Proceeding Change Book 10/97

*James A. Jones
William Perkins
and others
trustees
to
James A. Jones
William Perkins
and others, trustees*

Be it remembered that on this 3rd day of December 1885 there was brought to be recorded among the Land Records of Kent County, a deed, which is in the words following, to wit:

This deed made this second day of December in the year eight hundred and eighty five between James A. Jones, James Bentley, William Perkins, William M. Jones, William T. Hemby, Edward Miller, Lorenzo Spurr and Thomas Wright of Kent County in the State of Maryland trustees formerly of the Methodist Episcopal church of the colored people of Chester town, and afterwards, to wit, after yielding the new church on the suburbs of said town, trustees of James Methodist Episcopal church, parties of the first part, and James A. Jones, James Bentley, William Perkins, Edward Miller, Thomas Wright, Thomas Jones, Benjamin Kinggold, James

Whigmore, and Frederick Nichole Jr. all of the County and State aforesaid Trustees of James Methodist Episcopal Church as incorporated by a certificate of incorporation hereinafter mentioned parties of the second part.

Whereas a certain Thomas Leuff by his deed of date the 28th day of April 1831 recorded among the land records for said county in Lib. J. N. S. No. 2. folio 389, conveyed to the trustees aforesaid of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the colored people of Chester town and their successors, the lot of land on which the parsonage or residence of the Minister of said James Methodist Episcopal Church now stands (which parsonage or house was formerly used as a church) with four feet of ground extending around said house except the North west end, thereto extend to Dr. Joseph W. Gordon's line.

And whereas George B. Westcott and his wife by their deed of date the 19th day of May 1865 recorded among the said land records in Lib. J. N. S. No. 4. folio 492, conveyed to trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the colored people of Chester town aforesaid or meant to do, all that piece of ground lying and being near the corporate limits of Chester town aforesaid, and described as follows - Beginning for the same at a stone placed in the middle of the Main road leading from Chester town to Quaker Neck on the brow of the hill near said parsonage, and running first South eighteen degrees and one half of a degree east, fourteen perches, thence South seventy eight degrees West eleven perches and forty three hundredths of a perch, thence North eighteen degrees and one half of a degree west, fourteen perches to the middle of said Main road, thence with the middle of said road, straight to the aforesaid beginning point, containing one acre of land more or less.

And whereas Matilda K. Pearce and James G. Pearce by their deed of date the 13th day of January, in the year 1868, recorded among the land records of said County, conveyed to the trustees aforesaid of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the colored people of Chester town and their successors the lot of land in which the new church now stands, and described as follows in said deed. Beginning for the same on the division line between Matilda K. Pearce and James B. Pearce, at a point fifteen feet distant from the old church

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belonging to the colored people (now the parsonage
aforesaid) and running from thence by and with said
division fence sixty feet thence at right angles with
said division line eighty five feet thence at right
angles with the last mentioned line sixty feet to the
public road, thence with the road straight to the
aforesaid beginning point, all of which will more
fully and at large appear by reference to the three
several deeds above named and referred to.
And whereas the colored people of the Methodist
episcopal church of said town after building their
new church in the lot of land conveyed as afore-
said by Matilda B. Pearce and James A. Pearce, and
at or about the time of the dedication thereof called
the said new church James Methodist episcopal
church and adopted the same name for their
society, and by the same name was incorporated,
by their certificate of incorporation, and the property
herby meant to be conveyed, is the same property,
which vested in the trustees of said church prior
to their being incorporated.

And whereas by a certificate of incorporation bear-
ing date on or about the 27th day of October, in
the year 1860 James A. Jones, James Beutley, William
Perkins, William M. Jones, Edward Miller, Thomas
Bright, William S. Demby and Samuel Anderson,
and Lorenzo Gunn were duly created and consti-
tuted a body corporate, under the General Law
of Maryland relating to religious corporations,
with power to take and hold office in accordance
with the laws and regulations of the Methodist
episcopal church, as by reference to said certifi-
cate of incorporation recorded in the book of
record of corporations in the clerks office of said
Kent County, will appear. And where as since
the recording of said certificate of incorporation,
Samuel Anderson has deceased, and William
M. Jones, William S. Demby and Lorenzo Gunn
have been dropped or discontinued as trustees
of said James Methodist episcopal church, and
Thomas Jones, Benjamin Ringgold, James Cham-
bers and Frederick Nichols Jr. have been duly elected
to fill their places, so that the present board of
trustees as incorporated as follows James A. Jones,
James Beutley, William Perkins, Edward Miller,
Thomas Bright, Benjamin Ringgold, James Cham-
bers and Frederick Nichols Junior.

Now therefore this deed witnesseth that, in consider-
ation of the premises, and for the purpose of vesting

fully or more fully in the trustees of James Methodist
 Episcopal church as incorporated as aforesaid,
 the property of said church, and to comply with
 the law of the state aforesaid, the said parties
 of the first part aforesaid James G. Jones, James
 Bentley, William Perkins, William M. Jones, William
 T. Leiby, Edward Miller, Lorenzo O'Neil, and Thomas
 Wright Trustees prior to said incorporation, do hereby
 bargain, sell and transfer alien in fee, release
 and confirm unto James G. Jones, James Bentley, Wil-
 liam Perkins, Edward Miller, Thomas Wright,
 Thomas Jones, Benjamin Ringgold, James Chambers
 X and Frederick Nichols Junor Trustees of James Meth-
 odist Episcopal church and body corporate aforesaid,
 and their successors, in trust for the uses and
 purposes hereinafter mentioned, all that lot of land
 with the improvements thereon which was conveyed
 as aforesaid by Matilda K. Pearce and James K. Pearce,
 and hereinbefore particularly mentioned and de-
 scribed in trust, that said premises shall be used,
 kept, and maintained as a place of divine worship
 for the use of the ministry and membership of the
 Methodist Episcopal church in the United States of
 America subject to the usage, discipline and minis-
 terial appointments of said church as from time to
 time authorized and declared by the General Con-
 ference of said church and the Annual Conference
 within whose bounds the said premises are situate.
 Also all that lot of land and improvements there-
 on conveyed as aforesaid by Thomas Buff by deed,
 and hereinbefore mentioned and described, in
 trust, that said premises shall be held, kept
 and maintained as a place of residence for the
 use and occupancy of the preachers of the Meth-
 odist Episcopal church in the United States of
 America who may from time to time be stationed
 in said place, subject to the usage and discipline
 of said church as from time to time authorized
 and declared by the General Conference of said
 church and by the Annual ^{Conference} within whose bounds
 said premises are situate. Also all that lot of land
 conveyed as aforesaid by George B. Hestcott and his
 wife and hereinbefore mentioned and particularly
 described, in trust, that the said premises shall
 be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a
 place of ^{worship} home and a burying ground for the use
 of the ministry and membership of James Methodist
 Episcopal church. To have and to hold all the a-
 foresaid property unto the parties aforesaid of the

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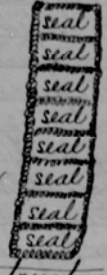
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second part and they survive as a body corporate forever for the use, fruits and purposes hereinbefore set forth and if the said premises or any part thereof be sold, the proceeds of the same shall be disposed of in accordance with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Witness our hands and seals
The names herein named
and Thos. Jones were inserted
before the execution of this deed.
Arthur B. Wheatley

Jas. A. Jones
James Bentley
John Parkin
John M. Jones
John S. Lemby
Edward Miller
Gonzalo Munn
Thomas Wright
Surviving trustees



State of Maryland

Seal County, to wit:
I hereby certify that on this second day of December
in the year eighteen hundred and eighty five, before
the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Mary-
land in and for Seal County aforesaid, personally
appeared James A. Jones, James Bentley, William Park-
inson, William M. Jones, William S. Lemby, Edward
Miller, Gonzalo Munn and Thomas Wright surviving
trustees named in the foregoing deed as parties of
the first part thereof, and did each acknowledge
the foregoing deed to be their respective act.

And was duly recorded by
Samuel Beck, Clerk.

Edward D. Crew } Be it remembered that on this 7th day
and others } of December A.D. 1885 there was brought to
to } be recorded among the Land Records of
Edward Dempsey } Seal County, a deed in fee, which is in
the words following, to wit:
This deed made this seventh day of
November in the year one thousand eight hundred and
eighty five, between Edward D. Crew and Mary F. Crew
his wife and Edward D. Crew and Anna Crew his wife
of Seal County, in the State of Maryland of the first
part and Edward Dempsey of the same County and
State of the second part.

Witnesseth, That, in consideration of the sum of One
hundred and fifty dollars current money the said
Edward D. Crew and Mary F. Crew his wife and Edward
Crew and Anna Crew his wife do grant and convey unto