

Instrument of Writing, and the acts of assembly in such case made and provided, said Martha Branch wife of the said James Branch, being by us privately examined and out of the presence and hearing of her husband "Whether she doth execute knowledge the same freely and voluntarily, and without being induced to do so by threats or ill-usage by her husband or by fear of his displeasure," acknowledging she doth execute and acknowledge the same freely and voluntarily, and being induced to do so by fear or threats of or ill-usage by her husband, or by his displeasure. We also certify that the said Martha Branch was by us examined apart from and out of the presence and hearing of her husband and further certify that from our knowledge of, and acquaintance with the said James and Martha Branch, we are satisfied, that the said James Branch and Martha Branch the persons acknowledging as aforesaid are the identical persons who are described as and professing to be parties grantors in said Deed of Mortgage and Instrument of Writing. Taken and certified the day and year above written.

Bent. S. Brewitt - W. Clump

And the foregoing Deed was accordingly recorded by Joseph N. Gordon.

Release of Mortgage  
Geo. B. Westcott, and  
Thos. R. Browne  
Joseph J. Mitchell vs.  
Recd. May 17<sup>th</sup> 1844.  
for Record.

It is Remembered, that on this seventeenth day of May year Eighteen hundred and forty-four, a Release of Mortgage was brought to be recorded among The Land Records of Kent County in the following words, to wit: This Indenture, made the day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and forty-four, between George B. Westcott and Thomas R. Browne of Kent County and State of Maryland of the one part; and Joseph J. Mitchell of Kent County and State aforesaid. Whereas, the said Joseph J. Mitchell by his Deed of Mortgage, bearing date on or about the eighteenth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in the County of Kent, State of Maryland, in Book No. 6 - folio, four hundred and thirty-one four hundred and thirty-two four hundred and thirty-three, one of the Land Record Books of Kent County, for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars current money of lawful bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, and confirm unto the said George B. Westcott and Thomas R. Browne, their heirs and assigns, all that part of a Tract or parcel of land lying and being in Kent County aforesaid, called "Solchester", containing one hundred and seventy-five acres, more or less; all that part of a Tract or parcel of land lying in Kent County aforesaid, called "Braham's College" containing two hundred and eight acres, more or less; also all those parts of Tracts or parcels of land lying in Kent County aforesaid called "Arcadia" and "Swamps" containing one hundred and seventy-eight acres and three quarters of an acre, more or less; and also a Tract or parcel of land adjoining some of the woodland or near thereto containing ten acres, more or less, being the lands and premises which descended from Joseph J. Mitchell, late of Kent County deceased, to his son the said Joseph J. Mitchell, reference being had to the above recited Deed of Mortgage with more fully and largely appear: And whereas the said Joseph J. Mitchell hath fully satisfied to them, the said George B. Westcott and Thomas R. Browne, the above mentioned sum of money and the interest thereon that the said George B. Westcott and Thomas R. Browne do agree to execute this instrument of writing, as a full release of the above mentioned several parcels of land. Now This Indenture Witnesseth that the said George B. Westcott and Thomas R. Browne for and



of the payment of the above mentioned sum of money and the interest thereon, and in consideration of the sum of five dollars current money to them in hand paid by the said Joseph D. Mitchell, the receipt whereof they the said George B. Westcott and Thomas R. Browne do acknowledge, and themselves to be fully satisfied, contented and paid, have and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm unto him the said Joseph D. Mitchell his heirs and assigns forever, all the above mentioned several tracts, parts of tracts and parcels of land in the said Joseph D. Mitchell his heirs and assigns forever, to his and their own use and behoof, and to and for no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever in witness whereof the said George B. Westcott and Thomas R. Browne have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals The day and year first herein before

Geo. B. Westcott and T. R. Brown

Sealed & delivered in the presence of W. S. Laffell, and J. P. Harrison es. of Kent County, set: Be it Remembered that on this second day of March the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and forty-four, personally appeared George B. Westcott and Thomas R. Browne of Kent County, the parties within named before us the subscribers, two Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid; and they being personally known to us to be the same and natural persons who are described as, and profess to be the parties grantors within and before us, do severally acknowledge the within and foregoing Deed, Release of Mortgage or Instrument of Writing, to be their act and deed, and the lands and premises therein bargained, sold, and released, to be the right and estate of Joseph Mitchell party grantee also named therein, his heirs and assigns forever, according to the purport, true intent and meaning of the said Deed of Release or Instrument of Writing, and the acts of assembly in such case made and provided and acknowledged before and certified by us W. S. Laffell, and J. P. Harrison -

The above "Release of Mortgage" was accordingly recorded, by Joseph B. Gordon, clerk

John G. Black  
 Alphonso L. Black, his wife  
 John Shaffer & Co. Deed  
 June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1844

Be it Remembered, that on this third day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty-four, a Deed was brought to be recorded among the land records of Kent County, in the following words, to wit: This Indenture, made this third day of June in the year Eighteen hundred and forty-four, between, John G. Black and Alphonso L. Black his wife, of Kent County of the State of Maryland, of the one part; and John Shaffer of the County and State of Maryland of the other part, witnesseth, that the said John G. Black and Alphonso L. Black his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Five thousand dollars, current money of the United States, to them in hand paid, by the said John Shaffer at the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof, they the said John G. Black and Alphonso L. Black his wife do hereby acknowledge, and from and for the part and parcel thereof do hereby acquit, exonerate and discharge the said John Shaffer his heirs, executors and administrators, they the said John G. Black and Alphonso L. Black, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto the said John Shaffer his heirs and assigns, all that tract, tracts or part of a tract of land lying and being in Kent County aforesaid, containing two hundred and twenty acres, three roods and sixteen square perches of land more or less which was conveyed by Deed to Benjamin Vickers of Kent County, by the President, Directors