

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit

At a circuit court of the seventh Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland, begun and held at Denton in and for Caroline County on the second Monday of March (being the fourteenth day of the same month) in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four, and in the Eighty eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America. -

were Present

The Honorable James B Ricard, Esquire, Judge

William M. Mc Mahan Esquire Sheriff

Josiah Jump clerk

Caroline County to wit: Be it remembered that on the thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four came Alexander Hardcastle of Caroline County in the State of Maryland and brought a Deed of Gift with an endorsement thereon and prayed to have the same enrolled among the records of Caroline County and on the same day and year aforesaid the same Deed and endorsement were enrolled as follows to wit:

This Indenture made this ninth day of May A D one thousand eight hundred and Sixty four between William M Hardcastle of Caroline County State of Maryland of the one part and Alexander Hardcastle M.D. son of the said William M Hardcastle of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said William M Hardcastle as well for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he bears to the said Alexander and also of the covenants and agreements hereinafter mentioned and stipulated on the part of the said Alexander to be done and performed as of the sum of Ten Dollars lawful money of the United States of America to him in hand paid by the said Alexander Hardcastle, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) hath granted, bargained and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said Alexander Hardcastle his heirs and assigns

All that farm, situated in the Upper Election District of Caroline County aforesaid on which the said William M Hardcastle now resides, formerly known as "Golden Bottom" but now commonly called the "Castle Hall Farm" and containing four hundred and eight acres, be the same more or less. Together with all and singular the buildings, fixtures and improvements woods ways waters, and watercourses, rights liberties, easements, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances, to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, property interest claim, demand and possibility of him the said William M Hardcastle at law or in equity, of, to, in or out of the same and every part thereof, and also all my negroes saving and excepting negro woman Charlotte and negro boy Wash, and all the stocks of every kind, household and kitchen furniture (saving and excepting one bed, bedstead and furniture thereof, and such other articles as have been usually recognised by the family of the said William M Hardcastle as belonging to the wife of the said William M and which are reserved hereby for her sole use, whenever she shall see fit to claim possession of the same) provender, farming implements grain seeded or housed, together with all the personal property of every nature and kind whatsoever and whatsoever the same may be found answering to him the said William M Hardcastle and Anna his wife the use and enjoyment of as now at the Mansion or Dwelling house on said premises during the natural lives of them the said William M Hardcastle and Anna his wife and of the survivor of them and as covenanted and agreed by the said Alexander Hardcastle the annual payment by the said Alexander to the said William M Hardcastle, of the sum of two hund.