

Exhibit A.

This Mortgage made this seventh day of October in the  
 year One thousand Eight hundred and sixty seven by Allen M. Young  
 and Ann Rebecca Young his wife of Frederick County, in the State of  
 Maryland, Whereas, Gideon Bantz of Frederick County, State of  
 Maryland is security for Allen M. Young on a promissory note for the  
 sum of Fifteen hundred dollars, dated on the fifth day of March  
 Eighteen hundred and sixty seven, and payable to the Frederick Town  
 Savings Institution, six months after date: And whereas the said Gideon  
 Bantz is also security for the said Allen M. Young on a promissory note  
 for the sum of Three thousand dollars, dated on the Ninth day of August  
 Eighteen hundred and sixty seven, and payable to the Farmers and  
 Mechanics National Bank of Frederick County ninety days after  
 date: And whereas the said Gideon Bantz is also security for the said  
 Allen M. Young on a promissory note for the sum of One thousand  
 dollars, dated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March Eighteen hundred and sixty  
 five, and payable to Frederick Heinlein three months after date: And  
 whereas the said Gideon Bantz is also security for the said Allen M.  
 Young on a promissory note dated July 24<sup>th</sup> 1864 for Eight hundred  
 and Eighty seven dollars, and payable to George Meyers six Months  
 after date, with interest from date: And whereas the said Gideon Bantz  
 is also security for the said Allen M. Young on a promissory note  
 for the sum of Nine hundred and fifty dollars, dated on the twenty Ninth  
 day of April Eighteen hundred and sixty seven, and payable to the  
 Frederick Town Savings Institution, six Months after date: And whereas  
 the said Allen M. Young by his single bill bearing like date with these  
 presents, and payable six months after date stands indebted unto the said  
 Gideon Bantz in the sum of Sixteen hundred and five dollars and fifty  
 cents, with interest from date: And to secure the payment of the said  
 sums of money in the above recited promissory specified, or in case  
 of the renewal of any or all of said promissory notes, to secure the  
 payment of the sum or sums of money in such renewals specified with  
 all interest and discount that may accrue thereon, and also to indemnify  
 and save harmless the said Gideon Bantz from all loss, costs and  
 charges that he may sustain by reason of his securityship on the promissory  
 notes above recited, the said Allen M. Young and Ann  
 Rebecca Young his wife, have agreed to execute these presents:

Now this Mortgage Witnesseth, that in consideration of the  
 premises, and the further sum of One Dollar, the said Allen M.  
 Young and Ann Rebecca Young his wife, do grant unto the said  
 Gideon Bantz his Executors, Administrators or assigns in fee simple,  
 all that lot or parcel of ground situate lying and being on the  
 West side of South Market Street extended, in Frederick City, Frederick  
 County, State of Maryland, improved with a three story Brick  
 Dwelling house, now in the occupancy of Mrs. John R. Dall together  
 with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all  
 the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any  
 wise appertaining. being the same lot of ground conveyed  
 to the said Allen M. Young, by Jacob Markell, by deed duly  
 recorded among the Land Records of Frederick County, also all  
 that part of a tract or parcel of land, being part of a tract of  
 land called David's Small Tract, situate lying and being in