

the said Nancy Jones widow of Denwood her executors administrators and assigns against me the said John W. Woolford my executors and administrators and against all and every other persons or persons shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents - In Testimony whereof the said John W. Woolford and Nancy Jones widow of Denwood have hereunto set their hands and seals on this 2th day of April in the year of our Lords eighteen hundred and fifty three -

In presence of
Charles Sumner and James Craig

Nancy Jones 
John W. Woolford 

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit On this 2th day of April Eighteen hundred and fifty three before me one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said state and County personally John W. Woolford and acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing to be his act and deed according to the true intent and meaning thereof and the act of assembly in such case made and provided

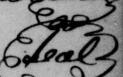
James Craig J.P.

On this 2th day of April Eighteen hundred and fifty three personally appeared Nancy Jones and Catho Catho on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the above bill of sale is a true and bona fide bill of sale and the Consideration therein mentioned is true and true as set forth in said papers - Sworn

James Craig J.P.

Delivered April 26th 1853 to Bannaman Mills

Bannaman Mills  Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified that the following Bill of Sale was received and recorded on the 26th day of April 1853 to wit
Francis P. Phelps  This Instrument of writing made this twenty sixth day of April Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and fifty three between Francis P. Phelps of Dorchester County and state of Maryland of the one part and Bannaman Mills of the same County and state of the other part witnesses that the said Francis P. Phelps for and in Consideration of the sum of Three hundred and Thirty Three dollars Current money to him in hand paid by the said Bannaman Mills hath bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said Bannaman Mills a negro man named Joseph Higgins aged about Twenty four years and to serve the said Bannaman Mills until the 31st day of May Eighteen hundred and fifty three and then to be free according to, and in agreement of the last will and testament of his late master Noah Richardson for and in Consideration of the premises above mentioned the said Francis P. Phelps guarantees the title to the said negro man and warrants him to be a slave for the period above specified In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals on the day and date above written
Resd. Charles Port Raw

Francis P. Phelps 
Bannaman Mills 

State of Maryland Dorchester County to wit Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified that on this twenty sixth day of April Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and fifty three before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the state of Maryland and for the County aforesaid personally appears Francis P. Phelps bargainer and vendor in the above instrument of writing he being known to me to be the party mentioned therein and doth acknowledge the above instrument of writing to be his act and deed - And also on the same day personally appears Bannaman Mills the bargainer or vendee and makes oath that the Consideration expressed in the said Instrument of writing was bona fide & truly paid as therein set forth In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand on the day and year first above written

Charles Port Raw J.P.

Received 26th day of April 1853 of Bannaman Mills the sum of One Dollar in lieu of a stamp on this Bill of Sale

Francis P. Henry 