

Be it Remembred that on this 20th day of December 1817 A deed of Mortgage was brought to be recorded among the Land Records of Kent County which is in the following words to wit: This Indenture made this seventeenth day of December Eighteen hundred and forty nine Between Aaron Benton a freeman of Kent County in the State of Maryland of the one part, and William Perkins, Alexander Hawkins and John Bowser free men of Colour of the same County and State of the other part: Whereas the said Aaron Benton by his obligation duly executed bearing even date with these presents hath bound unto the said William Perkins, Alexander Hawkins and John Bowser their Executors, Administrators and assigns in the sum of one hundred dollar current lawfull money payable three months after date with legal interest for the same as by said obligation may more fully appear. Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Aaron Benton in consideration of the said debt a sum of one hundred dollar due and owing to the said William Perkins, Alexander Hawkins and John Bowser as aforesaid and for the better securing the payment thereof with interest to the said William Perkins, Alexander Hawkins and John Bowser their Executors, Administrators and assigns according to the condition of the said obligation and also in consideration of the further sum of one dollar current money to him the said Aaron Benton by the said William Perkins, Alex Hawkins and John Bowser in hand well and truly paid at a before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the said Aaron Benton hath granted bargained and sold, released and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell, release and confirm unto the said William Perkins, Alexander Hawkins and John Bowser their heirs and assigns all that house and lot or lots situate in Chestertown adjoining the grave yard which the said Aaron Benton purchased from George Woodcock of Chestertown: To Have and to hold the said house and lot of Land and premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances thereto belonging to the said William Perkins, Alexander Hawkins and John Bowser their heirs and assigns forever in trust to and for the use of the first Beneficial Association of Chestertown Maryland: Provided always and it is the true intent and meaning of these presents and of the said parties hereto that if the said Aaron Benton his heirs Executors or Administrators do and shall will and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said William Perkins, Alexander Hawkins and John Bowser their Executors, Administrators or assigns for the use of the first Beneficial Society of Chestertown Maryland the said sum of one hundred dollar current money with legal interest for the same on or before the 17th day of March next ensuing the date hereof without any deduction or abatement whatsoever then and from thence forth these presents and every matter and thing therein contained shall cease and be utterly null and void any thing therein contained to the contrary thereof in any manner notwithstanding. In Witness whereof the said Aaron Benton hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal on the day and year first herein before written

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
 Bro Russell Wm S Lapelle
 State of Maryland Kent County to wit
 his mark
 Aaron X Benton

Be it Remembred and it is hereby certified that on the seventeenth day of December Eighteen hundred and forty nine before the subscribers two freemen of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Kent County aforesaid

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