

This indenture made this 12th day of May 1823 between William Propeck of Fairfield County state of Ohio of the one part, William C. Burns of Jefferson County & Edward C. Southwood of Berkeley County, Virginia of other part, whereas William Vanmetre, Jacob Lancaster, and Joanna his wife, Edward Poke and Axa his wife & Amasa Van Metre of the territory of Indiana + James Ramsey & Ruth his wife & Rebecca Propeck the wife of the above named William Propeck, John Whitaker and Miliiah his wife & Abigail Van Metre of the state of Kentuckky. The said William Van Metre, Ruth Ramsey, Joanna Landcaster, Axa Poke, Milka Whitaker, Abegail Vanmetre, Amasa Vanmetre & Rebecca Propeck are the sons & daughters & Heirs at law of Isaac Van Metre & Mary his wife. The said Mary being one of the Daughters of William Burns Junior late of the County of Berkeley and state of Virginia decided by their power of attorney bearing date the 26th day of Aug st 1815 authorized and empower the said William Propeck their attorney in fact for the purpose of filing and disposing of the right Title Claim & Interest the said parties above named have into certain lands hereafter described as the legal daughter of the said William Burns deceased heirs & Representatives of the said Mary Van Metre. Now this indenture witness's that the said William Propeck attorney as aforesaid accepting under & by the power vested in him by his power of attorney as above said and executed by the said heirs hath for and is consideration of the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars to him in hand paid by the said William C. Burns & Edward C. Southwood as tenants in Common and other tenants at or before the filing & delivery of these presents the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged & hereso do Release acquit & discharge the said William C. Burns and Edward C. Southwood their heirs & by their presents do grant bargainsell alien Release & Confirm unto them. The said William C. Burns & Edward C. Southwood as Tenants in common & not as Joint tenants all the Right Title Claim & Interest of the said heirs aforesaid & vested in him by the power of attorney Referred to of in & to a certain piece parcel or lot of land situate lying & being in the County of Berkely a foresaid being part of a larger tract of land owned by William Burns family in his life time & by Commissioners appointed by the court of Berkeley County the size was laid off in lcts & at said Division of N 06 was considered as laid off for his and Mary VanMetre (as one of the daughters) of the said William C. Burns for Dec 9th & which said lot is bounded as follows Beginning at two bis cories corner lot & 5K in the original. Thereas with the fame & 10 138 poles to Kives Pines in Southwoods we live. Thence S80 E 50 poles to a stake in the original. Thence N 74 & 137 poles to a stake in the line of lot four. Therece severing the course of lot 445 & 80 w 6 hholes to the beginning containing forty six acres, one road & thirteen poles. Together with all & Singular the appuctenances there unto be longing or in any wise appertaining & the Revision & remainders rents, expenses and profits there of. To have and to hold the same with its opportunities unto them the said William C. Burns & Edward Southwood as tenants. in common & used as Joint Tenants. To the only proper use & behoof of them the said William & Edw as aforesaid their heirs & afrigno forever. And lastly the said William Propeck hath agreed with the said William & Edward that he will warrant & deferred the Title in the said William & Edward as foresaid against himself & his heirs & against the heirs of the said Mary VanMatre as afore mentioned and against all persons whatsoever claiming from & under him & from under the heirs of the said Mary VanMetre. In testimony whereof the aid William Propeck as attorney in fact & acting under & by virtuke of the said power of attorney hath besuets written the names & affixed the feals of the said Wm VanMetre, Jacob Lancaster, Joanna Lancaster, Edward Poke, Axa Poke, Amasa VanMetre, James Ramsey, Ruth Ramsey, Rebecca Propeck, John Whitaker, Milca Whitaker and Abigail Van Matre the day & year first before written sign sealed

William VanMetre "seal"	James Ramsey	"seal"
by William Propeck his attorney		by William Propeck his attorney
Jacob Lancaster "seal"	Ruth Ramsey	"seal"
by William Propeck his attorney		by William Propeck his attorney
Joanna Lancaster "seal"	Rebecca Propeck	"seal"
by William Propeck Her attorney		by William Propeck her attorney
Edward Poke "seal"	John Whitaker	"seal"
by William Propeck his attorney		by William Propeck his attorney

Axa Poke "seal"

Milca Whitaker "seal"

by William Propeck her attorney

by William Propeck her attorney

Amasa Van Metre "seal"

Abigail Van Metre "seal"

by William Propeck his attorney

by William Propeck her attorney

William Propeck Attorney

Sign sealed and delivered by the said William Propeck. The attorney in fact in the presence of

John Shober

S. Gerard

T. Wright

Berkeley County to wit:

We Dougal Campbell & John Porterfield Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that William Propeck party to the above conveyance hath duly acknowledged His same before us on this 12th day of May 1823 and desired us to certify his acknowledgements to the clerk of the county jCourt of Berkeley in order that the said conveyance may be recored given under our hands and seals the above date.

D. Campbell

John Porterfield

Berkeley County to wit:

This deed of bargain & sale from William Propeck (attorney in fact for William Van Metre & Others, to William C. Burns & Edward Southwoodwa returned to the Clerks office duly Certified by two Justices and admitted to Record)

Teste D. Hunter CBC

Letter from Don Wood: President of the Berkeley County Historical Society related both to the Van Meter's and Hedges.

The tract of land that Mary Burns Van Meter had inherited from her father William Burs dec. His land here in Berkeley County was divided and Mary had received her share. She was dead so it went to her children, who are selling the land.

It would be hard to find when Isaac Van Meter left the area. I would gather that his children married in Ohio or some other state but not in Berkeley County.

I have enclosed a copy of the deed. If I can be of further help please let me know. }

Yours truly, Don C. Wood. Cost due \$3.50 zms