

for this the 10th day of July 1885, Personally appeared before me  
 A. L. Hampton, J. P. of and for County & State of said Delaware  
 Jacob & Hamlet A. Jacob, Sheriff of personally known to me of said  
 County in proper person and before me sealed & delivered the said  
 instrument for the uses & purposes therein set forth acknowledged  
 before me on this 10th day of July 1885 at New Castle,

A. L. Hampton, J. P. *230*

Received for Record November 30<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1885 - M. H. Boyce Recorder.

Certificate of Election of Trustees of Dickersons Chapel of the A. M. E. Ch.

Pursuant to notice duly posted on the A. M. E. Church  
 door, near the town of Millboro Sussex County, State of Del-  
 aware ten days previous, the Congregation of the said A.  
 M. E. Church assembled at their place of worship as by  
 law required and did on the 28th day of Nov. A.D. 1885  
 elect seven trustees, as follows to wit - This Deacons, A. M.,  
 Moon, J. H. Roberts, R. N. Roberts, George Ingram M. J. Thomp-  
 son and Abn Ingram

Thomson <sup>his</sup>	Ingram <i>Deac</i>	A. M. Moon <i>Deac</i>
J. H. Roberts <sup>his</sup>	<i>Deac</i>	R. N. Roberts <i>Deac</i>
George Ingram	<i>Deac</i>	M. J. Thompson <i>Deac</i>
Abraham <sup>his</sup>	Ingram <i>Deac</i>	

And did take the names of Dickersons Chapel, Ministers  
 our hands, and seal this 14th day of October A.D. 1885.

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And, Edward N. Dill to James M. Conaway et al.

This Indenture, made the second day of July in the  
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five  
 between Edward N. Dill of Kingsboro Hundred, County of Sussex  
 and State of Delaware, party of the first part and James M.  
 Conaway and Robert J. Conaway of the Hundred, County and  
 State of said Delaware, parties of the second part, Witnesseth, that the  
 said Edward N. Dill for and in consideration of the sum of five  
 hundred dollars lawful money of the United States of America,  
 unto him well and truly paid by the said parties of the second  
 part, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the  
 receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has granted, bargained,  
 sold, aliened, conveyed, released, conveyed and confirmed and by  
 these presents doth grant bargain, sell, alien, convey, release,  
 convey and confirm unto the said parties of the second part  
 and their heirs and assigns, all that certain tract, piece and  
 parcel of land situate lying and being in Kingsboro Hun-  
 dred, Sussex County, and State of Delaware, adjoining the  
 lands of William R. Ellis, Isaac Burton, Peter Ingram  
 and others the courses and distances, metes and bounds  
 thereof are as follows to wit: Beginning at a Holly tree  
 corner for lands sold by this grantor to Peter Ingram, thence  
 with our line of said Ingram's land, north forty two and

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*by the*

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Minutes, 1910--, yearly vols.; in possession of William M. Brown, 212 William St. Register, 1937--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John W. Whalen, 312 Church St. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. R7, p. 485; vol. M12, p. 308; vol. X13, p. 42; Mortgage Record; vol. K2, p. 284; vol. F5, p. 379.

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possession of pastor, Rev. G.S. Sterling. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.BBV121, p.288; vol.CCM138, p.581; vol.DEX202, p.4; vol.DFL216, p.131; vol.DFU225, p.569.

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I, JUBA BOYCE, OF Millsboro, Sussex County, State of Delaware,  
being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous  
of settling my worldly affairs while I have strength and  
capacity to do so, do make, publish, and declare this my last  
Will and Testament, that is to say:

FIRST. I GIVE and bequeath to my beloved wife, JULIA A. BOYCE.  
all my Estate real, personal, or Mixed, of every kind and  
description and wherever situated, after my just debts and  
funeral expence shall have been paid, To have as her own  
Fee Simple, the remainder of her life.

Second.

And lastly, at my wifes Julia A. Boyce death all  
the remainder of my estate, I give and bequeath to the  
OLD FIELD CHURCH (A.E.M.ZION) after tomb stones are erected and  
paid for.

I hereby appoint Julia A. Boyce the sole executor of this  
my last will and testament. I hereby revoke all former wills  
made by me.

Witness to his mark  
Edw. Ryan

<sup>his</sup>  
Julia A. Boyce (SEAL)  
mark

Signed and sealed by said Juba Boyce, who, at same time publis  
hed and declared the same as and for his last Will and testame  
nt, in the presence of us, who is in presence, of each other, and  
at his request, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Witness John E. McCreary

Witness Edwin C. Ryan





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Witness whereof they the said John A. Moulton and Caroline E. his wife have  
personally subscribed by set their hands and seals this day and year first above  
in written,

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of     W. S. Starbuck     Sealt  
Robert & W. M.     State - Secy     Sealt,

John A. Moulton  
Caroline E. Moulton

Seal  
Seal

State Delaware     Best Remembred that on this second day of May in the  
sixty seventh year of our said sovereign and eight hundred and sixty  
eight, personally before me Samuel W. Moulton a  
Notary Public in and for the County of Sussex State of Delaware John  
A. Moulton his wife Caroline E. Moulton personally to be seen and personally  
acknowledged this deed unto me to be their act and deed and that said Caroline  
E. Moulton at the same time, jointly, acknowledged by some other proper  
Moulton and well acknowledged that she executed the said deed unto me willingly  
without coercion, duress, or threat or fear of her husband and disclaimed,  
since a number may have and seal of office, this day and year first above,  
John A. Moulton     W. S.

This deed was signed in the Recorder's office in and for the County of Sussex, Del., this  
first day of May.

John A. Moulton     W. S.  
Geo. W. Moulton     Recorder

W. S. Moulton & Company from Betty Wright,  
This deed, made the twenty first day of September in the year  
of our said sovereign and eight hundred and sixty six, between Betty  
Wright widow of Jacob Wright deceased, late of Sussex County, Dela-  
ware and W. S. Moulton & Company of Seaford Sussex County, State of Dela-  
ware, witnesses, that the said Betty Wright for and in consideration  
of the sum of six hundred dollars lawful money of the United States  
of America, to her in hand paid by the said W. S. Moulton & Company  
before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is  
hereby acknowledged, hath granted, conveyed and sold, aliened,  
conveyed, released, conveyed and conveyed, and by these presents  
with grant, has granted, sold, aliened, conveyed, released, conveyed, and  
conveyed, unto the said W. S. Moulton & Company his heirs and assigns  
all those and set, known as 47 1/2 on the original town plot of  
Seaford, Situate on Water Street, adjoining Mather's Mill, Delaware,  
the adjoining street and Jacob Moulton, and all and singular the  
buildings, improvements, fixtures, ways, woods, waters, water courses,  
rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said  
lot of ground thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining,  
and the tenements and tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances,  
issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, profit,  
claim, and demand of her the said Betty Wright, at law or in equity  
of, to, in, or out of the same, and every part and parcel thereof, to have  
and to hold the said premises heretofore conveyed and sold,  
or intended to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said W. S. Moulton  
& Company heirs and assigns, to and for the only proper use,  
benefit and behoof of her the said Betty Wright & Company his heirs

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Witness whereof they the said John W. Donlon and Garrison & his wife have  
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in written,

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
Robert & Garrison  
U.S. Justice Sells  
John W. Donlon  
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State of New York Westchester County  
Know all men that on this second day of May in the  
sixth year of our said State and eight hundred and sixty  
fourth year of our said Empire we the undersigned a  
Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid John W. Donlon and Garrison & his  
wife together with the undersigned the undersigned to be made and solemnly  
with the said John W. Donlon to be their act and deed and the said Garrison  
& his wife at the same time solemnly expressed by some agent forgo her  
husband and acknowledged that she executed the said instrument willingly  
without constraint, duress, or fear of her husband and did not  
sign the same nor heard and seal of office, this day and year aforesaid,  
John W. Donlon N.Y.

This document was signed in the presence of the undersigned Justice of the Peace for the County of Westchester, N.Y.  
John W. Donlon Recorder

Know all men that on this first day of September in the year  
of our said Empire eight hundred and sixty six, between Betty  
Wright widow of Jacob Wright deceased, Lact of Suffolk County, New York  
and her daughter Mary Wright of Suffolk County, State of New York  
the said Betty Wright for and in consideration  
of the sum of six hundred dollars lawful money of the United States  
of America to her in hand paid by the said Mary Wright at or  
before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is  
hereby acknowledged, hath granted, conveyed and sold, also  
expressly, released, conveyed and conveyed, and by these presents  
doth give, has given and sell, also, expressly, release, convey and  
convey unto the said Mary Wright his heirs and assigns  
all the use and set of the house as it is the original town plot of  
Suffolk, Situate on Water Street, adjoining Miller's Mill, New York  
the square of the said Jacob Wright, and all and singular the  
buildings, improvements, rights, ways, roads, waters, water courses,  
rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said  
set of ground then and hereunto before and hereunto after in any  
and the premises and recessions, to have and enjoy with full power  
issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property  
claim, and demand of her the said Betty Wright, at law or in equity  
of, to, in, or out of the same, and every part and parcel thereof, to have  
and to hold the same unto her the said Mary Wright her heirs and assigns  
or intended to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Mary  
Wright her heirs and assigns, to have and for the only use, benefit  
and pleasure of her the said Mary Wright her heirs and assigns  
and assigns forever, that the said Betty Wright for her heirs, executors  
and administrators, doth hereby further grant, convey and  
agree, to and with the said Mary Wright her heirs

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