

**Daniel Mason and wife Dorothy, his wife
to Jane Smith (her Mother), September 7, 1821**

Note: This is Colonel Daniel Mason born in 1776 and Dorothy is his second wife whom he married on April 19, 1808. Dorothy's full name was Dorothy L. J. Smith (Dorothy Laurance Jane Smith) and her mother was Jane Smith, wife of Colonel Lawrence Smith. In this deed, Daniel Mason and Dorothy are selling the 762 acres willed to Dorothy at Colonel Lawrence Smith's death in 1812 back to her mother Jane Smith still living in Northampton County. In 1814, Daniel Mason had requested that the surveyor for Northampton County survey the land and that is what is called the "Plat of McDowells, Lowes, and Exums Land" that creates many questions regarding ownership and specifically 100 acres. The original plat stated it was 862 acres and the McDowells owned 100 acres of the 862. Many questions have been raised over the 1767 time frame of John Griggs willing 100 acres to his daughter Mary McDowell up to 1827 when persons, including a young William McDowell, are claiming to be heirs of John Griggs and sell the land to Richard Pope.

This indenture made the seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one between Daniel L Mason & Dorothy his wife of the County of Humphreys & State of Tennessee of the one part & Jane Smith of the County of Northampton & State of North Carolina of the other part - witnesseth that the said Daniel Mason & Dorothy his wife for & in consideration of the sum of one thousand five & twenty four dollars to them in hand paid by the said Jane Smith at the fore (sic) the sealing & delivery of these present the receipt whereof the said Daniel Mason and Dorothy his wife doth hereby acknowledge - He the said Daniel Mason & Dorothy his wife hath granted bargained & sold & by these presents do grant bargain & sell align enforce release & confirm unto the said Jane Smith her heirs & assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land & premises situate lying & being on the west side of Wheelers Mill Swamp in the County of Northampton & state of North Carolina containing by estimation seven hundred & sixty two acres be the same more or less & bounded as follows - beginning at Edwin Drakes corner on the west side of Wheelers Mill Swamp at the main run, then by his lines, the lines of Charles Crump dec(eased), James McDowell dec(eased), James Exum, William Amis & up the meanders of said swamp to the beginning - a reference to the plat of said land of record in Northampton County will more fully show the metes (wrong word in deed) & bounds of said land it being the land devised (to) the said Dorothy by the will of her Father Colonel Laurence Smith dec(eased) to have and to hold all & singular the said tract or parcel of land & premises with all singular the appurtenances made unto belonging or in anywise appertaining unto the said Jane Smith her heirs & assigns to the only proper use & behoof of the said Jane Smith her heirs & assigns forever and the said Daniel Mason & Dorothy his wife for themselves & their heirs & against all & every other person or persons whatsoever the said tract or parcel of land & premises to the said Jane Smith her heirs & assigns will forever warrant & defend by these presents - In witness whereof me the said

Daniel Mason & Dorothy his wife hath hereunto set our hands & seals this day & date before written

**Signed sealed & delivered
In presence of**

**ack Danl. Mason (seal)
Dorothy L J Mason (seal)**

Nathaniel (his mark) Allen

**Feme examined by us who relinquished all
Right in due form of law. Wm B Lockhart
James Crump**

Northampton County September Court 1821 – this deed was acknowledged in open court by Daniel Mason, at the same time Dorothy L. J. Mason the feme covents in said deed, was privately examined as the law directs by William B. Lockhart & James Crump, two of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County, who said she executed this deed of her own free will & accord without fear or compulsion, ordered to be certified & registered.

Teste James C Harrison C.C.C.

**On the back side of the deed appears the date 1821 – Danl. Mason & Wife deed to Jane Smith, 762 acres, registered November 30th AD 1821 Witness Hardy Cobb
Pub(lic) Regr**