

Alloted to Mary Hester, widow of Ephraim Hester as follows: 150 bushels of corn, 1500 lb of pork, 40 bushels of potatoes, one third of the blade fodder, two good beeves, one cow and calf & 2 bushels of rough rice, 1½ ~~bushels~~ barrel of flour, 5 bushels salt, 50 lbs. coffe, 50 lb of sugar, 3 gallons spirits, 1 lb pepper & 1 lb spice & \$60 was allowed to buy these necessaries. One bed and its necessary furniture, one loom, one wheel & candy and the poultry.

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ACCOUNT OF SALES OF THE PERISHABLE PROPERTY OF JOHN HESTER

Sampson Davis, Senr. note \$ 8 " 85 _____

Killes Hesters note

Elias Edwards " W
 Jas. Wilson " W
 Hugh Russ
 Jesper Evers
 Jas. Singletary
 Jas. McLeland
 Jas. Evers Senr.
 Jo. Nances
 Wm. Evers
 Duncan Clark
 Hardy Clark
 Jos Singletary
 Robt McRee
 Absalom Mars
 Jas. Davis
 John Scrivins
 Joseph Wood, Junr.

Hannah Hester
 Thos. Singletary
 Richard Lewis
 Robert Baker
 William Cook
 Hennery Hilburn
 Sampson Davis _____
 Thos. Hester
 Ephram Hester
 Mrs. Cuffort Hester
 Thomas Singletary

James B. MacLelland
 Josiah Singletary
 John Stainton ?

(Amounts of each person's note is given)

Received of Ephrigm Hester Six Dollard and forty three cents in full of all demands up to this date for Comfort Hester matanans for the year 1825. This 30 December.

Thomas Hester

No. 16

Mr. Ephraim Hester pleas to pay Daniel Hester Eight dolars and thirty cents and this shall be your receret for the same this the 14 of March 1855.

George Washington Hester

The land ware sold July the eight and bought by me Ralph Regan 1788.

The State Alabama

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Lowndes County

August The 27th 1838

Dear Brother and Sister I once more inbrace the opportunity of informing you that I and my family are all well sincerely hoping that my letter may meet you all enjoying good health. I have not received a letter from that country since last fall I have wrote two letters and sent there but never has received any ansxer yet - I want you to send me a letter soon as you get this and want you to stake all the news good and bad and tell me all who is married and who is dead and who is moved away and all about the arrigularity of the settlement - I also want you if ever you do leave that country, I want you to come here for I think if you were here you could agr rate deal better here than there - there is I know a grate contrast among the people in that country about this--sum says that this is not a better country than that and as to my part I do not wish to persuade any person to come - not withstanding I know that any person can do a grate deal better here than there - I will now give you a Hystory of my situation - which you prenciplely know when I left there and that was instead of gaining I was a loosing and that very fast well sir - you very well know what a large and expensive family I had - and sir when I got here I had not five dollars in the world that is in cash - and I just settled down in the wild woods where there was not a stick maize and went to work and has supported my family better than I did there - & has bought 120 acres of land which I would not thank a man to insure me less than forty bushels to the acre of sum of it this year - I have also bought me a good stock of hogs and cows - I have cows a plenty to give me milk and shall have hogs enough to make my meet - that is if nothing happens to them and as to corn I shall make more this year than ever I maid there in five - and cotton I shall make more than ever I maid there in my life or near as much as I ever seed made in Bladen. Now the question may be have you paid for all this the answer is I have for I do not think I owe exceeding fifty dollars in the State and that is just for my family necessarys - and so I have told you how I started and what

place the sam situation there in that Country and make an estimation of the gain and then you can come very near telling which is the best country and there is yet if you feel deposed to come to it a plenty of vacant land that one acre is worth ary fore you have got - the fact is I am not sorrow only for but one thing in moving to this country and that is I didnot come soon enough - I have also increast in Negros sence I left that country Sally has one very fine body and if nothing happens she will have another in about two months - I want you if you if you please in the devesion of mammy property if there is any thing coming to me or anything that she requested me to have I want you to let me know it and Ile fix sum way to git it here - I have no more at present as I no of only I can say that I should be glad to be there long enough see you all one time more but not stay there for I would not have no place in that Country as a gift and obledge me to live on it - I want you soon as you git this letter to send me an answer so, I will conclude my letter by subscribing myself your most loving and affectionate sister till death.

TO Ephraim Hester

Sampson Davis

Rebeccor Davis

A word for the undersigned to Daniel Hester tell him I am well hoping these lines may find him well tell him I yet are single and if nothing happens more than I know of I shall be in there to see him sumtime next year there is two men here in this State that has got sum business in that Country and they are a trying to hire my services to go and a tend to it for them and if it happens so that I do go I shall go and see him so I am yours sincerely till death.

To Daniel Hester and
Ephraim Hester

G. W. Simmons

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(Letter addressed To Mr. Ephraim Hester
North Carolina Bladen
County Elizabeth P. O.

The Post Master will confer
a favour by giving the inf-
ormation of this letter to
Ephraim Hester living at

This Indenture made this 20th day of Sept A. D. 1813 between John Hester of Bladen Co. in the State of N. C. of one part & Sampson Davis of the Co. & state afs'd of the other. Witnesseth that the sd. John Hester, for & in consideration of the Good will, love & affection which I bear to the sd. Sampson Davis & Rebecka his wife, my daughter, have freely given & do give, grant, convey & confirm unto the sd. S. Davis a certain piece or parcel of land, containing 200 acres land situate as follows in Bladen Co. beginning at a stake & 4 pines runs N. 88 W. 73 chs. to a stake in the Great Swamp then S. 13 Chs. 90 lks to a stake then S. 54 E. 57 chs. 50 lks then N. 36 E 51 chs. 42 lks to the beginning, it being part of a tract of land patented by Edward Davis, containing 500 acres on the Double branch as by the Pat. will more fully appear, together with the appurtenances to the land belonging. To have & to hold to him the sd. Sampson Davis his heirs & assigns forever and I the sd. John Hester for me & my heirs, Ex. & Adm. shall & will warrant & forever defend unto Sampson Davis his heirs & assigns forever.

In Witness whereof I the sd. Sampson Davis or John Hester have hereto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written.

John Hester (Seal)

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of

William McRee

Thos. Hester.

Aug. Term. 1820. The within deed was proven in open Crt. by the oath of Thos.

Hester & ordered to be reg'd.

Test. Will J. Cowan, Clk.

Recorded in Deed Book 37, page 422, Bladen County Registry.