

Joel Smith doth hereby acknowledge and for divers other causes and considerations him thereunto moving the said Joel Smith hath granted bargained and sold and by those present doth bargain and sell unto the said Jesse Jordan, John Luke, Charles Harrison, Robert Finner, Batt Jordan, Isham Fennell and Thomas Dupree, their heirs and assigns forever, all that lot or parcell of ground whereon the church erected for publick worship now stands in the County and state aforesaid. Be-ginning at a corner white oak on James Walter Clark's line, thence west to a corner red oak, thence north to a corner Spanish oak, thence east to a corner pine on the said Clark line, thence on the said line to the beginning, containing one acre of land more or less together with all the ways and priviledges to the said premisis apportaining and all the profits thereof with all the right title in trust in Law & Equity to have and to hold the said lot or parcell of ground to the said Jesse Jordan, John Luke, Charles Harrison, Robert Finner, Batt Jordan, Isham Fennell and Thomas Dupree, their heirs and assigns for-ever, nevertheless upon special trust and confidence and to the in-tent that they and the survivors of them and the trustees for the time being do and shall permit Francis Asbury Bishop of the Methodist Epis-copal Church in America and such other persons as he shall from time appoint and at all times while he retains the office of a Bishop in the said Methodist Episcopal Church and no other person to have and enjoy the free use and benefit of the said Premisis the said Francis Asbury and such other persons as he shall appoint may therein preach and espound the Holy Scriptures and after his decease or when he shall cease to exercise the office of Bishop in the said Methodist Episcopal Church upon further trust and confidence and to the intent that the said Jesse Jordan, John Luke, Charles Harrison, Robert Finner, Batt Jordan, ISHAM FENNELL, and Thomas Dupree or the major part of their trustees or of the trustees for the time being shall from time to time and at all times forever permit such persons as shall be appointed at the yearly conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and no others to have and to enjoy the said for the purposes aforesaid and upon further trust and confidence that as often as one of the trustees for the time being shall cease to be members of the said Methodist Episcopal Church or shall remove to so great a distance as to be unable to discharge the duties of a trustee the rest of the said trustees or the trustees for the time being as soon as conveniently may be shall and may choose another trustee or trustees in order to keep up the number of seven trustees forever. In witness whereof the said Joel Smith hath hereunto set his hand and seal day and year aforesaid. Signed, sealed & delivered in the presents of

William Finner
John Perry Northampton County, Sept 1795

This deed was proven by

The oath of John Perry.

Ordered to be registered.

Witness E. Haynes, C.C.

(signed) Joel Smith

James Dancy-Reg. 10 Dec 1795