

**Deed Book 44, page 605 (Establishment of Cedar Grove/Helping Hand Cemetery)**

This deed made May 27, 1897 between J.B. Prince of one part and B.G. Jenkins, H. M. (Henry) Darden, J.N. Epps, Walter Hardy, Jas. H. Blow, Booker Hardy, trustees of the other part. Witnesseth that in consideration of five dollars in hand paid to the said party of the first part does grant and convey with general warranty unto the said trustees and their successors in office forever one parcel of land situated on the left of the public road leading from Courtland to the residence of said Prince and nearly opposite the residence of B.T. McLemore containing about one acre, it being 70 yards square and being designated at the four corners by a piece of railroad iron at each corner. In trust to hold said piece of land for a burying ground for the colored people of this immediate section. It is understood that no colored people or persons shall be buried in said burying ground if a majority of the trustees shall object thereto. Witness the following signatures.

J.B. Prince

Virginia

In the Clerk's Office of Southampton County Court May 27, 1897. The foregoing deed was this day presented and acknowledged in this office by the said Prince to be his act and deed and admitted to record.

Testo: B.T. McLemore, CC

Note: Booker Hardy was Henry Darden's brother-in-law (married Sarah Darden). Walter Hardy is Booker's nephew. Meade Ruffin, Sr., was the son of Romine Taylor Ruffin Pope, daughter of Jesse and Emma Hardy Taylor, Emma being the daughter of Booker and Sarah Darden Hardy.

**Deed Book 44, page 120-121**

This Deed made this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1896 between John N. Sebrell and Romine E. Sebrell his wife of the first part, and Henry Darden of the second part all of Southampton County, VA. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty five dollars (\$35.00) in hand paid, and the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part do grant and convey bargain and sell unto the said part of the second part the following real estate to wit. That certain lot or parcel of land lying and situate in the Town of Courtland containing 1/8 of an acre more or less, and bound as followed: on the north by the continuation of Bride St. more commonly known as the New Road leading from General Wm. B. Shands' corner to the farm of Jas. E. Sebrell. On the West and South by the R & D RR tract, and on the East by a line laid down on the map of Courtland as the West boundary of Aurora St but which Street has never been opened up now (?) is it herein \_ by said parties of the first part for such purpose if \_ said street by any future action of the grantors shall be opened up \_ to the town of Courtland, then the Eastern boundary of the lot shall be as above designated, otherwise the said Henry Darden party of the second part with their consent may use such part of the street as appears on said map lying between the lot hereby conveyed and lot owned by Aurelius Porter for garden or other agricultural purposes without extra charge.

In witness whereof are attached following signatures and seals.

J.N. Sebrell (seal)

R.E. Sebrell (seal)