

W^m Merrill &
Wife decd to
James Hordison Jr
Jan^y 13th / 72
for 100. acs land

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto
set our hands and affixed our seal
This January 1st 1872
Signed Sealed and
Delivered in the presence of Hardy Mizell *Seal*
Witness Annie M. Mizell *Seal*
John R. Mizell

State of North Carolina,

To... *Jo. H. Bailey* ... *Seeing:*
WHEREAS, *James Harrison Jr* hath produced a
Deed of Conveyance made to him from *He.*
H. Mizell, and *Annie M.*, his wife of a certain tract
or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Martin in our state, and procured the same to be
proved ~~or acknowledged~~ by the said *J. R. Mizell*, before me judge of said county
and it being represented to our said court that it is required by law that... *Annie M.*
....., wife of the (said) *He. W. Mizell*
to be privily (examined) as to her free consent in executing the said conveyance:

Know Ye, that reposing confidence in your prudence, I have appointed you and by these presents do
give unto you full power and authority to take the privy examination of the said *Annie*
M wife of the said *He. W. Mizell*
concerning her free consent in executing the said conveyance and therefore command you that at such
certain day and place as you shall think fit you go to the said *Annie M.*
if she cannot conveniently come to you, and privily and apart from her husband examine her whether
she executed the said conveyance freely and of her own accord and without fear of compulsion of her
husband, the examination being plainly and distinctly written on the said deed or some paper annexed
thereto, and when you have taken this examination you are to send the same closed up under your
seal, together with this commission, to our said court of probate.

WITNESS, *Joseph M. Siler*, Judge of said county, at office this
first day of *January*, year of our Lord 1872.

Jos. M. Siler
Judge of Probate

State of North Carolina
Mortue County

Know all men by
these presents that we H M Mize and Ann M
Mize his wife both of the County and state
aforesaid for and in consideration of the
Sum of one Hundred and Sixty Dollars
to us in hand paid by James Harrison
Jr of the County and state aforesaid
Witnesseth that we have this day Bargained
sold conveyed and Delivered unto the
said James Harrison for a certain
piece or parcel of Land lying and
being in the County of Mortue it being
that Land whereon said James Harrison
now Lives adjoining the lands of
Samuel S Shepherd and others it being
the Land sold by the Sheriff of Mortue
County by Execution in Favor of Mize
& Waters and purchased by H M Mize
at a public Sale on 1868 containing by
Estimation one Hundred acres the more
same more or less and we the said
H M Mize & wife Ann M Mize do and will
Warrant and forever defend the Right and
Title in and unto the said James
Harrison his heirs & assigns for ever
Against the Lawfull Claims of any
and all persons whatsoever

This will Certify that J. J. J. Smith one of
the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the
County of Martin State of North Carolina did proceed
and take the private examination of Annie M. McGill
wife of H. W. McGill in relation to her signature
of the annexed Deed of Conveyance made to
James Hardison Jr bearing date 1st day January
A D 1842

And upon such examination the said Annie M. McGill
affirmed that she executed the said Conveyance of
her own free will and accord & was not influenced
by any threats or harsh treatment by her husband
the said H. W. McGill

Given under my hand & Seal this 4th day
of January A D 1842

J. J. Smith J P