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As children and heirs at law in part, of John Benjⁿ.
Dent late of Charles County deceased, the undersigned
herely assent to, and ratify the bargain and sale of
the real estate of said deceased, to Theophilus Smoot of
Charles County, as made and entered into with said
Smoot, by John H. Dent acting for the heirs of said
deceased, on the 27th of March 1856, with the express
agreement on our parts that our sisters Sarah E.
Dent and C. G. Dent shall be entitled to receive
without any objection, or hindrance on our parts,
the annual interest on the sum of three thousand
dollars, part of the purchase money thereof, for and
during their single lives, in lieu of the single life
estate which they now have in a part of said real
estate; it being expressly understood that at the termination
of the single lives of both our said sisters, the said sum
of three thousand dollars, is to be distributed according
to law, among the heirs at law of our said deceased
Father John Benjⁿ. Dent, as witness our hands and
seals this 10th tenth day of April 1856

Walter L. Dent *seal*
William B. Townsend *seal*
Rosanna L. Townsend *seal*