



Figure 13. Notice of a "Trust Sale" of all the properties of the Mecklenburg Gold Mining Company. Charlotte Journal (Charlotte), November 10, 1837, 4.

Rudisill and at some time during the interval 1837-1845, also worked the St. Catherine mine.<sup>115</sup>

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Alexander describes Penman as "a large, red-faced, typical Englishman, (who) was used to being waited upon. He brought his body servant with him, a man by the name of Goodluck. Every morning the servant would groom his master. . .; then saddle his master's horse and mount his own, riding a respectful distance behind. Mr. David Henderson, a near neighbor, suggested to Goodluck that he was as free as Penman, and he was not obliged to wait on him; in fact he advised him not to make himself a 'nigger' for any man. Goodluck at once quit his employer. James P. Henderson, a distant relative of David Henderson, thought he knew a good thing when he saw it, immediately applied for the vacant place and was accepted, and was duly inducted into the office of 'Squire for the Knight of the Golden Dream around Charlotte'."<sup>116</sup>

Penman, who had previously represented the Anglo-American Gold Mining Company, a London firm, left this company to go into business for himself and so purchased the Rudisill.<sup>117</sup> For a time he and his associates successfully operated the Rudisill and the adjacent Brush Hill mines, in some instances taking out from ten to twelve thousand dollars worth of gold per month.<sup>118</sup> One of his associates was a fellow by the name of Penworthy. "They were a lively pair and spent their money most lavishly, not to see how much good they could do, but to see how good a time they could have."<sup>119</sup> In 1840, Charlotte had