F Ward
To
D D Ward.

Know all men by these presents that I Francis Ward of the State of Alabama Shelby County for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have to Lawrence L Ward & John C Ward & Milly E Ward my natural born children as well as for the further consideration of one Dollar to me in hand paid by the above named Lawrence L Ward John C Ward Milly E Ward at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Lawrence L Ward & John C Ward a negro woman named Franky and her increase and Milly E Ward a negro child named Emily and her increase at my death the above named negroes to remain in my possession during my natural life and in the event it should please God in his infinite wisdom to call one or either of the above named Lawrence L Ward John C Ward or Milly E Ward to the grave before my death then the survivors to divide the Estate of the deceased unless it should be either Lawrence L or John C Ward in that case the survivor shall be heir of the deceased

Signed and sealed this 11th day of Feby 1843

Witness Martha Jennings
James M Jennings

Francis Ward (Seal)

The State of Alabama
Shelby County

Personally came before me Nat Mason Clerk of the County Court of said county Comm James M Jennings and after being duly sworn he deposeth & saith on oath that he saw Francis Ward subscribe the foregoing deed of gift for the purposes therein named to his children and subscribed my name as a witness and each witness signed their names in the presence of the grantors on the day and year therein named & moreover saw subscribe before me this 14th day of Feby 1843

Nat Mason C.C.C.S.C.

James M Jennings

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