D.N. McClinton
Marriage Contract
M.A. Flippin

The State of Alabama, Shelby County.
To all whom these presents may come or in any wise concern, Know ye that in contemplation of marriage between D.N. McClinton and Mary A. Flippin of said County, and with a view of securing to the said Mary A. and to her heirs forever a certain negro Girl named Jane about fifteen or sixteen years of age of which said Mary A. is now possessed in her own right as well as the further increase of said negro girl, the undersigned D.N. McClinton, Mary A. Flippin the parties between whom this marriage is about to take place and John Singleton of said County as trustee for said Mary A. do now enter into this indenture and make known that the said Mary A. Flippin doth now by this indenture in consideration of the premises and the better to secure said negro girl and her future increase to herself and her heirs as well as in consideration of Five Dollars to her in hand paid by said John Singleton at & before the sealing & delivery of this indenture the receipt

whereof is acknowledged bargain sell and convey to said John Singleton said negro girl Jane aged as aforesaid, to have and to hold the same in trust for the use & benefit of the said Mary A. during the joint lives of the said D.W. McClinton & the said Mary A., allowing her the use of said Girl and the profits arising from her labor and at the death of the said Mary A. then the said Girl to belong exclusively to the heirs of the said Mary A. in case the said D.W. McClinton should be the said Mary A. survive, but should the said Mary A. survive the said D.W. McClinton the said Girl with her future increase to belong exclusively to the said Mary A., the said D.W. McClinton hereby renouncing all right to control the same further than by this indenture he may lawfully do and the said Singleton thereby covenants to act in all things as he may lawfully do to secure to said Mary A. the use & profits of said Girl and increase during the joint lives of said D.W. McClinton & Mary A. and to her heirs should said D.W. her survive or to the said Mary A. should she survive the said D.W. The true intent & meaning of these presents being to prevent said Girl from liability on account of any debt or debts of said D.W., now or hereafter render and to secure fully the said girl & increase to said Mary A. & her heirs in the event of the consummation of said marriage &c – In witness of which we hereunto set our hands & seals this 15th day of May A.D. 1843.

attest:
Benjm Hatcher

D.W. McClinton (Seal)
Mary A. Flippin (Seal)
Jno. Singleton (Seal)

The State of Alabama, Shelby County. } Before me Martin Jennings a Justice of the Peace in & for said County personally came the above named D.W. McClinton, Mary A. Flippin & John Singleton and severally acknowledged that they severally signed sealed and delivered the foregoing Deed or indenture on the day and year therein mentioned for the purposes and consideration therein expressed – Given under my hand & seal this 15th day of May A.D. 1843.

Martin Jennings (L.S) J. Peace

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