John Singleton
&
Martha C. Lewis

This Indenture made & entered into this 24th day of April A.D. 1852 between John Singleton of the County of Shelby & State of Alabama, & Martha Catharine Lewis a Feme sole above the age of 21 years of the county & State aforesaid: Witnesseth that whereas a marriage is shortly contemplated between the parties hereunto, & whereas the said John Singleton is possessed of a considerable estate both real & personal, consisting of Lands, Negroes, Horses, Mules Cattle &c &c and said John Singleton has also a number of children by a former marriage, so that the said Martha C. Lewis is of limited estate & the said parties hereunto being willing & desirous to provide for said children of the said John Singleton by his former marriage & that the said John Singleton shall have & retain after the said contemplated marriage the full right to and power over all of his said estate aforesaid except what is herein after specified as sold by the said John Singleton to the said Martha C. Lewis as fully as though no such marriage had taken place, & whereas also the said John Singleton is willing & desirous to provide for the support & comfort of the said Martha C. Lewis doth hereby in consideration of said contemplated marriage & the further consideration of the sum of Five Dollars good & lawful money to the said John Singleton in hand paid by the said Martha C. Lewis the receipt whereof is

hereby acknowledged doth sell & convey to the said Martha C. Lewis the following described property viz: One negro woman slave about twenty eight years old named Lally & her future increase to have & to hold to her & the heirs of her body sole & separate use & controll as fully to all & every extent as though she the said Martha C. Lewis were Feme Sole with full power to give sell, devise or otherwise dispose of notwithstanding said contemplated marriage. Now for & in consideration of the promises we the said John Singleton & Martha C. Lewis do hereby covenant to & with each other, John Singleton upon his part covenants that the said Martha C. Lewis shall have hold & enjoy her said separate estate free from the marital right of him the said John Singleton forever as fully as though no such marriage had ever been consummated. The said Martha C. Lewis upon her part hereby in consideration of the promises covenants to & with the said John Singleton to accept the said separate estate herein given in Lieu of Dower and allimony in her ~~contemplated~~ said contemplated Husband's estate & as a perpetual bar to her dower & in & to her said contemplated Husbands Estate forever. And it is hereby mutually agreed that each shall have & retain the use controll & dominion over their separate estats with full power to give bequeath or otherwise dispose of each his or her separate estate free from the controll of the other as fully as though the relation of husband & wife did not exist. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this day & year above written.

West A. M. Brenker. } John Singleton {Seal}
Martha C. Lewis {Seal}

The State of Alabama, } This day day personally
Shelby County. } came before A. M. Brenker an acting Justice of the Peace within & for the County & State aforesaid John Singleton & Martha C. Lewis & acknowledged that they signed sealed & delivered the foregoing Anti nuptial agreement on the day it bears date for the purposes therein expressed & I hereby certify that the said John Singleton & Martha C.

Lewis are known to me and that the said Martha C. Lewis is of lawful age. Given under my hand & seal this 24th day of April 1852.

A. M. Brinker (seal)
Justice of the Peace

Filed & recorded August 1st 1854.

J. M. McClanahan
Judge of Probate.