Benton & wife to McLellen

The State of Alabama, } This Indenture made & enter
Shelby County. } ed into this the 2nd day of August A.D. 1854 between James Benton & Caroline Benton wife of said James Benton of the 1st part & John McLellen of the second part, witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to us in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have given granted bargained & sold & by these presents do give grant, bargain & sell & convey unto the said John McLellen his heirs & assigns forever the following parcel or tract of land, viz: N.W. 1/4 of section 2 in T. 21 also the S. 1/2 of the S.W. 1/4 Sect. 35 T. 20, all in R 3 W; in the district of lands subject to sale at Tuskaloosa Alabama together with all & singular the appertenances hereditaments & rights in any wise appertaining, unto the said John McLellen his heirs & assigns forever; and the said James Benton for himself, his heirs, executors & administrators doth warrant & will ever defend the right & title to the above described & hereby conveyed premises unto the John McLellen his heirs & assigns from & against the claim of him the said James Benton & all & every person or persons claiming or holding under or by the said James Benton & also against the lawful title claim or demand of all & every person or persons whomsoever claiming or holding by or from under the General Government of the United States. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands seal, the day & date first above written.

James Benton {L.S.}
Caroline Benton {L.S.}

The State of Alabama, } Personally appeared before
Shelby County. } the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County, James Benton who acknowledged that he signed, sealed & delivered the within deed to John McLellen on the day the same bears date, for the purposes therein contained; also Caroline Benton wife of the said James Benton who acknowledged that she voluntarily signed, sealed & delivered the within deed to John McLellen on the day the same bears date for the purpose therein contained. Given under my hand & seal this August the 2nd A.D. 1854 James P. Allen J.P.

Filed & recorded this 23rd of August 1854,
J. M. McClanahan Judge of Probate.