The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents,
Shelby County } that Reuben Mardis late of said county dec.d did in his lifetime convey by deed in writing to Napoleon B. Mardis, his estate real and personal, and took from the said Napoleon his obligation in writing, on the happening of a certain event (the death of Margaret, the wife of said Reuben, to divide the same among the surviving children of him the said Reuben, that afterwards & on the 16th day of March 1852 the said Margaret and surviving children & heirs of estate of said Reuben according to said deed and obligation entered into an agreement in writing to divide said property, real and personal, by assigning to said Margaret, one fifth part of the personal property & a lifetime estate in and to one third part of the real estate, that the personal estate being divided, the lands for the purpose of division, was under and by virtue of said agreement advertized and offered for sale to the highest bidder, (that is that part thereof not assigned said Margaret as dower) that as said sale, Elizabeth M. Sterrett, Samuel B. Roper & Walter C. Roper of said county being the purchasers of the N. W. 1/4 of the S E 1/4 of section One, Township 21. of Range One East containing 39 28/100 acres excepting two lots, Com-

taining half acre together, previously purchased and owned by Joshua Wood & D. W. for the sum of Three 50/100 dollars per acre. Now therefore in consideration of the premises, and of one hundred and Thirty Eight 25/100 dollars to me Napoleon B. Mardis in hand paid by the said Elizabeth M. Sterrett, Samuel B. Roper & W. C. Roper the receipt of which is here acknowledged I The said Napoleon B Mardis, have bargained sold and conveyed & do now by these presents bargain sell and convey and confirm unto the said Elizabeth M. Sterrett, Samuel B. Roper & Walter C. Roper the said tract and parcel of land above described being parcel of the real Estate of said Rubin Dec^d conveyed as aforesaid. To have and to hold the same to them, their heirs and assigns forever. And I The said Napoleon B. Mardis, for myself, my heirs & assigns & will by these presents ever defend the title & title to the said tract of land, to said Elizabeth Samuel and Walter, their heirs & assigns, against the heirs of estate of said Rubin Dec^d & all others. As witness my hand and seale this the 5th day of Feby 1858

N. B. Mardis (Seal)

The state of Alabama } Before me Jno. M. McClanahan
Shelby County } Judge of the court of probate of said county personally came Napoleon B. Mardis, known to me to be the same person who signed the foregoing deed & acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing deed on the day of the date thereof to the said Elizabeth M. Sterrett, Samuel B. Roper & Walter C. Roper. As witness my hand and seale, this 25th day of August 1857.

J. M. McClanahan.
Judge of probate.

Filed and recorded in the court of probate of Shelby county 30 August 1857

J. M. McClanahan
Judge of probate