Roper to Spearman

The State of Alabama
Shelby County ss } This Indenture made and entered into, this 24 day of February A. D. 1854, between Joseph Roper and Mary P. Roper husband and wife of the one part and James M. Spearman of the other part; Witnesseth that the first party for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars to them in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have given granted bargained and sold and by these presents do give grant bargain and sell to said second party the following piece of land to wit the West half of the North West quarter of Section eight Township Twenty one Range one East except a piece thereof in the North East corner of said half quarter, which said exception is described and known as follows to wit, commencing at the North East corner of said half quarter and run South with the line dividing it from the East half of said North West quarter to the center of the spring, thence a North West direction with the branch to the North boundary line of said Section, thence East with said Section line to the beginning (all included within said lines is reserved and not hereby conveyed intending to give a fraction of said spring to said second party and reserved from sale a part thereof for the use of the tract of land on which Mrs Givins now lives) To have and to hold the balance of said half quarter of land not here reserved to said second party and his heirs forever, and we the said party of the first parts do hereby covenant and agree with said second party that we are lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid and that we have a good right to bargain and sell the same that they are free of all encumbrances and that we will warrant and defend title in fee to said land to said second party his heirs and assigns forever to said hereby granted premises. In witness of which, witness our hands and seals the day and date above written.

Joseph Roper {seal}
M. P. Roper {seal}

The State of Alabama
Shelby County ss } I, J. M. McClanahan Judge of the Probate court of said county hereby certify that Joseph Roper and Mary P. Roper husband and wife whose names appear to and are signed to the foregoing conveyance known to me acknowledged

before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this 24th day of February A.D. 1854

J. M. McClanahan
Judge of Probate.

Filed and recorded 18th day of December 1854
J. M. McClanahan Judge of Probate.