R B Hardin
To
S. H. Johnson

The State of Alabama } This Deed of Trust made and Entered
Shelby county } into this the 28 day of September AD 1855.
between Romulus B Hardin the debtor of the first part.
and S H Johnson the creditor of the second
part both of the county and state aforesaid
Witnesseth that whereas said Hardin is duelly
indebted to said Johnson in the sum of fifty
dollars due by note dated August 1855 &
due and ~~[illegible]~~ date which indebtedness
said Hardin is anxious and desirous to secure
to said Johnson therefore for and in consideration
of the premises as well the sum of one dollar
to him in hand paid by said Johnson the
receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the
said Hardin has given granted bargained and
sold and by these presents do give grant
bargain and sell to said Johnson his heirs and
assigns forever the following named property
to wit all his present growing crop of cotton
and all that has been picked out and that
may be hereafter picked out by the said
Hardin or any one else for him which is the
one half of the cotton made on about 8 acres
of ground cultivated by said Hardin and
Aaron Farr or on or about where said Farr
now lives which was made in the year 1855
To have and to hold the same upon trust unless the aforesaid
note is fully paid off and satisfied to said Johnson and
it is hereby expressly agreed and understood that said Hardin
is to gather said cotton in due and proper time or cause it
to be done and it is further agreed between the parties that
said cotton is to be hauled & delivered to some convenient gin by
Hardin or some one else for him so soon as it is all
picked out and not before now if the aforesaid
note be fully paid off and discharged
together with costs & expenses of this conveyance by 25th
December 1855 this conveyance of no effect
otherwise of full force and the said Johnson
may seize said property and after giving
twenty days of the time and place by posting
up notice in three public places in said
county proceed and sell said cotton to the
highest bidder for cash and out the sale
pay the expenses of this conveyance and ~~[illegible]~~
the note and if any left pay to Hardin
Witness our hands and seals the day
and date above written

R. B. Hardin (Seal)
S H Johnson (Seal)

The State of Alabama } Personally appeared
Shelby county } a Justice of the peace
hereby certify that B B Hordin and S H Johnson
whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance
and who are known to me acknowledged
before me on this day that being informed
of the contents conveyance they executed the
same voluntarily on the day the same bears
date Given under my hand and seal this
29th September 1855

H V Jabos J.P.

Filed and Recorded the 4 Oct 1855

J M McLanahan
Judge of Probate