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H. W. Nelson
To
John Hawkins

The State of Alabama } This Indenture made
Shelby County } and entered into this
second day of July 1855 between Hudson W. Nelson as Sheriff of the County of Shelby in the state of Alabama of the one part and John Hawkins of the County of Shelby in the state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that whereas on the 24th of February 1855 a Judgement was duly rendered for the sum of thirty nine 00/100

and cost in favour of John Hostins and against S. G. Walker on which said Judgement there was issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County on the 3d day of April 1855 a certain order of sale in favour of said John Hostins and against the said S. G. Walker directed to any Sheriff of the State of Alabama whereby such Sheriff directed to sell the south half of the south East fourth of Section 35 Township 21 Range 2 West which said order of sale was on the 10th day of April placed in the hands of the said H. W. Nelson as Sheriff of said County of Shelby for the purpose of its execution and whereas the said Hudson W. Nelson, Sheriff as aforesaid after the said order of sale had come into his hands and while the same was in full force and whereas the said Hudson W. Nelson as Sheriff as aforesaid after having duly advertised the said tract of land for sale in the manner prescribed by law did in accordance with such advertisement on the 3d Monday of July 1855 in the town of Columbiana before the Court house door in said town proceed to sell the same under and by virtue of the said order of sale and the said John Hostins being best for the said land there and there selling as aforesaid the sum of Twenty dollars and it being the highest and best bid that could then and there be got for the same, he the said Sheriff did therefore sell and cry off the tract of land to the said John Hostins

Now therefore in consideration of the premises the said party of the first part as Sheriff of the said County of Shelby has and does hereby bargain and sell alien and convey unto the said John Hostins the said tract or parcel of land to wit the S½ of the SE¼ of sec 35 T 21 Range 2 West to have and to hold the aforesaid land & premises together with all and singular its appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said John Hostins and his heirs and assigns forever and the said party of the first part as Sheriff as aforesaid does covenant with the said party of the 2d part that

he as sheriff as aforesaid will warrant the title of said land to the said party of the second part so far only as he by virtue of his office is authorized to do but it is expressly understood that said Hudson W Nelson is in no wise to be individually liable for anything herein contained

In testimony whereof the said party of the first part has signed sealed ~~and delivered~~ this deed on the day & years date

H W Nelson (seal)
Sheriff of Shelby Co.

The State of Alabama } I M. J. O'Barr
Shelby County } clerk of the circuit court of Shelby County hereby certify that Hudson W Nelson whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance & who is known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the conveyance he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date Given under my hand this 3d day of July 1855

Michael J O'Barr clerk

Filed and Recorded the 11th Oct 1855

J. M. McClanahan
Judge of Probate