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Meredith
to
Bratton

State of Alabama } This indenture made and
Shelby County } entered into this the 22nd day of February one thousand and eight hundred and fifty six between James S. Meridith of the first part and Robert Bratton of the second part both of the State and County aforesaid. Witnesseth that Whereas as the said party of the first part is justly indebted to the said party of the second in the sum of five hundred and sixty two and 50/100 dollars due the 25th December A.D. 1855 - And the said party of the first part is willing and desirous to secure the party of the second part by giving him a lien on the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit, The West half of the South east quarter of section twenty eight township twenty range three west containing eighty acres more or less, also a part of the N. E 1/4 of the S. E 1/4 and part of S. E 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 section 28 tow. 20 R. 3. West
Now if the said party of the first part fails to pay the above named sum five hundred and sixty two and fifty one hundred dollars to the said party of the second part or his order; then the said party of the second part shall have full power to advertize and sell the above described land or as much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy said claims of the second party Giving a reasonable notice and selling the same at Hillsboro in said County In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal, day and year above named
Witnessed First H. T. Hill — Jas S. Meridith Seal
J. N. Meridith

The State of Alabama } D. N. Lee an acting Justice of the
Shelby County } Peace in and for County hereby
certify that H. T. Hill one of the subscribing witnesses of the foregoing Mortgage makes oath that he saw James S Meridith execute the same for the purpose therein contained on the day therein mentioned. Given under my hand
This 25th of Feb. 1856 — N. Lee J. P.
Filed and Recorded Feb 29th 1856
J. M. McClanahan
Judge of Probate