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The State of Alabama
Shelby County March
27th 1856

Know all men by these presents
that we John W. Stedham & Malin
da Lathania H. his husband and wife
for and in consideration of one hundred dollars to
us in hand paid by W. S. Bowdon the receipt of which
is hereby acknowledged have this day sold and by
these presents do sell alien and convey unto W. S. Bowdon
his heirs and assigns the following lands to wit the
S. E. 1/4 & the N. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 and W. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4 of Sec.
36 T. 19, R. 1. East containing Two hundred and seventy
seven acres (277) more, to have and to hold the same to his
own use & behoof forever & we will warrant & forever defend
the title to said land to said Bowdon his heirs and
assigns. In witness we have hereunto set our hands
and seals the date above written. J. M. Stedham Seal
Test Jas A. Kidd } Malinda H. Stedham Seal
James T. Stedham } mark

State of Alabama } I John C. Hannah Justice of the
Shelby County } Peace in and for said County
hereby certify that James A. Kidd a subscribing
witness to the foregoing conveyance known to me appeared
before me this day & being sworn states that John W.
Stedham and Malinda H. Stedham the grantors in
the conveyance voluntarily executed the same in his
presence and in the presence of the other subscribing
witness on the day the same bears date. that he attested
the same in the presence of the grantors and of the other
witness and that such other witness subscribed his
name as a witness in his presence. Given under my
hand this 29th day of March 1856 Jno C. Hannah
Justice of the Peace

Recorded April 1st 1856
J. M. McClanahan
Judge of Probate