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Mardis N.B. The State of Alabama, Shelby county. ss. } This Indenture made and entered into this 24th day of August, A.D. 1856, between Napoleon B. Mardis and Harriet A. Mardis, husband and wife,

To

of the first part, and Samuel Brasher, Ephraim A. Reinhardt James L. Moore, Joseph C. Blake and John M. McClanahan, Trustees Methodist Episcopal Church South

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at Columbiana in said county and their successors as such Trustees, of the 2nd part, all of said Town and county, witnesseth that said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty dollars to them in hand paid - the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge - said 1st party do hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey and confirm

and have granted, bargained, sold, ~~and~~ conveyed and confirmed to said Trustees and their successors as such for the use and benefit of said Methodist Episcopal Church South the following lot of land lying and being in the Town of Columbiana and known as follows to wit: beginning at the South-West corner of the present residence lot of D. N. McClanahan on the North side of the road leading from the Town of Columbiana to the Columbiana Depot on the Alabama and Tennessee River Railroad, thence running North with the Western boundary of said McClanahan's lot eleven poles 12 links to the branch, thence with the meanders of the branch to a stake 4 feet west of a Hackberry tree marke x, thence South thirteen poles and 12 links to said Depot road, thence with said road to the beginning; making said lot to be one hundred feet wide when measured at right angles and to contain seventy-six square poles more or less, being intended for a permanent Church ground, and on which the new Methodist Church is now being erected: to have and to hold the same to said Trustees and to their successors and to said Church for ever to have and to hold. And we do hereby covenant with said Trustees that we are lawfully seized in fee of said lot and that we will forever warrant and defend the title to said lot to said Trustees and their successors as such for the benefit of said Methodist Episcopal Church South forever. Witness our hands & seals the day first above written.

N. B. Mardis (Seal)
H. A. Mardis (Seal)

The State of Alabama, } Before the undersigned,
Shelby county. } Justice of the Peace in and for said county personally appeared Napoleon B. Mardis and H. A. Mardis, whose names appear to the above Deed and who are known to me, and acknowledged before me that being informed of the contents of the conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date, and for the purposes therein contained. Witness my hand this 30th day of August, A. D. 1856. H. V. Nabors, Justice of the Peace

Filed & recorded August 30th, 1856. J. M. McClanahan, Judge of Probate.