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Mardis N. B. to Strain Wm.

The State of Alabama, Shelby county. } This Deed of Trust made and entered into this 16th day of March, 1857, between Napoleon B. Mardis, the debtor, of the first part, and William Strain, the creditor, of the 2nd part, both of the county and State aforesaid, witnesseth: That whereas the said Mardis is justly indebted to the said Strain in the sum of Eight Hundred and forty eight 11/100 Dollars by promissory note to be due the 1st day of January, 1862, which said debt said Mardis is anxious and desirous to secure: Therefore for and in consideration of the premises as well the sum of five dollars to him in hand paid by said Mardis, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said Mardis has given, granted, bargained and sold & by these presents does give, grant, bargain and sell to said Strain and to his heirs and assigns forever a negro girl slave called Catharine, of dark complexion, about fourteen years of age: to have and to hold the same forever — upon trust, nevertheless; it is hereby expressly agreed and understood that said Mardis is to retain the possession of said slave until default be made in the payment of said note, in whole or in part, upon which default said Strain may seize and sell said slave to the highest bidder for cash at public outcry, after giving at least 20 days notice by posting up in three public places, of the time and place of said sale, and out of the proceeds of said sale pay and satisfy said debt and the interest which may have accrued thereon, as well the costs of this trust; and the balance if any pay over to said Mardis. But should the whole of said debt be fully paid without the necessity of a sale, then this Deed to be void, else of full force. Witness our hands and seals, 16th March, 1857. N. B. Mardis (Seal)
William Strain (Seal)

January Term 1858 For value received & hereby this deed of trust is amended & the time of the sale extended to the 1st January 1861 W. C. Williams S. Strain

This deed of trust as amended before me by said N B Mardis who is known to me on this 8th day of February 1861 Milich Pope Clerk

The State of Alabama, } I, J. M. McClanahan, Judge of Probate
Shelby County. } for said county, hereby certify that N. B. Mardis and William Strain, 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 of the conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this 16th day of March, 1857. J. M. McClanahan, Judge of Probate.

Filed & recorded March 16th, 1857.

J. M. McClanahan, Judge of Probate.