

James S. Merideth This instrument made and entered into 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June  
1857 between James S. Merideth of the first part and  
Jasper Merideth of the second part and French labor  
and Master of the third part all of the county of Shelby and the  
State of Alabama. Now whereas the said party of the first  
is justly indebted unto the said party of the  
second part in the sum of two hundred & forty seven  
Dollars evidenced by a judgment obtained on the 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1856 in the Circuit of Shelby County  
and in favor of Garrison & Gregorj besides costs  
of suit and also in the sum of twenty eight & 10/100  
Dollars due by note to Garrison & Gregorj dated 9<sup>th</sup> of  
April 1856 with interest from 1st of January 1856

now the property of the party of the second part and  
 whereas the said party of the first is anxious and desirous  
 of securing the payments of said claims unto the said  
 party of the second part at and before the encasing and  
 delivery of these presents the receipt of which is acknowl-  
 edged, doth grant bargain sell and convey unto the said  
 party of the third part the following property Twenty  
 five acres of my now growing cotton crop lying and  
 situated the Montevallo & Elton road in Shelby County to  
 have and to hold unto the said party of the third part  
 his heirs and assigns forever On trust nevertheless  
 that if the said party shall well and truly pay or  
 cause to be paid unto the said party of the second  
 part the whole of the above described claims on or by  
 the 20<sup>th</sup> day December next Then this deed of trust is  
 to be void but if the said party of the first pay  
 fails to pay the whole or any part of the aforesaid claims  
 on or by the 20<sup>th</sup> of December next Then the party of the  
 third is hereby authorized to be and is empowered to seize  
 and take possession of said crop of cotton gathered or  
 ungathered and sell the same to the highest bidder  
 for cash on the premises or in the town of Montevallo  
 upon giving first by posting written notices at ~~three~~  
 or more public places in the county of Shelby and ap-  
 propriate the proceeds of said sale to the payments of  
 said debts aforesaid. In witness whereof of the parties  
 have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and  
 year above written

P. S. Meredith <sup>Seal</sup>  
 French Tabors <sup>Seal</sup>  
 D. A. Meredith <sup>Seal</sup>

The State of Alabama vs. A Lee an acting  
 Shelby County Justice of the Peace in and  
 for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify  
 that James S. Meredith Jasper Meredith and French Tabors  
 whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance and who  
 are known to acknowledge 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June AD  
 1857

A. Lee. J. P.

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J. M. McElanahan Judge of Probate