The State of Alabama }
Shelby County } This Indenture made and entered into this 23d day of May AD 1859, between James Benton and Francis Benton husband and wife of the first part, and Alexander R Richards

of the second part, witnesseth: That the said parties of the first part for and in Consideration of the sum of Five and 50/100 dollars to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have sold, and hereby sell, confirm and convey unto the said party of the second part the following described land lying in Shelby County State of Alabama, to wit. The South half of the NW/4 of the SE/4 and the South half of the NE/4 of the SW/4 of Section No 26, Township No 20, Range No 3 West. to have and to hold to said second party his heirs and assigns forever, the above described and hereby granted lands and premises And the said parties of the first part husband and wife, hereby covenant with the said party of the second part that we are lawfully seized of, and have good right to sell and convey said land and hereby bind ourselves, our heirs and legal representatives forever to warrant and defend the title to said land and premises to the said party of the second part his heirs, assigns and legal representatives, against the claim of all and every person in law or Equity, and against the government of the United States. Given under our hands and seals this day and year above written

Signed Sealed & delivered this 23rd day of May.

James. Denton LS
Francis. C. Denton LS

The State of Alabama }
Shelby County } I Jas. P. Allen a Justice of the Peace for said County, hereby Cetifiy that Jas Denton and Francis Denton 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 18th day of September A.D 1859

Jas. P. Allen
Justice of the Peace

Filed and recorded 24th May 1860. J M McCunahan Judge of Probate