

The State of Alabama Know all men by these presents that
 Shelby County I do Alphonse A. Stearns & Elizabeth M
 Stearns his wife have for and in consideration of the sum
 of Two hundred dollars to the said Alphonse A. Stearns in
 hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged
 conveyed and sold and by these presents do now again
 sell convey and conveyance unto Joel Watkins the following
 described tract or parcel of land situated in said
 County and Tensas Louisiana land District known as the
 North East quarter of the North East quarter of Section
 twenty six in Township twenty one of Range one West
 containing forty two acres more or less to have and
 to hold said tract or parcel of land unto the said
 Joel Watkins his heirs assigns forever and we
 the said Alphonse A. Stearns & wife Elizabeth M. Stearns
 do covenant and by these presents will defend
 and the right title to the said tract or parcel of land
 unto the said Joel Watkins his heirs and assigns
 against all lawful claims & demands of all persons
 whatsoever In witness whereof we hereunto set our
 hands & seals this 4th day of December 1863

A. A. Stearns (Seal)
 E. M. Stearns (Seal)

The State of Alabama
 Shelby County I N B Maas Judge of the
 Probate Court of said County hereby certify that Al-
 phonse A. Stearns & Elizabeth M. Stearns his wife
 whose names are signed to the foregoing convey-
 -ance and who are known to me are acknowledged
 before me on this day that being informed of the
 contents of the conveyance they executed the same
 voluntarily on this day the same bears date
 Given under my hand this 4th day of Decem-
 -ber 1863 N B Maas Judge of Probate Shelby County
 Alabama

Filed for record the 14th day of January 1864 & recorded the
 11th day of March 1864 N B Maas Judge of Probate