

The Honorable Judge  
 To  
 J. T. Phipps

The State of Alabama Know all men by these  
 Sherry County presents that two several  
 writs of Execution issued from the Circuit  
 Court of said County by the Clerk of said  
 County, each bearing date the 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
 April 1870 one of said Executions being in  
 favor of George W. Thomas as Executor of  
 Benjamin Thomas dec against Joel W. Watkins  
 & Alphonso A. Stenult, on a judgment rendered  
 by said Circuit Court on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
 September 1869 in favor of said George W.  
 Thomas as Executor of Benjamin Thomas dec  
 against said Joel W. Watkins & Alphonso A. Stenult for  
 the sum of two hundred twenty eight & 10/100 dollars  
 besides Costs, taxed on said Executor at fifteen  
 Cents, the other of said Executions being  
 in favor of Hannah Porter against Joel W.  
 Watkins on a judgment which the said  
 Hannah Porter had recovered in said  
 Circuit Court against said Joel W. Watkins  
 on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1869 for the sum  
 of one hundred twenty two & 10/100 dollars, besides  
 Costs - taxed on said Execution at seven & 10/100  
 dollars, said Executions being directed to  
 any Sheriff of the State of Alabama, even on the  
 said 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1870 placed in my hand  
 as Sheriff of the said County of Sherry, by  
 each of which & as such Sheriff was com-  
 manded to cause to be made of the goods &  
 chattels and tenements of the said defendants  
 the said sums of money specified in said  
 Executions - that after the coming of said Executions  
 into my hands as aforesaid and while they were  
 in full force to wit: on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1870 as  
 such Sheriff did by virtue of the power & authority  
 in each thereof contained, for the want of personal  
 property of said defendants in each of said  
 Executions named, to be found in any County,  
 Levy the said several Executions on the following  
 designated & described real Estate as the property  
 of the said defendant Joel W. Watkins to wit: the  
 corner lot in the Town of Columbiana known  
 as the Watkins Corner lot then occupied by Miss  
 Roberts. Situate in the South East Corner of Section  
 23 in Township 21 of Range One West lying north of  
 J. C. Dickson lot East of Bruce Adams lot - South of  
 Stenult Street, or Corner Adams lot - West of Section

line dividing sections 23 & 24 containing four  
 acres more or less. Also 8 acres more or less lying  
 immediately East of said lot being in the  
 South West Corner of Section 24 Township 21 of  
 Range one West purchased by said Defendant  
 Watkins of one O. W. Nelson, situated in said  
 County, of which said levy on said Real Estate  
 the said Defendant Watkins not being a  
 resident of said County. Notice in writing  
 was put up at the Court House door of said  
 County that having levied said executions on  
 said real Estate the same was thereupon ad-  
 vertised to be sold, as required by law at the  
 Court House in Columbiana on the first  
 Monday in June 1870 at which time and  
 place, the said sale thing was postponed  
 until the first Monday in July 1870 which  
 notice given, and advertisement of the said  
 sale thing continued that on the said  
 first Monday in July 1870 at the Court House  
 in Columbiana in said County and within  
 the legal hours of sale, the said Executions  
 remaining unpaid & of full force & effect  
 of said County did proceed to sell the said  
 Corner lots of land to the highest bidder at  
 public outcry for cash that James T. Decker  
 of said County, became and was the  
 purchaser thereof for the sum of three hundred  
 fifty \$500.00 dollars which being paid at that  
 time & place, as Sheriff as aforesaid, by Virtue of  
 the authority aforesaid of said Sale as aforesaid  
 in consideration of the payment of said  
 James T. Decker of said sum of money aforesaid,  
 have bargained & sold & conveyed to him by their  
 presents bargain sell & convey unto the said  
 James T. Decker all the right & title which the said  
 Joel M. Watkins, had of in the said Corner lots of  
 land, situated as aforesaid & which by Virtue  
 of said Executions, the levy thing as aforesaid  
 & said Sale, & as such Sheriff, has the  
 right to & could sell & convey, to have  
 and and to hold the same to be useful to  
 him & assigns forever - And witness of all  
 of which I as Sheriff as aforesaid have set my  
 hand & seal this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1870.

(Revenue stamp fifty cents) *Thos Harrison Sheriff*

The State of Alabama } I Amos M. Elliott  
 Shelby County } Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 in & for said County, hereby Certify that  
 Thomas Harrison whose name is signed  
 to the foregoing Conveyance, and who is  
 known to me, acknowledged before me  
 on this day, that knowing the contents of  
 the said Conveyance, he as Sheriff of said  
 County of Shelby, as in said Conveyance stated,  
 executed the said Conveyance. Voluntarily  
 on the day the same bears date.

A Witness of which I hereunto set my hand  
 this the day of July 1870.

Amos M. Elliott Clerk

Filed for record August 16<sup>th</sup> 1870 & recorded  
 September 5<sup>th</sup> 1870.

J. T. Decker  
 Justice of the Peace.