Walker J. N.
To
Miller & Shoekleford

$40.00 On or by the first day of November next I promise to pay Miller & Shoekleford or bearer the sum of Forty dollars for value received this the 23rd day of March 1877,

J. N. Walker

Whereas on the 24 day of March 1877, J. N. Walker of the County of Shelby, State of Alabama gave his promissory note

payable to Miller & Shockleford on the first of November 1877 for forty dollars, Whereas the said Walker is desirous of securing the payment of said note and of indemnifying the said Miller & Shockleford upon his failure to pay said note at maturity or before to the said Miller & Shockleford or their heirs. Witnesseth: That the said Walker hereby gives, grants bargains and conveys unto the said Miller & Shockleford and their heirs the following personal property to wit: One Cow and calf, red color, about 4 years of age, also the entire crop of Corn and cotton grown by the hands of the said Walker during the year 1877 in the year 1877 in the County of Shelby: To have and to hold unto the said Miller & Shockleford and their heirs forever, and behoof - But the Condition of this mortgage is such as if the said Walker shall pay or cause to be paid the above described note at maturity or before to the said Miller and Shockleford or their heirs, then this mortgage is to be null and void, and in case the said Walker shall fail to pay or cause to be paid the above described note at maturity or before to the said Miller & Shockleford or their heirs. The said Miller & Shockleford are hereby empowered to take peaceable possession of said property and on giving ten days notice of the same, sell the same at auction to satisfy the amount of said note, including all cost and interest that may accrue on said note of after maturity - In testimony whereof the said Walker has hereunto set his hand the day the same bears date.

L. N. Walker

State of Alabama } I Thos L. Shamblin
Tuscaloosa County } an acting Justice of the Peace in

for said County hereby certify that L. N. Walker whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and known to me acknowledged before me after being informed of the contents of the conveyance he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this this the 24 day of March 1877

Thos Lu Shamblin
Justice of Peace

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J. T. Leeper
Judge of Probate.