

This Indenture made this 4th day of May, in the year of
N. S. 1868, our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty
E. V. Ransom. three, between, H. G. Davidson, Henry Davidson, Viola
Davidson ^{H. G.} Ransom, T. G. Davidson, Margaret Davidson, of the
County of Shelby, in the State of Alabama, of the one
part and, Charles Brandon, G. W. McDonald, L. S. Car-
roll, Monroe Rollin, Henry Tate, Edmund Wilson,
Toney Lee, trustees in trust for the use and purposes
hereinafter mentioned, all of the grantors, in the
State of Alabama, aforesaid, of the other part,
Witnesseth: that the said grantors, for and in

consideration of the sum of twenty dollars, specie,
to them in hand paid at and upon the sealing
and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is
hereby acknowledged, hat given, granted, bargained
sold, released, confirmed, conveyed, and by these
presents, doth, or does, give, grant, bargain, sell release
confirm, and convey unto them the said trustees
and their successors, trustees in trust, for shirene
and purposes, herein after mentioned, and declared,
all the estate, right, title, interest, property claim,
and demand whatsoever, either in law or in
equity, that the said grantors, have in, to, or upon
all and singular, a certain lot or piece of land sit-
uate, lying & being in the town of Helena, and State
aforesaid, bounded as follows; to wit; one acre of land
known as the A.M.E. Church, lot, North Buck creek, in
the town of Helena, Shelby County, Ala, containing
and laid out for one acre, of land together, with
all and singular, the houses, woods, water, ways
privileges and appurtenances, thereto belonging or in
any wise, pertaining, to have and to hold all and
singular, the above mentioned and described lot,
or piece of land, situated, lying & being, as aforesaid
together with all and singular, the houses, woods
water, ways, and privileges, thereto belonging, unto
unto the said, Charley Blandon, G. H. McDonald
Connor Rollins, Henry Tate, L. G. Carroll, Edmund Bib-
son, Tony Lee, and their successors in office, for ever in
trust, that they shall exact or cause, to be built
thereon, a house, or place of worship for the use of the
African Methodist Episcopal Church, in the United
States of America, according to the rule and discipline
of said church, which from time to time may be adopt-
ed, and agreed upon by the ministers and preachers
of the said church at their General Conferences, in the
United States of America, and in full trust and
confidence, that they shall at all times forever
hereafter permit such ministers and preachers, belong-
ing, to said church, as shall from time to time
be duly authorized, by the General Conference
of the ministers and preachers, of the said
African Methodist Episcopal church, or by annual

Conference, authorize by the said Conference, to preach
 and expound God's Holy word, therein, & in further
 trust and confidence, that as often as any one or
 more, trustees herein before mentioned, shall die or
 cease to be a member or members, of said church
 according to the rule and discipline aforesaid, aforesaid
 then and in such case, it shall be the duty of the
 stationed Minister, or preacher, (authorized as aforesaid)
 who shall have the pastoral charge of the members
 of said church, to call a meeting of the members, for the
 election, of all the board, or a part according to law,
 as soon as conveniently may be, and when so met, the
 said minister or preacher, shall proceed to nominate
 one or more persons, to fill the place or places, of him
 or them, whose office, or offices, has, (or have) been vacated
 as aforesaid, provided the person or persons, so nomina-
 ted, shall have been one year a member, or members
 of the said church, immediately preceding such
 nomination and be at least 21 years of age, and
 the said members, so assembled, shall proceed to
 elect, & by a majority of votes, appoint the person or per-
 sons, so nominated to fill such vacancy or vacancies
 in order to keep up the number of trustees, forever.
 And in case of an equal number of votes, for and
 against the said nomination the station minister
 or preacher, shall have the casting vote. Provided
 nevertheless, that the said trustees or any of them, or their
 successors, have advanced or shall advance, any sum or
 sums of Money, on account of said premises, and they
 the said trustees or their successors, be obliged to pay
 the said sum or sums of money, they or a majority of them
 shall be authorized, to raise the said sum or sums
 of money, by mortgage, on the said premises, or by selling
 the said premises, after notice given the pastor or
 preacher, that has the oversight of the congregation
 attending divine service, on the said premises, if the
 money due be not paid to the said trustees, or their
 successors, within six months after such notice has
 been given, and if such sale take place, the said
 trustees or their successors, after paying the debt or
 other expenses, which are due from the money
 arising from such sale, shall deposit the re-

wainder of the money, produced by the said sale,
in the hands of the steward or stewards, of the
Society, belonging to or attending divine service,
or said premises, which surplus or the proceeds of
said sale, so deposited in the hands of said Stew-
ard, or steward, shall be at the disposal of the
next annual conference, authorized as aforesaid,
which said annual conference of the said money,
according to the best of their judgment, for the
use of the said society. And the said grantors
doth by these presents, forever warrant and defend,
all and singular the above mentioned and de-
scribed lot, or piece of ground with the appurtenances,
there to belonging, unto them the said trustees,
and their successors chosen and appointed, as
aforesaid, from the claims or claims of theirs the
said grantors, their heirs and assigns, and from
the claim or claims of all persons, whatsoever,
In testimony whereof the said grantors, has here
set their hands, and seals, the day and year, afo-
resaid, sealed, & delivered, in presence of us.

Witness, N. J. Ransom.

Received, the day of the date of the above written
indenture twenty, dollars, the consideration therein
mentioned, in full.

N. B. Davidson.

H. C. Davidson.

V. T. Ransom.

Witness, N. J. Ransom. Mary A. Davidson

J. C. Davidson Jr.

Shelby County. ss.

Be it remembered that on the 4th day of May, in the
year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and
eighty three, there personally appeared before me one of the
Justices of Peace, in the County of Shelby State of
Alabama, the within named grantors, and acknowl-
edged the within deed of trust to be, their act & deed,
and they the said grantors, being by me examined
declared that they had made the said acknowledg-
ment, freely and with their own consent.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal, the day and year first

above written.

G. P. Leonard,

A. P. & Ex officio J. P.

Filed May. 1883 & recorded

J. T. Leeper, Judge of Probate.