Swan Jno
v Jno A
Billups
Trustees to
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Know all men by these presents
That whereas By virtue of the acts of Congress of the
United States and of the general assembly of Alabama
referred to in the act of the general assembly of Ala
approved February 10th 1876 entitled an act to execute the
power of disposal of the lands granted by an act of Con
gress entitled an act granting public lands in alternate
Sections to the State of Alabama to aid in the
Construction of certain Rail roads in said State approved
June 3rd 1856 which power of disposal is conferred
upon the Legislature of Alabama by said act
of Congress and by virtue of what was done prior
to February 10th 1876 or under or in pursuance of the
legislation of Congress and the legislation of the State
of Alabama the said State had come completely
vested with the title to the lands embraced by said acts
of Congress for the uses and purposes shown in said
acts of Congress and whereas said State prior to
February 10th 1876, and more than six months
prior to the duly decreed bankruptcy of the
Alabama and Chattanooga rail road Company
had acquired a valid lien in good faith upon all
of said lands to which the Alabama & Chattanooga
Rail Road ever had any right or title either legal
or equitable by a conveyance executed by that
Company to the State of Alabama to secure an
indebtedness of that Company to said State
greater than the value of the interest of that Co.
or in or to said lands no part of which indebted
ness has ever been paid to said State and whereas by
a deed executed and bearing date the 8th day of
of February, 1877, the said lands were conveyed by the
Governor of said State of Ala. in pursuance of an
act of the general assembly of Ala approved Feby
23rd 1876. entitled an act to ratify and confirm the
settlement of the existing indebtedness of this State
as proposed in the report of the Commissioners appo
inted under the act approved 17th December 1874 and
which was communicated to the general assembly
by the messenger of the governor of 24th Jany 1876
and to carry said settlement into effect by the
issuance of new bonds of this State at a reduced
rate of interest in adjustment of a portion of said
indebtedness and the surrender of certain securi
ties held by the State in discharge of another por
tion of said indebtedness to John A Billups and
John Swan as trustees for the purposes in the
said deed specified and whereas the said Jno A Bill
ups and John Swan have become invested with
power and authority to dispose of sell and con
vey the said lands in accordance with the provisions
of said deeds and of said last mentioned act

February 23rd 1876 and whereas Geo Honeycutt in his Name in the County of Shelby and State of Alabama he came the purchaser from said Billups and Swan Trustees as afor said of a part of said lands as hereinafter described lying in the County of Shelby State of Ala and containing according to the original survey of said lands Forty acres more or less (Minerals reserved) at and for the price of Seventy Dollars but no conveyance of said lands was made to said Geo Honeycutt and whereas the said Geo Honeycutt had paid to the said Jno A Billups and John Swan as such trustees aforesaid the sum of Seventeen 00/100 Dollars in cash and executed three notes for the sum of Seventeen 00/100 Dollars each and due respectively in 12, 24 & 36 months and each bearing interest from date the Balance due and upaid on said purchase of said lands herein after described But it is distinctly understood and agreed that the said trustees reserve to themselves either for their own benefit or for sale to others the exclusive right to the iron Coal and other minerals contained in or upon said lands and also the right of way for rail and tram ways for mining purposes through any portion of said lands herein conveyed now therefore in consideration of the premises we the said John A Billups and John Swan as such trustees and by virtue of the power vested in us as such trustees as aforesaid by the said deed of conveyance of the 8th February 1877, and by said act of February 23 1876, have granted bargained and sold and do by these presents grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Geo Honeycutt all the right title and interest of the Alabama and Chattanooga Rail Road Company as well as of the State of Ala vested in us as such trustees or which we can convey in and unto the said lands above described to, viz, the N E 1/4 of the N E 1/4 in Sec 33 T 21 R 4 West and lying in the County of Shelby State of Alabama and containing according to the original survey of said lands (40) Forty acres more or less minerals reserved To have and to hold to the herein before particularly mentioned and described unto the said Geo Honeycutt his heirs and assigns forever Witness our hands and Seals this 18th day of Dec 1881

Jno Swan (Seal)
Jno A Billups (Seal)

State of New York } Edwin A Leony Jr
leity County of New York } Commissioner for Alabama
hereby certify that John Swan whose name is signed to the foregoing Conveyance and who is personally known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the Contents of the Conveyance he executed the same Voluntorily on the day the same bears date
Given under my hand this 13th day of Dec 1881,
Edwin A Leony Jr

The State of Ala } J A Billups Register for
Pickens County, } said County hereby certify
that John A Billups whose name is signed to the foregoing Conveyance and who is personally known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the Contents of the Conveyance he executed the same Voluntorily on the day the same bears date
Given under my hand this the 20th day of Dec 1881 J A Billups Register in chancery
Filed for record May the 4th 1885 and recorded
James T. Leeper Judge of Probate