Ala
State Land Co
To
W L Lewis
et al

No 1955

Know all men by these presents that whereas by virtue of the acts of Congress of the United States and the general assembly of Alabama reduced to in the General Assembly of Alabama approved July 10th 1876 Entitled "an act to execute the disposal of the Lands granted by an act of Congress" Entitled an act granting lands in alternate sections to the state of Ala to aid in the construction of certain Railroads in said State approved June 3rd 1856 which power of disposal is conferred upon the Legislature of the State of Alabama by said act of Congress", and by virtue of what was done prior to July 10-1876 by or under the or in pursuance of the Legislation of Congress and the legislation of the State of Alabama the State had became completely vested with the title to the Lands embraced by said acts of Congress for the uses and purposes shown in said act of Congress and whereas the said State prior to July 10-1876 and more than six months prior to the to the day deceased bank ruptcy of the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad Company had acquired a valid lien in good faith upon all of the said lands to which the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad Company ever had any rights or title either legal or Equitable by a conveyance executed by that Company to the State of Alabama to secure an indebtedness to said State greater than the value of the interest of that Company in or to said lands

or a part of which indebtedness has ever been paid to said State and whereas by a deed executed and bearing date the 8th day of July 1887 the said land was conveyed by the governor of said State of Alabama in pursuance of an act of the general assembly of the State of Alabama approved February 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 appointed under the act approved 17th of December 1874 and which was communicated which was communicated to the general assembly by message of the governor of the 24th of January 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 said a portion of said indebtedness and the surrender of certain securities held by the State in discharge of another portion of said indebtedness to John A Billups and John Brann as trustees for the purposes in the said deed specified and whereas the said Jno A Billups and John Brann have become vested with the power and authority to dispose of sell and convey said lands in accordance with the provisions of said deed and of said last mentioned act of Feby 23 — 1876

And whereas John A Billups and John Brann trustees as disclosed in said deed and said act of February 23 1876 have been have been directed since May 1886 by the holders of such of the bonds described in the fifteenth section of said last mentioned act as had been surrendered to the Governor on or before the first day of May 1886 in accordance with the provisions of said last mentioned act to convey and accordingly have conveyed to the Alabama State Land Company certain parcels of said lands remaining unsold by said trustees including in said conveyance the parcel or parcels of land hereinafter specifically described that is to say the North half of Section Twenty nine Township Eighteen (18) South Range Third East (N 1/2 of Sec 29 Tp 18 S R 1 E)

Containing Three hundred and Twenty (320) acres more or less situated in Shelby County in the State of Alabama And whereas the Alabama State Land Company above mentioned has this day sold to William L Lewis the said parcel or parcels of land last herein specifically described

at and for the price of One Thousand and six hundred ($1,600.00) Dollars upon the terms herein shown that is to say the said William L Lewis has this day paid to the Alabama State Land Company Five Hundred and Thirty three & 35/100 Dollars in cash and executed two (2) notes for the sum of Five hundred and Thirty three & 35/100 Dollars and Five hundred and thirty three and 35/100 ($533.35 & $533.35) Dollars each due respectively November 31st 1888 & May 31st 1889 each bearing interest from May 31st 1888 the said notes being for the balance unpaid on said sale of said lands last above described and said balance to be and remain a lien on said last mentioned land until said balance shall be paid with lawful interest thereon

And it is distinctly agreed as part and parcel of the terms of said sale of the lands last above described that the Alabama State Land Company reserves to itself either for its own benefit or for sale to others the exclusive right to the iron coal or other minerals contained in or upon said lands with all necessary privileges for mining on said lands and also the right of way for rail and tram ways for mining purposes through any portion of said land herein conveyed and it is further understood and agreed that the grantee or grantees in this conveyance will not hold adversely or permit any other person to hold adversely to the grantor in this conveyance or its assigns or successors any iron coal or other minerals or right of way or other things reserved to the grantor in this conveyance but will hold everything herein reserved to the grantor, from the grantor its assigns or successors and for no other purpose or person whatever.

Now therefore in consideration of the premises the Alabama State Land Company doth by these presents grant bargain sell and convey unto the said William L. Lewis the said parcel or parcels of land herein above specifically described subject however to the reservation herein set forth

To have and to hold the said parcel or parcels of land last above described unto the said Wm L Lewis his heirs and assigns forever; but

subject to the said reservations herein disclosed

In testimony whereof the said the Alabama State Land Company a corporation organized under the ~~Status~~ Laws of Alabama the Grantor in this conveyance has caused these presents to be signed by its President and its common seal to be affixed by its Secretary duly authorized for this purpose May 31st 1888

Ala St L Co
Seal

C Schiff
President of the Alabama State Land Company for said Company and by its authority

Thomas McDonald
Secretary for said Company

State of Ohio } I Charles M Cist a Notary
County of Hamilton } Public duly appointed and acting as such in and for the county of Hamilton in the State of Ohio hereby that Charles Schiff President of the Alabama State Land Company whose name as such President in behalf of said Company is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the conveyance he on behalf of said Company and as President thereof executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date

Given under my hand this 31st day of May A.D. 1888

M P Seal

Charles M Cist
Notary Public

Filed for Record April 10th 1890 & Recorded
R W Cobb
Judge of Probate