Sims to M. E. Church South

The State of Alabama.
Shelby County. } Know all men by these Presents, That for and in consideration of the love & have for the M. E. Church South, and of one dollar to the undersigned grantors John M. Sims and his wife Sarah P. Sims in hand paid by B. F. Glover, D. W. Wate, W. D. Raley, A. E. McGraw and J. S. Madox, Trustees, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we do grant, bargain and convey unto the said Trustees, B. F. Glover, D. W. Wate W. D. Raley, A. E. McGraw and J. S. Madox and successors in office, the following described real estate, to wit; Commencing at a white oak marked X, on the branch South or South West of the Church, thence 80 yds down said branch, thence North to drain North of Church, thence 80 yds up said drain, thence South to beginning containing one acre more or less, in the N.W 1/4 of the S.E 1/4 of Section 23, Township 18, Range 2 East said lot lying near the S.E. corner of said N.W 1/4 of S.E 1/4 and on the road from the late Martin place to Phillips Creek bridge, on which lot the Rehoboth Church, of the Harpersville circuit North Ala. Conference of the M. E. Church, South, now stands, situated in Shelby Co. Ala. to have and to hold to the said Trustees of the Harpersville Circuit, Talladega District, North Ala. Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, and their successors in office, in trust, that said premises shall be used, maintained and disposed of, as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: subject to the discipline, usages, and ministerial appointments of said Church, as from time to time authorized & declared by the General Conference of said Church, and the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. And we do for our heirs, executors and administrators covenant with said Trustees & their successors in office that we are lawfully seized in fee simple of said premises, and that we have a good right to sell & convey the same as aforesaid; that we will and our heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the aforesaid Trustees and their successors in office forever against the lawful claims of all persons.

Given under our hand and seal this 3 day of Jan 1894.

J. M. Sims (L. S.)
Sarah C Sims (L. S.)

State of Ala. } I J. J. Burks a Justice of the Peace
Shelby County. } in and for said Co. in said State, hereby certify that John M. Sims and his wife Sarah C. Sims whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of this conveyance have executed the same voluntarily, on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this 3 day of Jan. 1894.

J. J. Burks, J. P.

The State of Alabama. } I J. J. Burks a Justice of the
Shelby County } Peace in and for said State and county do hereby certify that on the 3 day of Jan 1894 came before me the within named Sarah C. Sims known to me to be the wife of the within named Jno. M. Sims, who being examined by me separate and apart from her husband touching her signature to the within conveyance acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free will and without any threats, fear, constraint or threats on the part of her husband. In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this the 3 day of Jan 1894.

J. J. Burks J. P.

Filed for record Apr. 7th 1896 recorded.
D. R. McMillan, Judge of Probate