Nelson, Sheriff to Leonard & Benton

The State of Alabama, } This Indenture made and
Shelby County. } entered into this the 18th day
of May A.D. 1877 by and between Francis A. Nelson
as Sheriff of the County of Shelby and said state of the
one part and William Leonard and James Benton of the
County of Shelby and said State of the other part. Witnesseth
That whereas on the 3rd day of April 1874. Judgment was
duly rendered in the Circuit Court for the County of
Shelby in the State aforesaid at the Spring Term 1874 of
the said Circuit Court for the sum of Two thousand
six hundred and fifty six ($2656.00) Dollars, besides costs
in favor of Amos M. Elliott and David E. Fulton.
Commissioners appointed by the Probate Court of said
County to sell the lands belonging to the Estate of Jesse
Benton deceased and against Columbus Benton James
Benton and John B. Oldham, on which said Judgment
there was issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said
County, on the 13th day of November A.D. 1874 a certain
writ of Fieri Facias in favor of said Elliott and Fulton
Commissioners as aforesaid and against the said Columbus
Benton, James Benton and John B. Oldham, directed to
any Sheriff of the State of Alabama whereby such Sheriff
was directed to levy of the Estate of the said Columbus
Benton James Benton and John B. Oldham the sum of Two
thousand six hundred and fifty six ($2656.00) Dollars
besides Nine 97/100 Dollars as costs and which said writ
was on the 13th day of November A.D. 1874 placed in the
hands of the said Francis A. Nelson as Sheriff of said Coun-
ty for its levy and execution and whereas said Francis
A. Nelson as Sheriff as aforesaid after the said writ had
come into his hands, and while the same was in full
force did on the 13 day of November A.D. 1874 levy the
same on the following tract of land as the property of
the said defendant Columbus Benton, viz: SW¼
and SE¼ of SE¼ and SW¼ of NE¼ and NW¼ of NE¼
and a part of SW¼ of SE¼ Section 11. And SE¼ of
NW¼ Section 14 and SW¼ of NW¼ Section 32 all in
Township twenty one Range Three West And SE¼
of NE¼ Section 31 Township Twenty Range Three
West lying and being in the County of Shelby - Ex-

excepting one acre in said SW/4 of Sec 11. T21, R 3 West making the grave of the late George Benton Dec'd the center of said one acre and also the right of way from the road known as the Ashville road to the grave of said George Benton dec'd

And, Whereas, the said Francis A. Nelson, as Sheriff as aforesaid after having duly advertised the said tract of land for sale in the mode prescribed by law, did in accordance with said advertisement on the 20th day of January A.D. 1875 in the town of Montevallo proceed to sell the same under and by virtue of said writ of Fieri Facias, and the said William Leonard and James Benton having bid for said lands then and there securing as aforesaid the sum of Thirteen hundred and Eighty five ($1385.00) Dollars, - and it being the highest and best bid than earned them and there he got for the same, he the said Sheriff did thereupon sell and cry off the said tract of land to the said William Leonard and James Benton - Now therefore in consideration of the premises the said party of the first part as Sheriff as aforesaid has and does hereby bargain and sell alien and convey unto the said William Leonard and James Benton the said tract of land as above described. To have and to hold the aforesaid lands together with all and singular its appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the said Leonard and Benton and to their heirs and assigns forever.

And the said party of the first part as Sheriff as aforesaid does covenant with the said parties of the second part that he as Sheriff as aforesaid will warrant the Titles to the said land so far only as he by virtue of his said office is authorized to do - but in is expressly understood that said Francis A. Nelson is in no wise to be individually liable for anything herein contained.

In Testimony Whereof the said party of the first part has signed sealed and delivered this deed on the day the same bears date.

F. A. Nelson (Seal)

The State of Alabama, } I, Amos M. Elliott, Clerk
Shelby County. } of the Circuit Court for said Shelby County, do hereby certify that Francis A. Nelson whose name 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 executed the same voluntarily on the day & the same bears date. Given under my hand this 18th day of May A.D. 1877.

A. M. Elliott, Clerk Cir. Court.

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D. R. McMillan Judge of Probate