Heirs of M.A. Cooper To J.W. Shraff

The State of Texas } Know all men by these presents that
Bowie County } whereas, the real estate belonging to the Estate of mary A. Cooper deceased, situated near Shelby Springs in Shelby County Alabama was sold befor the Court House door in said County on Thursday, the 29th day of December 1898 by W.W. West Executor of said estate, under an order from the Probate Court of said County, for the purpose of praying the debts of said estate & for distribution among the heirs and distributees of the same; and whereas James Watts Shraff became the purchaser of the said lands at said sale at and for the sum of Five Hundred & fifty Dollars ($550.00); and whereas it appearing that the description of same of the said lands in said order of sale, and in the advertisement of the same, is vague and indefinite & that Fifteen Acres more or less in the S.W.¼ of N.W.¼ of Section 12 Tp. 22 Range 3 west which belongs to said estate & which was intended to have been sold under said order with the rest of said lands, was inadvertantly omitted from the description of said lands in the application for the sale of the same; and whereas being aware that it was the intention of the said executor, and also all of our wish and desire, to have sold said Fifteen acres of land at said sale; and it being further all of our wish & desire as well as the intention of said executor to have sold at said sale all of the lands which the said Mary A. Cooper deceased, owned & possessed or to which she had claim at the time of her death, situated near Shelby Springs in Shelby Co. Alabama; and whereas believing that the said James Watts Shraff intended, by his said bid to purchase all of the said lands so owned, claimed or possessed by the said Mary A. Cooper deceased, at the time of her death and that he believed that he was so purchasing it, and that the amount so paid by him was a fair valuation for all of said lands; Now therefore, in consideration of the premises, and in the further consideration of Ten Dollars to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we Mary A. West and her husband W.W. West Carrie E. Knapp & her husband W.L. Knapp Minnie F. Mitchell & her husband R.W. Mitchell Rubie A. Cooper Imogene B. Cooper and Thompson H. Cooper, heirs and distributees of said estate

do hereby remise release, quitclaim & convey unto the said James Watts Shraff each, and all of our right, title, interest and claim, either in law or equity, in and to the said Fifteen Acres of land in the S.W.¼ of N.W.¼ of section 12 Tp. 22 Range 2 west known as the "Cooper land" in said S.W.¼ of N.W.¼, and also in all of the land which the said Mary A. Cooper owned, claimed or possessed, at the time of her death situated near Shelby Springs in Shelby County Ala. Whither the same be mentioned in said order of Court or not, or whether the same was regualarly and legally sold or not at said sale on December 29th 1898. To have and to hold the same unto the said James Watts Shraff, his heirs and assigns forever. Given under our hands and seals on this the 16th day of January 1899

W. W. West (L.S.)
Mary A. West (L.S.)
Thos H. Cooper (L.S.)
Sophie Cooper (L.S.)
W. L. Knapp (L.S.)
Carrie E. Knapp (L.S.)
Ruby A. Cooper (L.S.)
Imogene B. Cooper (L.S.)
R. M. Mitchell (L.S.)
Minnie F. Mitchell (L.S.)

State of Texas } I J. J. Peters Justice of the Peace and Ex officio
Bowie County } Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Mary A. West & her husband W. W. West and W. W. West as executor & Carrie E. Knapp & her husband W. L. Knapp Minnie F. Mitchell & her husband R. M. Mitchell Ruby A. Cooper Imogene B. Cooper and Thompson H. Cooper and his wife Sophie Cooper 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 the conveyance they each executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.
Given under my hand & seal of office on this the 16th day of January 1899

Seal

J. J. Peters Justice of the Peace & Ex officio Notary Public Bowie Co. Texas