Arnold J. W. To J. W. Hicks

The State of Alabama
Shelby County } Know all men by these presents, That for and in consideration of the sum of Three hundred dollars to me, James W. Arnold the undersigned grantor, in hand paid by J. D. Hicks, the receipt whereof, I the said James W. Arnold, do hereby sell bargain and convey unto the said J. D. Hicks, his heirs and assigns, the following tract of land, situated at and near Birmingham Junction, in Shelby County, State aforesaid, and known as the farm now owned & occupied by me, and by the said J. D. Hicks containing in all about One hundred & twenty (120) acres, and further known & described as the Backus place, from I the said James W. Arnold did purchase the same. To have and to hold the said J. D. Hicks, his heirs & assigns forever, and I do for myself, and my heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant & defend the title to the same, against the lawful claims of all persons. Witness my hand this the 13th day of January 1899 It is fully understood and agreed, that the said James W. Arnold does reserve the right to occupy and use the said property herein conveyed during his life time, to receive the rents, profits & incomes arising therefrom, as his property, and without accounting to the said J. D. Hicks, his heirs or assigns for the same, or the use thereof.

Witness my hand, this the 13th day of January 1899

Attest: J. M. Reynolds
Chas. W. Minor

James W. his x mark Arnold {Seal}
J. D. Hicks
Bettie Hicks

The State of Alabama,
Shelby County, } I, James Ozley a Justice of the Peace in and said State & County, hereby certify that J. M. Reynolds a subscribing witness to the foregoing conveyance

and who is known to me, appeared before me this day and being duly sworn, states that James H. Armed the grantor in the presence of the other subscribing witness on the day the same bear date, That he attested the same in the presence of the grantor, and of the other witness, and that such other witness subscribed his name in the presence of the grantor, and in his presence, as a witness thereto

J. W. Reynolds

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 13th day of January 1899

James Ozley
Justice of the Peace

Filed for record the 27th day of Jany 1899 & duly recorded
A. P. Longshore Judge &c