The state of Alabama } Know all men by these Presents
Shelby County } That we W S Cross & Wife Annie
S Cross his Wife of the County of
Shelby in State of Alabama in Consideration of the sum
of Twenty Five (25) Dollars Payable as follows in
hand Paid by James Benton G H Smith J.B. Miller M V
McClinton J E Morris Wm Adkinson and W A Hays Trustees &c
The receipt Where of is hereby acknowledged have granted
Bargained Sold and released and by these Presents Do
grant Bargain Sell and release unto James Benton
G H Smith J B Miller M V McClinton J E Morris Wm
Adkinson & W A Hays Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal
Church South of Pelham Circuit and thier successors
in office as from time to time appointed according to
the Laws and usages of the methodist Episcopal Church
South or under and Persuant to the Laws of this State
+ All that tract of Land Situated in Shelby County and
State of Alabama and Described as follows to wit
Begining at NE Corner of N H Thoms Lot at Public Road
and running in a Southernly Direction along East
side of said Lot Sixty Nine & half (69½) yards thence in
an Easternly Direction Sixty Nine & half (69½) yards
thence in a Northernly Direction Sixty Nine & half (69½)
to Said Public road thence in a Westerly Direction Sixty
Nine & half (69½) yards to beginning Point Containing one
acre in section 24 Tp 20. R. 3. West +
Together With all and singular the rights members
hereditaments and appurtenances to the same Belonging
or in any Wise incident or appertaing to have and to
hold all and singular the Premises above mentioned
unto the said Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal
Church south of Pelham circuit thier successors
and assigns forever In Trust that said Premises
shall be used Kept 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 usage Descipline and
Ministerial appointment of said Church as from
time to time authorized and declared by the
General Conference of said Church and by the
Annual Conference Within Whose Bounds the said
Premises are situated
Whenever it shall Become Necessary or may Be deemed
expedient by the Proper authorities of the said
Methodists Episcopal Church South of Pelham Circuit
to sell or otherwise Dispose of the said Bargained
Premises or any Part there of the said Methodists

Episcopal Church South may and it is hereby empowered to sell or otherwise dispose of the same by and through the said trustees and thier successors under and persuant to the rules and regulations of the discipline of the said Methodist Episcopal Church south then and that time in force and the said grantor do hereby Bind themselves & Thier heirs Executors and administrators to Warrant and forever Defend all and singular the said Premises unto the said Trustees of the Methodists Episcopal Church south of Pelham Circuit their successors and assigns against every Person whosoever Lawfully Claiming or to Claim the same or any Part thereof and the said grantor and his Wife the said Annie L Cross do hereby relinquish all right of Dower and Homestead in and to said Premises
In Testimony Whereof the said W S Cross & Wife Annie L Cross hath hereunto set thier hands and Seals this 27" Day of October AD 1898

W S Cross Seal
A L Cross Seal

State of Alabama
Shelby County } I W C Denson a justice of the Peace in and for said County and State hereby certify that W S & Annie L Cross Whose Names are signed to the foregoing Conveyance and who are known to me acknowledged Before me on this Day that Being informed of the Contents of the Conveyance they executed the same Voluntarily on the Day the same Bears Date
Given under my hand this 27th Day of October 1898

W C Denson J.P.

State of Alabama
Shelby County } I W C Denson a justice of the Peace in and for said County and state do hereby certify on the 27" Day of Oct 1898 came before me the Within Named Annie L Cross Who is known to me to be the Wife of the Within Named W S Cross Who Being Examined Separate and apart from her husband in reference to her signature to the Within Conveyance acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free Will and accord Without fear Constraint or

threats on the part of her husband Given under my hand this 27" day of Oct 1898

W C Denson J.P.

Filed for record March 27-1900 and recorded

A P Longshore
Judge of Probate