The State of Alabama } Know all men by these
Shelby County } presents: That whereas on
} the 24th day of april, 1900,
E.B. McClinton and S.E. McClinton husband & wife, did by their mortgage deed convey unto Lester & Company, a firm, composed of Samuel R. Lester & S.L. Lester the latter being an unmarried woman, the north-east quarter of the northeast quarter of section nineteen, township twenty one Range one east, said lands being situated in Shelby County, Alabama for the purpose of securing the debt therein described which said mortgage is recorded in volume 55 on page 71, of the mortgage records of Shelby County, Alabama, and whereas in said mortgage deed power was given by the said E.B. & S.E. McClinton to the said Lester & Co. in the event of default in the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage at the maturity thereof to sell the said lands to the highest bidder for cash at public auction in Columbiana within the legal hours of sale after having first given notice by posting notices of the time, terms & place of said sale at three public places in said ~~County~~ Shelby County Alabama for ten days previous to the day of said sale and whereas said debt secured by said mortgage was not paid at the maturity thereof, and whereas the said debt has never been paid, but default made in the payment thereof & whereas the said Lester & Company have posted notices of the time, terms & place of said sale at the Court House in Columbiana and at the depot of the Alabama Mineral Railroad Company and at the black Smith Shop of J.T. Bormette both latter in Columbiana Alabama, and all three places being public places in Shelby County Alabama for ten days previous to said sale, and whereas the said Lester & Company did on the 13th day of June, 1901 in front of the door of the Court House in Columbiana offer said lands for sale to the highest bidder for cash and whereas at said sale W.T. Thetford Jr. bid for said lands the sum of Forty Dollars, which bid was the highest & best bid for the same; and whereas the said W.T. Thetford Jr. has fully complied with the conditions of said sale by paying in Cash to the said Lester & Company the just & fair sum of Forty Dollars, now therefore in Consideration of the premises and the

said sum of Forty Dollars received to our full satisfaction of the said W. F. Thetford Jr. we Samuel R Lester and A. V. Lester his wife & S R Lester an unmarried woman the members composing the firm of Lester & Company do hereby grant bargain sell and convey unto the said W. F. Thetford Jr. all the right title & interest held by the said E B McClinton & S E McClinton and ourselves in and to the above described lands, to have and to hold to the said W. F. Thetford Jr. his heirs & assigns forever. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 13th day of June 1901

S. R. Lester (seal)
By Willis A Lester
Atty in fact (seal)
Ann V. Lester (seal)
By Willis A Lester
Atty in fact (seal)
S. L. Lester (seal)
By J W Lester atty in fact (seal)

The State of Alabama } I A P Longshore Judge of
Shelby County } Probate in and for said County
} State hereby certify that Willis A Lester, who is known to me, and who is the atty in fact of Samuel R Lester & Ann V Lester his wife whose name & of the said Samuel R Lester & A. V. Lester to the foregoing instrument, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the said instrument, he as the attorney in fact, of the said Samuel R Lester & A. V. Lester executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this 13th day of June 1901.

A P Longshore Judge of Probate

The State of Alabama } I A P Longshore Judge of
Shelby County } Probate in & for said State
} & County hereby certify that J. W. Lester who is known to me, & who as the attorney in fact of S L Lester signed the name of S. L. Lester to the foregoing instrument acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the said instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand & seal this 13th day of June 1901 – A. P. Longshore
Judge of Probate

Filed for record June 13th 1901 & recorded
A P Longshore
Judge of Probate