The State of Alabama } Know all men by these pres-
Shelby County } ents: That whereas on the 29th
day of December 1899 one S. R. Gattiroy an unmar-
ried man did by his mortgage deed recorded in
volume 50 on page 526 of the mortgage records
of Shelby County Alabama, convey to Lester & Co.
a firm composed of Sam'l R. Lester and S. L. Lester
the latter being an unmarried woman for the pur-
pose of securing the indebtedness therein men-
tioned the following tract of land situated in Shelby
County Alabama and bounded and described as
follows to wit: commencing at a point on the
north side of the right of way of the Southern
Railroad formerly the C. V. & T. R. R. and running
a northwesterly course to a stake six hundred
and ninety eight feet: thence east three hun-
dred forty seven feet to another stake: thence
west four four hundred and ninety five feet:
thence South two hundred and seventy five feet:
thence west one hundred and fifty eight
feet to the western boundary line of the north
west quarter of the South East quarter of Section
23. Township 21 range one west, thence south
along said boundary line of the same: thence
in a south easterly direction along the boun-
dary line between T. Strong place and the
widow Anderson's place to the right of way
of the Southern Railroad; thence along right
of way to the beginning being a part of the
northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and
a part of the south west quarter of the south-
east quarter of section 23. Township 21 range
one west containing 18 acres, more or less, said
lands being situated in the town of Columbi-
ana and commonly known as the W. M.
Rhodes place and whereas in said mortgage
deed power was given to the Lester & Company
in the event the debt secured by said
mortgage was not paid at maturity to sell
the lands therein conveyed to the highest bid-
der for cash at public auction in Co-
lumbiana, Alabama, after first giving

ten days notice by posting at three public places in Shelby County Alabama setting forth the time place and terms of said sale and whereas the debt secured at said sale was not paid at the date of the maturity thereof but default made in the same and whereas said debt is still due and unpaid and whereas due notice was given by posting for ten days in front of the Court House in Columbiana Alabama and in front of the store of Henry Milner in Columbiana Alabama, and in front of the black smith shop of J. T. Barnett in Columbiana Alabama, setting forth the time, terms and place of said sale, said above named places all being public places in said Shelby County Alabama and whereas the said Lester & Company did on the 15th day of July 1901 offer the said above-described lands for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and whereas at said sale Willis A. Lester bid for said lands the sum of two hundred dollars which said bid was the best & highest bid for the same the said lands were accordingly sold to the said Willis A. Lester and the said Willis A. Lester has fully complied with the said terms of said sale by paying in cash to the said Lester and Company the said sum of Two hundred dollars.

Now therefore in consideration of the premises and the said sum of two hundred dollars so received to our full satisfaction of the said Willis A. Lester we Saml R. Lester and A. H. Lester his wife and S. L. Lester the individuals composing the said firm of Lester & Company do hereby give, grant, bargain sell, and convey unto the said Willis A. Lester all the right title and interest & which they or the said S. R. Gattiers have in and to the above-described lands to have and to hold unto the said Willis A. Lester his his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 27th day of July 1901

Sam'l R. Lester by H. A. Lester atty
A. H. Lester by H. A. Lester atty in fact
S. E. Lester by T. H. Lester atty in fact

The State of Alabama } I A. P. Longshore Judge of
Shelby County } Probate in and for said
State and County hereby certify that H. Willis A.
Lester who is known to me and who as the
attorney in fact of Sam'l R. Lester and A. H. Les-
ter his wife, signed the name of the said Sam'l.
R. Lester and A. H. Lester to the foregoing instru-
ment acknowledged before me on this day
that being informed of the contents of the
same he as the attorney in fact of the
said Sam'l R. Lester and A. H. ~~Les~~ Lester ex-
ecuted the same voluntarily on the day the
same bears date.
Given under my hand this 27th day of July.
1901.

A. P. Longshore
Judge of Probate

The State of Alabama } I A. P. Longshore
Shelby County } Judge of Probate in and
for said State and County hereby certify that
T. H. Lester who is known to me and who as
the attorney in fact of S. E. Lester signed the
name of the said S. E. Lester to the foregoing
instrument acknowledged before me that
being informed of the contents of the said con-
veyance he executed the same voluntarily
on the day the same bears date.
Given under my hand this 27th day of July 1901.

A. P. Longshore
Judge of Probate

Filed for record & recorded July 27 1901
A. P. Longshore Judge of Probate