No 3507

T. J. Sewell Auditor to Samuel M. Pickler

The State of Alabama,
Revenue Department. } Know all Men By These Presents:
That Whereas, On the 14 day of June A.D. 1897, the Probate Court of Shelby County rendered a decree for the sale of lands hereinafter described and conveyed, for the payment of State and County, taxes then due from Est of J. Pogue, F. M. Lee agent, the owner of said lands, and for the payment of the fees, costs and expenses, of and under said decree, and the sale had in execution thereof.
And Whereas, thereafter, to wit on the 19 day of July 1897 under and in pursuance of said decree, said lands were regularly offered for sale by the Tax Collector of Shelby County for said taxes, fees, costs and expenses, and no person having bid a sufficient sum for said lands to pay the same, said lands were bid in for the State, for the sum of said taxes, fees, costs and expenses. And Whereas, the time allowed by law for the redemption of said lands has elapsed since said sale, and the same not having been redeemed, the title thereto under said sale is still in the State.
And Whereas, said lands, have been entered upon the books of this Department, and the Auditor and Treasurer of this State, with the approval of the Governor, have fixed the price of said land, and ascertained that the sum of Twelve ~~Dollars~~ Dollars is sufficient to cover and satisfy all claims of the State and County against said lands for or on account of taxes, interest, fees and costs, and officers fees which were due upon or have accrued against said lands as provided for in section 4 of an act entitled an act "To correct erroneous sales of property for taxes; to provide for the protection of real estate bid in by the State at tax sale, and to regulate and provide for the sale and redemption of real estate bid in, for the State at tax sale", Approved February 15th 1897.

And Whereas, application has been made to the Auditor of the State by Samuel M. Pickler to purchase said lands and said sum of Twelve 00/100 Dollars therefor has been paid in the State Treasury. Now Therefore, I, J. J. Sowell as Auditor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of and in accordance with the provisions of said section, with the approval of the Governor of Alabama, and in consideration of the premises above set out, have this day granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Samuel M. Pickler without warranty or covenant of any kind on the part of the State, all right and title of the State of Alabama in and to said lands described as follows: W½ of S.W.¼ Sec 10 Tp 17 R 2 W, except Mineral Rights lying and being situate in said county and State, to have and to hold the same, the said right and title of the State in the lands aforesaid, unto Samuel M. Pickler and his heirs and assigns forever. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 19 day of May 1903.

J. J. Sowell, Auditor

The State of Alabama,
Montgomery County. } I, J. T. Cook a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State hereby certify that J. J. Sowell, whose name is signed to the foregoing Conveyance as Auditor, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me, on this day, that being informed of the contents of this Conveyance he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand, this the 19 day of May 1903

J. T. Cook,
Notary Public

Filed for record June 23rd 1903 and recorded.

A P Longshore, Judge of Probate.