James M. Spearman & Wm. G. Falkner to The Public

State of Alabama
Shelby County. } James Spearman appeared in person and made oath in due form of law that to the best of his recollection in January 1863 his pocket Book was Stolen from his house which contained a deed made by Calvin Bass & wife to William Falkner for forty acres of land, the nos of which affiant does not recollect but the same lies in the neighborhood of said Bass & Falkner in said County and said deed was witnessed by H. Webster & proven or acknowledged before James Barkley Esq said deed cannot be found by affiant after diligent search. and the same was Stolen

Sworn to & subscribed before me 12 March 1863 } James M. Spearman
John Davis Justice of the Peace.

The State of Alabama
Shelby County. } I, William G. Falkner hereby certify that the deed mention in the foregoing affidavit by James M. Spearman was a deed made to me by Calvin Bass and wife to the following land viz. The S.E/4 of the N.E/4 of Section ~~thirty~~ six Township Eighteen Range One East and that said deed was witnessed by H. Webster and that said deed was the only deed ever made to me by Calvin Bass and wife for land, And I gave said deed to James Barkley Esq. to have to James M. Spearman to carry to the Probate Office of Shelby County Alabama for recording if said Barkley could not carry it himself.

William G. Falkner

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 30 day of April 1884. }
Larkin Vandiver J.P.

Filed for record July 21st 1903 and recorded
A P Longshore,
Judge of Probate.