GEO. D. BARNARD & CO., PRINTERS, ST. LOUIS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Shelby COUNTY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT

for and in consideration of the sum of ($3-750) Fifty Seven 50/100 DOLLARS, to C. Benton wife M. E. Benton paid in hand by the Echols Coal Co. the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do ~~Grant, Bargain, Sell~~ and Convey ~~unto the said~~ Echols Coal Co. their rights, title & claim & Remise, quit claim in the following described ~~property~~ land, to-wit:

Commencing at a point on the line between and dividing the N.W 1/4 of the S.W 1/4 and the S.W 1/4 of the N.W 1/4 Sec. 32. Tp 20-R. 3 W - 300 feet from the West end of said dividing line, thence North - 300 feet more or less to the South boundary of said Echols Coal Company's from road right-of-way, thence in a Easterly direction along the meanderings of said from road right-of-way 225 feet more or less to a line South from a point on the South boundary of the S.W 1/4 of the N.W 1/4, Sec. 32. Tp 20. R. 3. W - 225 feet E. from the commencing point. thence South 300 feet more or less to the last described point on the line, between the N.W 1/4 of the S.W 1/4 Sec. 32. Tp 20-R-3 W. thence West, along said dividing line 225 feet to the point of commencement. Said tract being more definitely indicated on map herewith attached and forming a part of this instrument being situated in the S.W 1/4 of the N.W 1/4 Sec. 32-Tp 20 R. 3 W in Shelby Co. Ala. It is fully understood and agreed that the mineral & mineral rights in said tract is hereby reserved from and out of this Deed by C. Benton & wife, except however the coal and the right to mine the same that is in the Conglomerate seam, on this strip or tract which is situated, lying, and being in the County of Shelby State of Alabama.

To Have and to Hold the Same unto the said Echols Coal Co its successors ~~heirs~~ and assigns, Forever. ~~And~~ ~~do for~~ ~~and~~ ~~heirs, executors and administrators, covenant with the said~~ heirs and assigns, that ~~lawfully seized in fee simple of said premises;~~ ~~that they are free from all incumbrances; that~~ have a good right to sell and convey the said property; that ~~will, and~~ ~~heirs, executors, and administrators shall, warrant and defend the same to said~~ heirs ~~executors, and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever.~~ ~~Given under~~ In Witness whereof we hereunto set our hands and seals, this the 4th day of May ~~A. D. 190~~ 1896

ATTEST:

Revenue Stamp to the amount of $..... on this instrument and cancelled.

C. Benton (L. S.)

M. E. Benton (L. S.)

(L. S.)

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, — — — COUNTY

I, T. H. Griffin, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that C. Benton whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily, on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand, this the 4th day of May ~~A. D. 190~~ 1896

T. H. Griffin J. C.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY.

I, hereby certify that a subscribing witness to the foregoing conveyance, known to me, appeared before me this day, and being sworn, stated that the grantor in the conveyance, voluntarily executed the same in his presence, and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, on the day the same bears date; that he attested the same in the presence of the grantor and of the other witness, and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence.

Given under my hand, this day of A. D. 190

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, — — — — COUNTY.

I, T. H. Griffin a Justice of the Peace in and for ~~the~~ said County and State ~~aforesaid~~, do hereby certify that on the 4th day of May 1896, came before me the within named M. E. Benton known or made known to me to be the wife of the within named, who being examined separate and apart from ~~the~~ her husband, touching her signature to the within Deed, acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free will and accord, and without fear, constraints, or threats on the part of ~~the~~ her husband.

~~In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set~~ my hand, this the 4 day of May 1896 ~~190~~

Given under

T. H. Griffin J. C.

I Hereby Certify that the within Deed was filed in this office for record, the 7th day of Feb. 1906 at 4 o'clock P. M., and duly recorded in Book 27 of Deeds, 487 page, and examined.

A. C. Longshore Judge of Probate.