

Jesse R. Seay DEED TO James Curtis

This Indenture, made the 17 day of August, A. D., 1880,

between Jesse R. Seay of the first part, and James Curtis of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty Dollars, to him in hand paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell and convey to part of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that certain tract or parcel of Land, situated in the County of Lowndes and State of Mississippi, known and described as follows:

The North East quarter of the North East quarter of Section one in Township Seventeen Range Sixteen West, containing forty acres more or less

together with appurtenances to said premises belonging, and all estate, title and interest, both at law and in equity, of the part of the first part in the same; to have and to hold the said granted premises, with the appurtenances, unto the part of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, in fee simple. And the said part of the first part, for his heirs, executors and administrators, doth hereby covenant and agree with the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that the said part of the first part shall forever warrant and defend the title to the said premises, unto the part of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against the claim of all persons lawfully claiming the same, or any part thereof, except on account of taxes due from and after the day of A. D., 1880

In Witness Whereof, the said part of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

Jesse R. Seay Seal
James C. Curtis Seal

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
LOWNDES COUNTY. Personally appeared before me, J. H. Starnes, Circuit Clerk of the said County, the within named Jesse R. Seay who acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing Deed, on the day and year therein mentioned, as his act and deed. Given under my hand and seal, this 17th day of August, A. D., 1880

JRS

J. H. Starnes Clerk Seal

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
LOWNDES COUNTY. Personally appeared before me, J. James, a Justice of the Peace of the said County, the within named Melissa C. Seay wife of the said Jesse R. Seay who, in a private examination, separate and apart from her husband, acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing Deed, on the day and year herein mentioned, as her voluntary act and deed, freely, without any fear, threats or compulsion, of her husband.

Given under my hand and seal, this 25th day of January, A. D., 1880

J. James J.P. Seal

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
LOWNDES COUNTY. I, W. C. Bishop, Clerk of the Chancery Court of said County, certify that the foregoing Deed was received here for record on the 25th day of January, A. D., 1880 at 1 o'clock, P. M., and has been duly recorded by me in Deed Book 57, page 186

Given under my hand and official seal at office in Columbus, Miss., this 27 day of January, A. D., 1880

JRS

W. C. Bishop Clerk

By D. C.

The State of Mississippi, Lowndes County. 3/20/1873

To the Sheriff of Said County---Greeting:

The Command You to Summon Jas H. Curtis his wife  
Mary E Curtis W B Bryan & John M  
Bryan

if to be found in your County, to be and appear before the Chancellor of  
our next Chancery Court at a Term thereof to be holden at the Court House,  
in the City of Columbus, on the Third Monday of April

A. D. 1873 then and there to show cause why the petition of  
E. M. Tucker <sup>vs</sup> C L Curtis. A copy of the Est of  
J L Curtis decd praying for a sale of cer-  
tain household property therein described  
shall not be granted

and further to do and receive whatever our said Chancery Court may con-  
sider or decree in this behalf.

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Writ.

WITNESS, the Hon. THEODORIC C. LYON, Chancellor  
of the Fifth District of said State, this the 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of March A. D. 1873

Geo. W. Vankubok Clerk.

By W. C. Bishop Deputy Clerk.

A TRUE COPY.

Sheriff.

By Deputy Sheriff.

4/8/1873

No 1622

CHANCERY COURT.  
Townsend County.

Shew East etes

vs } Citation.

Shew A Curtis decd

Issued March 20 1873

Returnable April 21 1873

To be served on

James H Curtis & wife

Mary E Curtis

Mrs. Benjamin

John W Benjamin

Received 20 day of March 1873

A M Lewis

Sheriff.

Lewis \$ 50

Executed on James H Curtis, Mary E Curtis  
W B Bryan and J M Bryan in person  
by delivering a true copy of this process to each of them

this the 8 day of April 1873

A M Lewis

Sheriff.

By C D Lincoln

Dep. Shff.

7/14/1873

# Proof of Publication.

## The State of Mississippi--Lowndes County.

### ADMINISTRATORS' SALE.

BY virtue of a decree and order of the Chancery Court of the county of Lowndes and State of Mississippi, passed and made on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1873 the undersigned Administrator and Administratrix of the estate of John A. Curtis, deceased, will sell on

Monday, June 23rd, 1873, at the Court House door in said county, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the undivided one third interest of their intestate in the following property to-wit:

Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, and east part of lots 2 and 9, all in square 10, south of Main street, Columbus, Miss., the same being leasehold property. L. M. TUCKER, Administrator. COLUMBIA L. CURTIS, Adm'x.

may 20-5w

Personally Appeared before me  
G. W. Van Hook in and for said County and State,  
J. A. [unclear] publishers of a newspaper, printed and published in the City of Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, called



who, being sworn, depose and say that the publication of a certain notice, a true copy of which is hereunto affixed, has been made in said paper, for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks consecutively, to-wit:

In Volume	7	Number	21	Dated	May 22	1873
"	"	"	22	"		"
"	"	"	23	"		"
"	"	"	24	"		"
"	"	"	25	"		"
"	"	"		"		"

And, I Further Certify, that the several numbers of the newspaper, containing the above mentioned notice, have been produced before me, and compared with the copy annexed, and that I find the publication thereof to have been correctly made.

Given under my Hand and Seal, this 14 day of July A. D., 1873.

Geo. W. Van Hook [SEAL] CLERK.  
By W. C. Bishop & C.

J. A. [unclear]  
Publishers and Proprietors.

Printer's Fee \$10

\$10 56 Recd of Curtis & Brother  
Ten +  $\frac{56}{100}$  dollars in full of taxes for 1868  
on the following described land

$\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{4}$ + E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	25	17	13
All	26	"	"
All	35	"	"
All	36	"	"

May 28, 1869

H. C. Powers  
Suff. Attest Co.

The State of Mississippi  
Lauderdale County.

Chancery Court.

July Term, A.D. 1873.

No 1622.  
The Estate

of

John A. Leunis

Be it remembered that on this the 21 day of  
July, A.D. 1873, came on to be heard the reports of sale &  
Exhibits filed therewith, of S. M. Tucker & Columbia L. Leunis  
Administrator & Administratrix of the Estate of John A. Leunis, Dec  
And it appearing to the Court that said Adm & Admrx, in  
pursuance of a decree of this Court made at the April term  
thereof, A.D. 1873, did after due notice, on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of June 1873  
between the hours prescribed by law, at the door of the Court House  
in said County, proceed & sell at public auction the property  
described in said decree, in the manner & upon the terms therein  
directed & prescribed, when the same was struck off & sold to  
W. B. Bryan, he being the highest best bidder therefor, for the sum  
of Seventy Five (\$75.00). And the Court being satisfied that  
the said Adm & Admrx, have in all things pursued and conformed  
to the Statute in this behalf, as well as the said decree, and that said  
sale was legally & fairly made, conducted & concluded; It is therefore  
ordered, adjudged & decreed that said sale be approved and  
confirmed, & the same is hereby in all things ratified & confirmed  
by the order & authority of this Court; and that the said report  
together with all the proceedings in this cause, be recorded.  
Ordered, adjudged & decreed, this the 21 day of July  
A.D. 1873.

(s/ Theobald L. Lyon  
Chancellor)

No 1822

Christ A

10/22/1872

Report of James H  
Curtis Esq. in charge  
of the late firm of Curtis  
& Brothers which is  
adopted by the legal rep-  
resentatives of John A Curtis  
Dec? and hereto returned  
to the Court with their first  
annual report on said  
Estate and pray to be  
approved by the Court

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Filed this the 22<sup>d</sup> day of  
October 1872.

Geo W Vandhook clk  
By W.C. Bishop D.C.  
Truly recorded in book V  
pages 259-260-261-262+263



A full, just & true account of the debts due from the Estate of John A. Curtis Deceased.

Creditors names	Desc of claim	When due	amount Doll	Cts	Date of Registry
Robt R. Sprin	ape	May 11/69	140	00	June 24/69
A. Poble & Stockpelt	"	June 15. 1869	83	00	July 8/69
Laurin & McLeabe or by	"	May 17. 1868	38	00	Sept 7/69
Bal			15		
			23	00	
Bartley, Johnson & Co or by	"	May 5/69	280	00	Dec 16/69.
Bal			10		
			270	00	
Sale of Helan	note		500	00	Jan 10/70
R. W. Price	"	Dec 1/69	150	74	Feb 4/70
" " "	"	Aug 23/60	204	34	" 4/70
Mrs M. L. Woodmestoff	"	May 9/60	33	20	" 11/70
Robt J. McCoy	"	Feb 8/60	351	90	Jan 5/72
			\$ 1756	18	

There is no personal Estate subject to the payment of debts, the notes have reported being worthily and unavailing.



Dec 1869

The State of Mississippi } Probate Court  
Linn County } Dec Term 1869.

In the matter of the Estate of Jno. Curtis  
To the Hon Geo W. Vanhook,  
Judge V.C.

The petition of Mrs  
Curtis & Tucker Administrators  
of said estate would  
show unto your Honor that the  
real & personal estate of deceased  
was appraised by Harrison Hale  
J. M. Spicer & Ed. Gaston at the value  
of \$16,000<sup>200</sup> - The House Plot at \$14,000<sup>00</sup>  
& the personal estate at \$2007<sup>27</sup>  
Petitioners show that their intestate  
had but a one third undivided  
interest in said property and that  
said appraisement is greatly beyond  
the value of said property. That  
the remaining 2/3 undivided interest  
is vested in Mrs Mary Curtis wife  
of James H. Curtis. Petitioners pray  
that they may be made parties to  
this petition. That said appraisement  
may be set aside that Col Geo Abert  
Alfred Atwater & W. McBray may be  
appointed to re-appraise the same  
And as in duty bound

W. H. Humphreys

Att. for Admin. & Adm.

And the said Mary C. Burtin  
with her husband James  
H. Burtin come into Court  
for answer to the petition  
of the said James H. Burtin  
for a divorce from the said  
Mary C. Burtin on the ground  
of desertion for a year and  
a day and on the ground  
of adultery committed by  
the said James H. Burtin  
with the said Mary C. Burtin  
and on the ground of  
intemperance of the said  
James H. Burtin.

CARD 41

CURTIS, JAMES H.

REF # 75

TO WIFE - MARY EUGENIA LATHAM  
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NAME

CURTIS, JAMES H.

REF #

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LINE

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Improved Land A	200	Wheat*	-	Dollar Value of Orchard Product	
Unimproved Land A	300	Rye*	-	Wine **	
Cash Value of Farm	1500	Indian Corn*	100	Butter***	2
Value of Farm Equipment	400	Oats*	-	Hay, Tons	
Horses	1	Rice***	-	Flax***	
Asses & Mules	4	Tobacco***	-	Flaxseed *	
Milk Cows	4	Ginned Cotton 400 lb Bales	60	Malasses **	
Working Oxen	2	Wool***		Beeswax & Honey***	
Other Cattle	2	Peas & Beans*		Value of Home-made Manufactures	
Sheep	-	Irish Potatoes*	#	Value of Animals Slaughtered	10
Swine	30	Sweet Potatoes*	20		
Value of Livestock	600	Barley*			

\* BUSHELS

\*\*GALLONS

\*\*\*POUNDS

A-ACRES

1624

12/11/1869

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

To *Wm M Avery, George W Abernethy, Alfred E Stwater & Robert F Matthews*  
Greeting.

THIS IS TO AUTHORISE YOU JOINTLY, to appraise the goods, chattels and personal estate of *John A Curtis* late of Lowndes County, deceased, so far as the same shall come to your sight and knowledge, each of you having first taken the oath or affirmation hereto annexed, a certificate whereof you are to return, annexed to an inventory of the said goods, chattels and personal estate, by you appraised, in dollars and cents; and in the said inventory you are to set down in a column or columns, opposite to each article, the value thereof.

WITNESS, the Honorable *George W Van Hook*  
Judge of Probate of said County.

Issued the *9th* day *December* A. D. 18*69*

*By Geo C Brown* Clerk

The State of Mississippi,  
LOWNDES COUNTY.  
of the Peace

Personally appeared before me, *D. L. Wallace*  
Mayor and Ex-officio Justice

in and for said County, the undersigned appraisers, and each took the following oath, viz:

"I do swear that I will well and truly, without partiality or prejudice, value and appraise the goods, chattels and personal estate of *John A Curtis* deceased, so far as the same shall come to my sight and knowledge, and I will in all respects, perform my duty as appraiser, to the best of my skill and judgment. So help me God."

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *10* day of *December* A. D. 18*69*

*D. L. Wallace* [L. S.]  
*Mayor and Ex-officio*  
*J. P.*

*Wm Abernethy*  
*A E Stwater*  
*Robt F Matthews*  
APPRAISERS.

We, the undersigned, Appraisers, do certify that the sheet hereunto annexed, contains our appraisement of all the goods, chattels and personal estate of *John A Curtis* deceased, so far as the same have come to our sight and knowledge, amounting to *Three Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Six <sup>94</sup>/<sub>100</sub>* Dollars, made agreeably to the above warrant of appraisement and oath.

Given under our hands and seals this *11th* day of *December* A. D. 18*69*

*Wm Abernethy*  
*A E Stwater*  
*Robt F Matthews*  
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One third of that part of Square No 10 South of Main street on which Colu- mbus Hotel is situated with the improvements thereto appertaining	3	3,000 00
One third Crockery Glass ware & c (in Dining Room)		6 65
" " Kitchen Furniture		10 00
" " 10 Tables in Dining Room		10 00
" " 3 Safes & 1 Side Board		4 00
" " Set of Parlor Furniture		18 65
" " Parlor Carpet		12 00
" " 99 Chairs		16 00
" " 54 Bedsteads		55 00
" " 83 Beds & Mattresses		45 00
" " Sheets, Pillows & c		20 00
" " Tables, Wash-stands Bureaus & c		20 00
" " Iron safe, Desk & c		11 00
" " 1 Spittoon		16
" " 1 Pr Scales		3 34
" " 1 Ice - Box		1 66
" " 1 Sugar Bowl - 1 Celery stand	<sup>66</sup> <sup>50</sup>	1 16
" " 1 Pr Crystal Sugs - 15 Decanters	<sup>2 00</sup>	8 00
" " 2 Doz Bar Tumblers & c		2 00
" " 4 lbs Tobacco - 1 Gal Bitters	<sup>54 9</sup> <sup>58 9</sup>	1 12
" " 2 Gals Holland Gin - 3 Gal Malaga	<sup>106</sup> <sup>150</sup>	2 56
" " 240 Gals Whisky		104 00
" " 5 Gals Port Wine - 2 Doz Bot Ale	<sup>84 9</sup> <sup>150</sup>	2 34
" " 3 Bot Peppermint - 14 Bot Claret	<sup>166 9</sup> <sup>156</sup>	2 22
" " 1/2 Doz Bot Bitters - 16 Bot Cordia	<sup>50 9</sup> <sup>2 66</sup>	3 16
" " 13 Botts Schnapps		3 25
" " 2 Mules 1 Waggon & gear	<sup>50</sup> <sup>20 00</sup>	70 00
" " 1 Wheelbarrow		2 00
" " 8 Hogs <sup>8 33</sup> 3 Cows <sup>13 34</sup>		21 67
		3,456 94

Schedule No. 2

Statement of debts & liabilities against the firm which have been discharged by J. H. Kurtis Esq

Voucher 1	To	Chol and Shoc reflect Nov 16 <sup>th</sup> / 89	83 00
" 2	"	R. D. Speers acct	140 00
" 3	"	Wm Gady	8 00
" 4	"	P. L. Billups	9 00
" 5	"	Joseph Holmes	5 00
" 6	"	Dypton at Seminary	6 00
" 7	"	Columbus Index	5 00
" 8	"	Square in Oddfellows Seminary (Dues)	30 00
" 9	"	Probate clerks fees	10 20
" 10	"	Henry and Gilbert	30 00
" 11	"	Morris Wolf Judgment \$90 <sup>00</sup> pd	200 00
" 12	"	Goldsbey and Boornell	140 00
" 13	"	Corporation Tax for 1889	41 75
" 14	"	Tax on Cornish Lot (Dues)	7 75
" 15	"	State, County & Poor Tax	447 50
" 16	"	Corporation N. D. Tax	25 05
" 17	"	Sheriff Powers (O. K. Blake) acct	10 56
" 18	"	do do do do	14 08
" 19	"	Insurance Capt Dashiell <sup>70</sup>	195 00
" 20	"	do do do <sup>1871</sup>	195 00
" 21	"	Bartley Johnson and Co	208 70
" 22	"	H Klein and Co	99 08
" 23	"	U. S. Internal Revenue 1869	50 00
" 24	"	Lewis Hawatch	22 99
" 25	"	L. P. Billups	67 77
" 26	"	S. L. Hahn	25
" 27	"	Walkow and Sumner	29 40
" 28	"	Brown and Sherrod	2 50
" 29	"	Mobile and Ohio R R	25 35
" 30	"	Brown and Sherrod	97 23
" 31	"	James By and Note & Acct <sup>\$866 99</sup> pd	400
" 32	"	State and County on Feb <sup>11<sup>th</sup> 1869</sup>	89 30

\$ 2,292.46

Schedule No 2

\$ 107.54

The list of Money on hand & the notes & the accounts due the firm of Kurtis & Bro at the time of death of

Ledger  
 John May & Co. Merchants  
 1438 5/2  
 1795

Quet brot forwards	155 00
S + R. J. Barton	1 00
G. W. Justice	8 75
L. L. Davis	2 00
A. G. Husky	2 00
Lewis A. Muddleton	43 40
Frank. Stone	8 50
W. H. Cannon	34 00
John Eckford	1 00
Thos Golding bal	3 50
M. N. Hudgins	4 00
D. Gallah	5 50
J. Armstrong	3 00
J. P. Adams	3 00
J. H. Bayhead	3 00
E. D. Thompson	2 50
L. M. Wakefield bal	1 00
A. Davis	4 00
Charles H. Gagne	6 00
S. W. Wese	5 50
James Gasler	15 00
James Jones (Mobile)	26 00
R. M. Sanders	50
J. Samuel Harris	2 40
W. F. Pratt	50
Charles Gordon (runaway)	21 50
Wm Lady Jr	3 80
Marion Vaughan (Dec pay 1/2)	26 40
Saul Popu	12 50
P. Dougherty	1 00
James Burrill New Lady	2 25
D. H. Shields bal	2 00
A. Polbertz	8 00
D. Wm Group bal	10 00
Carried forward	438 50



	Amt Brought forward from Accts Gr		903 12
Jan'y 1870	F. Maynard & Vaughan <u>accts</u>	2640	
" "	" John Mayes "	1725	
" "	" M. Kelleys "	<del>2250</del>	600 00
	Balance accts on Books		836 90
	Money on hand		<del>172 30</del>
			\$1009 30

State mens of Cash realized  
from Collections of accts due  
firm.