

To the Hon. L. Prann Chancellor of the  
5<sup>th</sup> District of the State of Mississippi and  
sole presiding therein

The undersigned T. W. Wells one of the  
Administrators of the estate of John A. Curtis  
Decedent, would respectfully submit the  
following report

That since his term of  
administration began, ~~that~~ no money or other  
value came into his hands. That  
Mrs. Columbia L. Curtis his co-administratrix  
and wife of decedent has had general charge  
and management of the affairs of said  
estate. He would further represent  
that he is advised of no property belonging  
to said estate except an undivided interest  
in certain lands heretofore reported  
which his said co-administratrix has  
not to this time desired to sell,

Said administrator has never had  
has not nor, and sees no prospect of  
having or realizing any money from  
said estate and hereby tenders his  
resignation respectfully asking the  
Hon Court to accept the same.

The said administratrix Mrs  
Columbia L. Curtis has recently  
<sup>been</sup> married with one John S. White  
and is now living at Pisarick Alabama

The only child of the said John a Curtis  
deceased is Eufemia an infant about  
the age of 9 years and is living with  
his said mother Mrs John S. White

All of which is now respectfully submitted

*J. M. Bishop*

Shown and subscribed before me  
this 6 day of July 1876

W. C. Bishop clerk

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The Estate

of S. Resignation of  
L. M. Tucker

Jno. A. Curtis decd

Filed July 6 1876

W. C. Bishop clk



27 Sept 1865  
Bond for Title  
on Hotel.

James H Curtis  
DB 33  
p 685 L

Thomas G Blewett Senr

Bond for Title

James H Curtis

The State of Mississippi, Lowndes County.

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas G Blewett senr of said County am held & firmly bound unto James H Curtis of the same place in the penal sum of Seventy five thousand dollars, for which payment well & truly to be made unto said James H Curtis his executor, administrators & assigns, I bind myself, my heirs, executor & administrators firmly by these presents, Given under my hand & seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 1865.

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that, whereas, said Thomas G Blewett has agreed, in consideration of the sum of Six thousand dollars in hand paid, & eight thousand dollars secured by two promissory notes bearing even date herewith for four thousand dollars each, one payable 1<sup>st</sup> January A.D. 1867 & the other 1<sup>st</sup> January A.D. 1868 with eight percent interest, each from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 1866, payable in par funds, to bargain, sell, assign & transfer unto said James H Curtis the unexpired term of lease for ninety nine years from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1821 renewable forever, upon the payment of a yearly lease before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August in advance on & upon a certain House & Lots, in the town of Columbus in said County & designated in the plan of said town as Lots Two, Three, four, five, six, seven, eight, & part of Lot nine (the part enclosed in north said premises) in square No Ten (10) South of Main Street: Together with all the buildings & improvements, & being part of section No sixteen in Township No Eighteen, South of Range Eighteen west of the base meridian of Madison County, Alabama, & originally leased from the Trustees of the Franklin Academy: upon condition nevertheless that the balance of said purchase money is paid: If therefore said Thomas G Blewett Senr: his heirs, executor or administrators shall & will upon the full & punctual payment of the balance of said purchase money & interest, as secured by said notes, make & execute unto said James H Curtis, his heirs, executor, administrators or assigns a good & sufficient title & deed of assignment to said unexpired term of said lease, lots & premises, with warranty the said Curtis his heirs & assigns in the meantime paying the lease & taxes thereon, and any other legal charges hereafter properly due thereon, and said Thomas G Blewett shall suffer & permit said James H Curtis until default as aforesaid to use & occupy & possess said premises as his own free of charge, except said lease & so forth: then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force, and it is understood that said balance of said purchase money is to be promptly paid at maturity independent of any or all stay or stop laws in relation to the collection of debts, and said James H Curtis agrees: & it is expressly understood, that he will surrender said property to said Thomas G Blewett his heirs, executor & administrators if he fails, or is unable to pay the balance of said purchase money.

Thos G Blewett Senr

The State of Mississippi }  
Lorouder County } This day personally appeared before me L  
Donnell an Acting Justice of the peace in for said County Thomas  
Blewitt, saw whose name appears to be signed to the within  
Bond, and who acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered  
the same for the purposes therein specified.

Given under my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1865;

L Donnell

Justice of the peace

The State of Mississippi } J. Hudson H. Kenyon clerk of the District  
Lorouder County } Court of said County, do hereby certify  
that the foregoing deed was filed in my office, for record on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of December 1865, and that the same with the certificate of  
acknowledgment together with this certificate have been duly  
recorded in my office in record Book No 33 page 685 & 686

Given under my hand and seal of office at Columbus, this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of January 1866.

Dial

H. H. Kenyon clerk



William R Hunt +  
Sarah E Hunt

Deed

Thomas R Dashiell

This indenture made and entered into, this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1866, by and between  
William Richardson Hunt and his wife  
Sarah Elizabeth Hunt parties of the first  
part; both of the City of Memphis County  
of Shelby and State of Tennessee, and  
Thos R Dashiell of the City of  
Columbus, County of Lorouder, and State of Mississippi, of the  
second part:

Witnesseth; That the said parties of the first part  
for and in consideration of the sum of Five thousand dollars, to them  
in hand paid by said party of the second part, the receipts whereof  
is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed  
unto by these presents, do grant, bargain, sell, and convey, unto the said  
party of the second part, his heirs, and assigns the unexpired term of  
Ninety nine years, from the first day of August 1821 renewable for  
ever, the following described lots or parcel of ground, to wit;  
Port of Lot No 9 forty four by One hundred, and Sixty five feet, West,  
and all of Lot No 10, in square No 5, North of Main Street in the plan of  
the town of Columbus, to have and to hold the said parcel of ground  
together with the improvements thereon to the said party of the  
second part, his heirs and assigns, and we the party of the first part  
will warrant and defend the title to the said Lot to the said party  
of the second part for the term of aforesaid, renewable forever. He  
paying the annual lease thereon to the Trustees of the Franklin  
Academy against the claim or claims of all persons whatever.  
In witness whereof we the parties of the first part have hereunto  
set our hands and seals this date first above written.



3 Feb 1868

Sherriff to ~~James B. Bell~~ John A. Curtis  
execution against J.F. Moore DB 36  
p 243-4  
S 1/2 NE 1/4 + E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec 8  
+ NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec 14  
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DB 36  
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in accordance with the provisions of the said Deed of assignment, bargain and sale to the said party of the second part the following described lots or parcel of land, to wit: Commencing at N.W. corner of square No 87. North of Main St Columbus Miss. running East 200 feet thence South one hundred feet thence West two hundred feet thence North to the place of beginning one hundred feet.

To have and to hold the same to have the said Elizabeth Small and her heirs free from the claim of any and all persons so far as the said Amzie E. Lane holds a right to warrant the same.

Signed & sealed the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1868.

A. E. Lane   
Trustee

The State of Mississippi  
Lauderdale County

Before me Woodson H. Kemmer Clerk of the Probate Court of said County this day personally came the within named Amzie E. Lane Trustee who acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing Deed on the day and year therein mentioned as his official act and deed, for the purposes therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Columbus this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1868.

W. H. Kemmer Clerk

The State of Mississippi  
Lauderdale County

I, Woodson H. Kemmer Clerk of the Probate Court in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Deed hereto attached was filed in my office for record with #124 Canceled Intermittent Revenue Stamps thereon on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1868 and that the same with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto, together with this certificate have been duly Recorded in Deed Book No 36, pages 242 + 243.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Columbus this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1868.

W. H. Kemmer Clerk

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James B. Bell Sheriff

To 3 Deed

John A. Curtis

This Indenture, made the third day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & sixty eight between


J. B. Bell Sheriff of Lauderdale County, Mississippi of the first part; and J. A. Curtis of the second part

Whereas, by virtue of a certain writ of execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the County aforesaid at the suit of John A. Curtis Plaintiff and J. F. Moore Defendant, directed and delivered to the said Sheriff, commanding him that of the goods and chattels lands and tenements of the said Defendant he should cause to be made certain moneys in the said writ specified which the said Defendant had in a way in said writ mentioned or at any time afterwards in whose hands soever the same might be, and the said Sheriff, in obedience to the command of said writ did levy on and seize all the estate, right, title, and interest, which the said Defendant so had of, in and to the premises hereinafter mentioned

and descended and on the third day of February One thousand eight hundred and sixty eight sold the premises at public vendue at the Court House of Lowndes County, Mississippi, having first given public notice of the time and place of such sale, by advertising the same according to law, at which sale the premises were struck off to J. A. Curtis for the sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars, he being the highest bidder, and there being the highest sum bid for the same. Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part by virtue of the said writ and in pursuance of the act in such case made and provided, and in consideration of the sum of money so bid as aforesaid, to him duly paid, hath sold, and by these presents, do grant and convey unto the said party of the second part, all the estate, right, title, and interest which the said Defendant had on the third day of February One thousand eight hundred and sixty eight, or at any time afterwards, of, in, <sup>and</sup> to the Real Estate of Alexander Moore Decedent lying & being in the State & County aforesaid, to wit,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 5; N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 14, all in Township 18 Range 18 West.

To have have and to hold the said above mentioned and conveyed premises, unto the said party of the second part and his assigns forever, as fully and wholly as the said party of the first part as Sheriff as aforesaid, can or ought to by virtue of laws now and the law relating thereto.

In Witness whereof, the said J. B. Bell Sheriff as aforesaid hath hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

J. B. Bell   
Sheriff

The State of Mississippi <sup>County</sup>  
Lowndes County Before me Woodson H. Kennon Clerk of the Probate Court of said County, this day personally came the within named James B. Bell Sheriff who acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing Deed on the day and year therein mentioned, as his official act and deed, for the purposes therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of Office at Columbus  
this the 3<sup>rd</sup> March A. D. 1868.

W. H. Kennon Clerk

The State of Mississippi <sup>County</sup>  
Lowndes County I, Woodson H. Kennon Clerk of the Probate Court in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Deed hereto attached was filed in my office for record with \$3.00 cancelled Internal Revenue Stamps thereon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March A. D. 1868, and that the same with the certificate of acknowledgment, thereto, together with this certificate have been duly recorded in Deed Book No 36 Pages 243 & 244.

Given under my hand and seal of Office at Columbus  
this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1868

W. H. Kennon

15 Sept 1860

of the Probate Court in and for said County do hereby certify that the foregoing deed was deposited in my office for record on this day and that the same has been duly recorded, together with the certificate of acknowledgment and that certificate in Book No 32 pages 297, 298 & 299.

*J. S.*

Given under my hand and seal of office at Columbus this the 14<sup>th</sup> September A.D. 1860.

Garner Williams & Co  
By Wm H. Cook & Co

John A. Curtis

The State of Mississippi  
Lowndes County

50 & 60  
9-15-60  
Garner Williams & Co



This Indenture

made and entered into on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1860 by and between John A. Curtis of the County and State aforesaid of the first part & Garner, Williams & Co of the City of Mobile Alabama of the second part:

Witnesseth that the said John A. Curtis for and in consideration of the sum of Four thousand two hundred and sixty seven dollars to him in hand paid by Garner, Williams & Co the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged has granted bargained sold and conveyed and do by these presents grant bargain sell and convey unto John H. Garner, Price Williams & Ajax Royter partners under firm name & style of Garner Williams & Co the following described lease hold property to wit: parts of lots six (6) & seven (7) in Square two (2) North of Main Street in the plan of the town of Columbus Mississippi, but more particularly described as follows bounded East by Market Street, North by Michoud office owned by B. Evans west by lot seven (7) South by Store owned by Hyman and Eggeston being sixteen feet front by sixty six feet deep; also that part of Lot seven Commencing on Military Street at the North East Corner of said lot seven running west thirty one feet thence South to Hyman & Eggeston's Store thence East thirty one feet to the place of beginning.

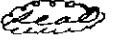
To have & to hold said lots and parcels of land unto the said John H. Garner, Price Williams & Ajax Royter partners under the firm name & style of Garner, Williams & Co together with all the improvements thereon situated on the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging for the unexpired term of a lease of ninety nine years

part of  
Lot 7, sq 2 N of Main.

#200  
42672



from the Trustees of the Franklin Academy commencing 1st of August  
A.D. 1821 + renewable forever the said James Williams & Co paying  
to said Trustees the annual lease thereon. And the said John  
A. Curtis will warrant and defend the right + title to said  
property against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever  
+ will further warrant against all incumbrances excepting a  
deed of trust to A. E. Lora for the benefit of John W. Eggleston 11<sup>th</sup>  
of May 1858 and made to secure the payment of two notes  
of Eleven Hundred Dollars each one of which said notes is  
paid and also a deed of trust to McKimney Iron Dr. + Aug.  
E. Lora for the benefit of Eckford and Weaver dated 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1860 to secure a note due 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1861  
for Two thousand fifteen  $\frac{67}{100}$  Dollars.

In testimony of which the said John A. Curtis has  
hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1860. Jno. A. Curtis 

The State of Mississippi } Before me Daniel Williams Clerk of  
Sounder County } the Probate Court in and for said  
County this day personally came John A. Curtis, who acknowledged  
that he signed, sealed, and delivered the foregoing deed on the  
day of the date thereof as his act and deed for the purposes  
therein expressed.



Given under my hand and seal of office at  
Columbus this 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. A.D. 1860.

Daniel Williams Clerk  
By Wm. H. Cook D.C.

The State of Mississippi } I, Daniel Williams, Clerk of the  
Sounder County } Probate Court in and for said County  
do hereby certify that the foregoing  
deed was filed in my office for record on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
September A.D. 1860: and that the same with the Certificate of  
acknowledgment and this Certificate have been duly recorded  
in Book No 32 Pages 299 + 300.



Given under my hand and seal of office at  
Columbus this 15<sup>th</sup> September A.D. 1860.

Daniel Williams Clerk  
By Wm. H. Cook Deputy





James H. Curtis  
25 May 1869

200.00

Unkilled 1/2 interest  
Square 11 in E 1/2  
DB 37  
NW 1/4 Sec 21 T 18  
R 18W  
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I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on this 25th day of April 1869, at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, the following named person, to-wit:

O. O. Howard,

Brevet Major General, U.S.A. Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

signed, sealed and delivered in presence of:

Henry M. Whittelsey,

A. Callan,

District of Columbia, }  
County of Washington, }  
Be it remembered that on this 25th day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine before me the undersigned Nicholas Callan a Commissioner residing in the City of Washington in the District of Columbia duly commissioned and qualified by the executive authority and under the law of the State of Mississippi to take the acknowledgments of Deeds etc. to be used or recorded therein, personally appeared O. O. Howard Brevet Major General U.S.A. to me personally known to be the individual named in and who executed the foregoing conveyance who acknowledges that he signed, sealed and delivered the same on the day and year therein named as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, in witness whereof I, the undersigned, at my hand and affixed my official seal this day and year aforesaid.

A. Callan,

Commissioner for Mississippi in Washington,

The State of Mississippi,

Linn County,

I, W. T. Baldwin, Clerk of the

Probate Court in and for said

County do hereby certify that the Deed hereto attached was filed in my Office for record at 11 o'clock on the 25th day of May A.D. 1869 and that the same with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto together with this certificate have been duly recorded in Deed Book No. 87, Pages 318 & 319. Given under my hand and seal of Office at Columbus this 25th day of May A.D. 1869.

W. T. Baldwin, Clerk

John R. Hayes

vs. J. Deed

James H. Curtis

The State of Mississippi, Linn County,  
This Indenture made and entered into this 25th day of May, 1869, between John R. Hayes of the 1st part, & James H. Curtis of the 2nd part, each of the County of Linn, State aforesaid, Witnesseth that the said party of the 1st part for and in consideration of

the sum of Two Hundred and no 1/100 Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged hath this day granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents granted, bargained and sold unto the said party of the 2nd part one undivided half interest in the following described tract or town lot lying in the town of Columbus and known as Square Number Eleven (11) in that part of said town laid out on the East half



of the North West Quarter of Section Twenty one in Township eighteen  
of Range eighteen West (it being the same bought by said Hayes of the  
States Government 19 Decr 1868 & in which purchase the said Lewis was  
dormant partner. In testimony whereof the said party of the 1<sup>st</sup> part here  
sets his hand & seal  
John B. Hayes

The State of Mississippi } Before me Or J. Baldwin Clerk of the Probate  
Lumbard County } Court in and for said County this day personally  
came the within named John B. Hayes who acknowledged that he signed  
sealed and delivered the foregoing deed on the day and year therein  
mentioned as his act and deed for the purposes therein expressed.  
Given under my hand and seal of office at Columbus  
this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May A D 1869.  
Or J. Baldwin Clerk

The State of Mississippi } I Or J. Baldwin Clerk of the Probate Court  
Lumbard County } and for said County do hereby certify that the deed hereto attached and  
filed in my office for record with \$0<sup>50</sup> cancelled Internal Revenue Stamp  
thereon on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May A D 1869 and that the same with the  
Certificate of acknowledgment thereto together with this certificate has  
been duly recorded in deed Book No 37 - Pages 319 + 320.  
Given under my hand and seal of office at Columbus  
this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May A D 1869.  
Or J. Baldwin Clerk

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W. W. Howard  
Commissioner

vs. Deed

James Blair

This Indenture made the nineteenth  
of December in the year one thousand  
eight hundred and sixty eight between  
Sicut Major General Oliver O Howard  
U.S.A. Commissioner of the Bureau  
Refugee Freedom and Abandonment

party of the first part and James Blair of  
of the second part. Whereas by the act of Congress entitled "An act to  
continue in force and to amend "An act to establish a Bureau for the  
relief of Freedmen and Refugees and for other purposes." passed July  
16 1866 and the acts which it amends and the acts amendatory thereto  
the Commissioner of said Bureau was empowered to seize hold use lease  
and sell all lands buildings and tenements formerly held under color  
of title by the so-called Confederate States and not heretofore disposed  
of by the United States and any buildings or lands held in trust for  
the same by any person or persons. And whereas it appears by the record  
in the office of the Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County  
of Lumbard in the State of Mississippi that the real estate herein after  
described was held under color of title by the so-called Confederate  
States and it further appearing that the same has not been heretofore  
disposed of by the United States. Now therefore this Indenture witnesseth  
that by virtue of the authority in him vested by the acts of Congress aforesaid  
and for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and fifty  
dollars lawful money to him in hand paid by said James Blair for





E. Curtis  
Mary Curtis  
\$ 6,000

1 Apr. 1874

Bond for title

payable 1 Jan 1875

see DB 57 p 139-40

DB 98

p 319

W. D. Humphries  
Bond for title  
Mary C. Curtis

The State of Mississippi  
Lauder County Know all men  
by these presents, that I William Humphries  
of the County & State aforesaid; am  
held & firmly bound to Mary C. Curtis,  
of same County & State in the sum  
of Three Thousand Dollars to be paid to the said Mary  
C. Curtis, her heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns,  
to the payment whereof I, bind myself, my heirs, executors,  
administrators, or assigns, firmly by these presents,  
Signed with my hand, and sealed with my seal, this  
the twenty first day of April A.D. 1874.

The condition of this bond is such, that whereas, I,  
the said W. D. Humphries, have this day bargained,  
sold & conveyed to the said Mary C. Curtis, et and  
for the sum of Six thousand Dollars as is evidenced  
by her certain promissory note, bearing even date here with,  
due & payable on the first day of January A.D. 1875,  
with ten per cent interest thereon from date until  
the maturity thereof, the following tract and parcel  
of land lying, being and situate, in the County &  
State aforesaid: viz - Lots eight (8), nine (9), & ten (10),  
in square No five A South of Main Street in the  
town of Columbus, with the tenements & appurtenances  
thereunto belonging; also lot number three (3), and a distance  
(17) feet off the East side of lot number two (2), running  
equal depths one hundred & sixty five (165) feet with  
number three (3), both in square no five (5) South of  
Main Street in said town, making eighty three (83) feet  
front and one hundred and sixty five feet (165) deep.  
The said property being leasehold estates the title conveyed  
being for the unexpired term of ninety nine years renewable  
forever, the said Mary C. Curtis her heirs, executor,  
administrators or assigns, paying, or causing to be paid,  
to the Trustees of the Franklin Academy the annual  
lease thereon in advance as the same shall become  
due and payable, together with all & singular the tenement  
& appurtenances thereunto appertaining, or in any wise  
belonging. Now if the said sum of money in  
said promissory note above mentioned, shall be duly  
paid at maturity according to the tenor & effect  
thereof, and if therefore the said William D. Humphries  
shall by deed, alien and convey to said Mary C. Curtis  
the tracts, parcels & lots of ground above described, together  
with all the tenements & appurtenances, hereunto appertaining.

said deed in form & effect as above mentioned, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force & effect, Wm D. Humphries [S]

The State of Mississippi Before me, J. Stallings, Clerk Lowndes County of the Circuit Court, in and for said County this day personally came the within named W. D. Humphries, who acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing annexed Bond for title on the day and year therein mentioned, as set and deed, for the purpose therein expressed,

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Columbus, this 21st day of April A.D. 1874. J. Stallings, Clerk.

The State of Mississippi I Geo W Van Hook, Clerk of Lowndes County the Chancery Court in and for said County, do hereby certify that the Bond for title hereto attached, was received in my office, for record, on the 22nd day of April A.D. 1874, at 5 o'clock P.M. and that the same, with the certificate of Acknowledgment thereto, together with this Certificate, have been duly recorded in Deed Book, No. 48. Pages 319 & 320.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Columbus this 6th day of May A.D. 1874. G. W. Van Hook, Clerk. By J. H. Stephens Deputy

Charles D. Christian and others  
vs  
Deed  
Robert F. Henry

The State of Mississippi  
Lowndes County  
Shew all men by these presents that we Charles D. Christian and Stalling of his wife Thomas.

Christian and Arabella C his wife, all of the State of Mississippi, for and in consideration of the sum of five thousand Dollars cash in hand paid to us by Robert F. Henry of the State of Alabama do grant, bargain and sell, and by these presents have granted, bargained and sold to the said Henry the following described pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the County of Lowndes in the State of Mississippi, and the County of Sanford in the State of Alabama and known and designated in the public survey of lands of the United States as the E. 1/2 of the S. W. 1/4 & E. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4 and lots six seven and twelve in section 12



West 1/2  
Pg. 11  
\$700

James H. Curtis & wife  
 To Deed  
 J. B. Tyler, D. P. Blair,  
 W. D. Humphreys & L. M. Tucker.

State of Mississippi This Indenture  
 Lowndes County } made and entered  
 into, between James H. Curtis and his wife  
 Mary Eugenia Curtis of the first part and  
 J. B. Tyler, Wm D. Humphreys, D. P. Blair,  
 and L. M. Tucker of the second  
 part and all of the State and County

above written. - Witnesseth that the parties of the first part have this  
 day bargain'd sold and conveyed to the parties of the second part  
 a certain half square or lot of ground situated in the town of  
 Columbus known and described in the public surveys as the West  
 half of Square Eleven (11) in that part of Columbus laid out in East  
 half of NW quarter of Sect. 21. in T. 18. R. 18 West. for the sum of Seven  
 hundred dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.

The parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum above  
 paid by the parties of the second part. do agree to warrant and  
 forever defend the title of said property against any and all parties  
 whatsoever claiming in and through them. Given under our own  
 hands & seals this the sixteenth day of Oct 1874.

J. H. Curtis. Seal  
 M. E. Curtis. Seal

The State of Mississippi Before me Geo W. Vauttork,  
 Lowndes County } Clerk of the Chancery Court, in  
 and for said County, this day personally saw J. H. Curtis and  
 his wife M. E. Curtis who severally acknowledged that they  
 signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing deed on the day  
 and year therein mentioned, as their act and deed for the  
 purposes therein expressed; and the said M. E. Curtis wife of  
 the said J. H. Curtis on a private examination, apart from her  
 husband, acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered  
 the same as her voluntary act and deed, freely, without any  
 fears, threats or compulsion of her husband.

Given under my hand and seal of office at  
 Columbus this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1874,  
 G. W. Vauttork Clerk

The State of Mississippi  
 Lowndes County } J. G. W. Vauttork, Clerk of the Chancery Court  
 in and for said County, do hereby certify that the Deed hereto attached  
 was received in my office for record, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October  
 AD 1874 at 2 o'clock PM, and that the same, with the  
 Certificate of Acknowledgment thereto, together with this Certificate,  
 have been duly recorded in Deed Book No. 48 page 414.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Columbus  
 this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1874. J. G. W. Vauttork Clerk

13<sup>th</sup> Jan 1875

James H + Mary Eugenia Curtis  
\$100 + 20 Cords of wood  
1/3 undivided interest  
1/2 of W Half of SW 1/4 Sec

+ 1/8 R 18 W

examination, apart from her husband, acknowledged, that she signed sealed, and delivered the same, as her voluntary act and deed freely without any fears, threats, or Compulsion of her husband,

Given under my hand and Seal of office at Columbus, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1875.

Geo W. Vantsook, Clerk

The State of Mississippi,  
Lauderdale County

I, Geo W. Vantsook, Clerk of the Chancery Court in and for said County, do hereby Certify that the Deed here to attached was received in my office for records, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1875, at 5 o'clock P. M. and that the same, with the Certificate of Acknowledgment thereto, together with this Certificate, have been duly recorded in Deed Book No. 43, Page 277 & 28.

Given under my hand and Seal of office at Columbus, this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 1875.

Geo W. Vantsook, Clerk.

A  
J. H. + M. E. Curtis  
Do } Deeds.  
Clay Barry

This Indenture made + entered into this the thirtieth day of January 1875, between James H. Curtis and his wife Mary Eugenia Curtis of the first part and Clay Barry of the second part, and all of the County of Lauderdale and State of Mississippi, Witnesseth, that the said James H. and Mary Eugenia Curtis for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred Dollars, part in hand paid and the balance in a deed bill for twenty Cords of wood to be delivered to the said parties of the first part, bearing even date with this deed, have given, granted, bargained and sold to the said Clay Barry party of the second part, the two thirds undivided interest in that certain tract or parcel of lands situated in the County + State aforesaid and known as follows: The South half of the West half of the South West quarter of Section seven in Township Eighteen of Range, Eighteen West and that part of the same West half of said quarter which lies between the said South half and the Road from Columbus to Plymouth in said County, the said Road constituting the boundary between the premises sold and the northern part of the said Eight. To have and to hold the premises aforesaid to the said Clay Barry his heirs and assigns in fee simple, and the said parties of the first part agree to warrant and defend to the party of the second part the title to said lands, in testimony whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and date above written,

J. H. Curtis (Seal)  
M. E. Curtis (Seal)

The State of Mississippi, Before me Geo W. Vantsook Clerk of the Chancery Court in and for said County, Lauderdale County.

On this day personally came J. H. Curtis & his wife M. E. Curtis who severally acknowledged that they signed sealed and delivered the foregoing Deed on the day and year therein mentioned, as their act and deed for the purpose therein expressed, and the said M. E. Curtis wife of the said J. H. Curtis in a private examination apart from her husband acknowledged that she signed sealed, & delivered the same as her voluntary act & deed freely without any fears, threats or Compulsion of her said husband. Given under our hand and Seal of office, at Columbus, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1875.

Geo W. Vantsook, Clerk

The State of Mississippi, I, Geo W. Vantsook, Clerk of the Chancery Court of the said County, Certify that the foregoing Deeds were received in my office for records on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1875 at 2 o'clock P. M. and that the same, with the certificate of acknowledgment thereto together with this