

Witness P. B. Tinsley  
 J. W. Thompson  
 Now therefore I Wesley Lafoy do take James Earle Ballou according to the above contract signed by Mary Jane Ballou. I solemnly promise to treat him as I would my own child, not mistreating him in any way only to correct him when necessary promising to keep him decently & comfortably clothed; to give him the advantages of Free Schools during his term of service & when he reaches twenty one years I am to pay him Fifty dollars in money. I also promise when convenient to allow the said boy to visit his mother & allow her to visit my house for the purpose of seeing her son Now I Wesley Lafoy do solemnly bind myself to the above obligations. In Witness whereof I hereunto affix my hand & seal this 20 day of March 1891

Mary Jane<sup>her</sup> Ballou<sup>X</sup> mark

Witness P. B. Tinsley  
 J. W. Thompson  
 Wesley Lafoy  
 South Carolina } Personally appeared before me P. B. Tinsley and Greenville County } made oath that he saw Mary Jane Ballou and Wesley Lafoy sign & seal the within contract and that J. W. Thompson was witness to the same with himself This the 20 day of March 1891 - sworn to before me.  
 P. B. Tinsley  
 W. H. Goodlett Entered and Recorded this 27<sup>th</sup> mch 1891 - A. I

Jug. Ly Southern J. S. C  
 To J. Conveyance  
 Ann J. Irvine

The State of South Carolina

To all to whom these Presents shall come or be made known, As whom the same may in any wise concern, I, J. T. Southern Sheriff of the County of Greenville in the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that whereas Ann J. Irvine on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy two did exhibit her Petition in the Court of Probate in the County of Greenville in State aforesaid Praying that the Real Estate of Edwin S. Irvine Deceased be sold for Partition &c and the same being at issue before the Honorable Court aforesaid came on to be heard on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy two when the said Court after a full hearing thereof and mature deliberation on the premises did Order, Adjudge and Decree that the said Real Estate hereinafter mentioned and described, should be sold at public Auction by J. T. Southern Sheriff of Greenville County, on the terms and for the purposes mentioned in said Decreeal Order, as by reference thereto on file in the said Court will appear and the said J. T. Southern Sheriff after having duly advertised the said Real Estate for sale by public outcry on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy two did thereupon and publicly and according to the order of the Court

auction, sell and dispose of the said Real Estate, below described unto Ann J. Irvine for Twenty four hundred and nine Dollars, she being at that price the highest bidder for the same. Now, It now all men, That & the said J. T. Southern Sheriff in consideration of the premises and also in consideration of the sum of Twenty four hundred and Nine Dollars paid me by the said Ann J. Irvine the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and released and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Ann J. Irvine and her Heirs and assigns all that Tract of Land, situate lying and being in the State and County aforesaid on Waters of Long Branch and Reedy River, adjoining Lot No 4 and others beginning at a stone & Poplar cut down thence N 36 E 35 00 to a Red Oak & thence N 28 1/2 W 51.00 to a stake & thence N 59 W 23.75 to a Spanish Oak & thence S 31 W 41.40 to a Black Gum & on Long Branch, thence down the meanders of said Branch to the beginning corners containing two hundred and nineteen acres more or less and known in the survey made by James K. Dickson as Lot No 5. Together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the reversion and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof And also all the Estate, right, title, interest, dower, possession, property, benefit, claim, and demand whatsoever, both at Law and in Equity of the said Edwin J. Irvine Deceased and of all the parties to the said suit and of all other persons rightfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by, from or under them, or either of them, to have and to hold the said Tract of Land with its hereditaments, privileges, and appurtenances unto the said Ann J. Irvine her Heirs and assigns forever. In Witness whereof I, the said J. T. Southern Sheriff under and by virtue of said decree, have hereunto set my Hand and Seal at Greenville this Second day of Dec in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy two and in the 9<sup>th</sup> year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America. Signed and Delivered in the presence of  
 W. Bayne  
 J. T. Southern  
 W. T. Shumate  
 S. B. C

The State of South Carolina } Personally before me W. T. Shumate Greenville County } came and made oath that he saw the within named J. T. Southern S. B. C sign, seal, and as his act and deed deliver the within deed and that he with W. Bayne witnessed the execution thereof and the cancellation of the United States Revenue Stamp of \$ . . . thereunto affixed Sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of mch a D 1891.  
 Thos. L. Woodside  
 Not Pub  
 W. T. Shumate  
 Entered in Auditors Office and Recorded this 27<sup>th</sup> day of mch a D 1891