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his & assigns forever and the sd John Timmons his heirs Executors & administrators do warrant & forever will defend the title to the above described & hereby granted premises unto the sd Pastor Caspshaw his heirs & assigns from and against himself & all and every person or persons claiming or holding under the sd John Timmons and also against the lawful title claim or demand of all and every person or persons whatsoever claiming or holding by from or under the Government of the United States In Testimony whereof the sd John Timmons has hereunto set his hand & seal the day & year above written

John Timmons

State of Alabama Personally appeared before me James H. Hill an acting Madison County Justice of the peace in and for sd County and State John Timmons and acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing deed on the day of its date to the aforesaid Pastor Caspshaw & given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of March Eighteen hundred & forty two

James H. Hill J.P.

The foregoing deed was delivered into the office of the clerk of the County Court of Madison County in the State of Alabama for registration on the 26th day of December 1842 and was duly registered on the 28th day of December 1842

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The next deed shown below reveals the sale of land to William Leeman by John Timmons in 1832. The wording indicates that the 177 acre tract was already known by the name of "Leeman's Ferry" before the sale. The sketch in the deed even shows the ferry crossing at the river. A Joseph Leeman patented about 240 acres of land in S28-T5-R1W in the 1830s, and in 1837 he patented another 35 acres that lay within Section 33. This latter section is bounded by the river, whereas Section 28 does not include riverfronts. William Leeman was reported to have already been operating his ferry on the Tennessee River "3 or 4 miles below Ditto's Landing" in 1819. That would place the ferry most likely in Section 27. The wording of the deed shown below is somewhat indefinite about the section number, but Section 27, T5-R1W, certainly fits the criteria. In particular, subsequent maps through time have shown the location of "Leeman's Bluff" on the river in Section 27.