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This indenture made this seventh day of May
one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine
between John W. Looney & Nancy his wife
of the County of Madison in the State of Alabama of the one
part, and Absalom Looney of the same County & State of the other
part - Witnesseth: That the said John W. Looney, for and in consideration
of the sum of eight hundred dollars to him in hand paid the receipt where
of is hereby acknowledged have this day bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed
and conveyed, and by these presents doth bargain, sell, alien, convey and
convey unto the said Absalom Looney his heirs & assigns, all that certain
Parcel or Tract of Land, lying and being in the County of Madison and
State of Alabama known as the West half of the North West Quarter
of Section Number 35 Township No 14 and Range No 2 West of the 10th
to Meridian - To have and to hold the above described Tract of Land
with the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any
wise appertaining unto the said Absalom Looney his heirs and assigns
forever: - And the said John W. Looney & Nancy his wife for themselves
their heirs, executors and administrators, doth warrant and will forever
defend the title to the above described and hereby granted premises unto the
said Absalom Looney his heirs and assigns from and against himself, the
said John W. Looney his heirs & Administrators, and all and every person or per-
sons claiming or holding under him the said John W. Looney and Nancy
by his wife, and also against the lawful title claim or demand of all and
every person or persons whomsoever claiming or holding by, from or under
the Government of the United States - In testimony whereof the said
John W. Looney & Nancy his wife have hereunto set their hands and
seals the day and year above written
Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
J. W. Prowine
Nathan Smith

John W. Looney
Nancy Looney
Wife

Note that the above deed specified the “West half of the North West Quarter” of Section 35, T4S-R2W. That was a recording error, as John W. Looney never owned that parcel of land to sell to anyone. He had bought the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 35 from the government in 1818, per Certificate Number 781. The loss of the (properly specified) land from the family’s possession is recorded below, in the sheriff’s account of the sale. Absalom had paid \$800 to John W. Looney on May 7 of 1829 for the land. On October 5 of the same year, it sold at auction for only \$230 to settle a debt of \$189.42.