

The State of Texas

Walker County

Whereas we have this day executed to W. M. Rice & Co our three certain promissory notes of this date, the first for thirteen hundred and thirty dollars due twelve months after date, the second for the same amount due two years after date, and the third for thirteen hundred and forty dollars due three years after date all bearing ten per cent interest per annum from the 28th day of October A.D. 1862.

Now the better to secure the prompt and punctual payment of said notes and interest thereon according to their true tenor and effect Know all men by these Presents, that we Thomas E. Bowdre and F. A. Bowdre wife of the said Thomas E. have this day in consideration of the promises and one dollar to us in hand paid by the said W. M. Rice & Co bargained, sold and mortgaged and do by these presents bargain, sell and mortgage unto the said W. M. Rice & Co of the County of Harris State aforesaid, the following described negroes slaves, to wit - Grun a man about 31 years of age, Harry a man about 40 years of age, Reese a boy about 19 years of age, Antony or Judge a boy about 17 years of age, George a boy about 12 years of age, Maria a woman about 40 years of age, Sarah a woman about 38 years of age, Laura a girl about 15 years of age and Adeline a girl about 14 years of age, to have and to hold the above described slaves together with their natural increase unto them the said W. M. Rice & Co their, heirs, assigns and legal representatives forever, And we the said Thomas E. Bowdre and F. A. Bowdre warrant and guaranty that the said negroes are slaves for life, and sound and that we have a good title to the same and a perfect right to convey the same. Upon condition nevertheless

that if we the said Thomas E. and
F. A. Bowdre pay or cause to be paid said
several promissory notes with interest thereon accordingly
as they severally fall due then these presents
shall become void and determine, but if
we shall make default in the payment of
said notes and interest or either of them then
and in that event these presents shall
remain in full force and effect. And
for the more effectually carrying out the conditions
of these presents we hereby mortgage and pledge
our crops of cotton hereafter to be grown until
the said notes are paid and discharged to the said
W. M. Rice & Co, their heirs, assigns and legal
representatives, and hereby bind ourselves to ship our
said cotton to them the said W. M. Rice & Co at the
City of Houston Texas for their disposal "The words
"and one dollar to us in hand paid by the said W. M. Rice & Co." between
the 15th and 16th lines on the first page and the words "together with
their natural increase" between the 27 and 28th lines on first
page and the word "notes" 2d & 3d lines on 2d page
interlined before signing. In testimony of which
witness our hands the 25th day of November A.D. 1862
J. E. Bowdre
F. A. Bowdre

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This day personally appeared before
me J. E. Bowdre and his wife F. A.
Bowdre to me well known whose names
appear to the forgoing mortgage to W. M.
Rice & Co of this [[date?]], and the said
J. E. Bowdre acknowledged to me that
he had executed the same for the purposes
and considerations therein mentioned, and
the said F. A. Bowdre wife as
aforesaid being by me examined,
separate and apart from her said
husband and having the mortgage

aforesaid fully explained to her
she the said F. A. Bowdre acknowledged
the same to be her act and deed and
declared that she had willingly signed
and delivered the same and that she
wished not to retract it. In testimony
of which witness my hand and
seal the 25th day of November 1862
Joab Benton
Chief Justice
W.C.T.

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County of Walker
I M. S. Gibbs Clerk of the County
Court in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby
Certify that the foregoing Mortgage from J. E. Bowdre
& F. A. Bowdre (his wife) to W. M. Rice & Co was
filed November 29th 10 AM 1862 Recorded December
10th 3 P.M. 1862 in Book F Pages 197 & 198 of
Walker County Records
In Testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal of office
at office in Huntsville this the 10th
day of December AD. 1862
M. S. Gibbs Clk C.C.W.C.

J. E. Bowdre
& F. A. Bowdre
To
Deed of Mortgage
Wm. M. Rice & Co

Filed Novr 29th 10 AM. 1862
M.S. Gibbs
Clk. C.C.W.C.

Recording \$1.25 Paid
By J. H. Banton
M. S. Gibbs
Clk. C.C.W.C.