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Martin Dowdy & Alfred France

Martin Dowdy Conveyance  
to Alfred France  
to be attested for record at St. Louis  
P.M. June 21 1858  
Wm. G. Hopkins & Co. Notary Public  
St. Louis, Mo.

Know all men by these presents that  
I Martin Dowdy of the County of Hopkins  
& State of Texas have this day  
Bargained Sold & Released and  
by these presents grant bargain sell  
and with Alfred France his heirs &  
assigns forever all my right title claim  
& interest to the following described  
negroes belonging to the Estate of William  
Hicks deceased the said interest being  
one sixth or an sixth part of the  
Estate of aforesaid conveyed to me by  
deed to be kept bearing date January  
11<sup>th</sup> 1858 of the aforesaid William  
Hicks deceased the following negroes  
(viz) a Negro Woman named Jane a  
boy Tom and three kids as slaves for  
life for and in consideration of the  
sum of two hundred dollars to me in  
hand paid the receipt whereof is  
hereby acknowledged hereby binding  
myself to warrant and forever defend  
the title to my interest in the said  
negroes Jane Tom and kids against  
the claim or claims of any and all  
persons whatsoever claiming the  
said unto the said Alfred  
France his heirs and assigns  
and legal representation forever  
in testimony whereof I hereunto

Sign my name and office my seal by  
 way of seal atarrant this the 6 day of  
 June A. W. 1858

The State of Texas <sup>Martin Howdy</sup> <sup>Seal</sup>  
 County of Hopkins <sup>Seal</sup> Before me the  
~~authority~~ ~~readers~~ ~~and~~ personally came  
 Martin Howdy whose name appears  
 to the within transfer & than to  
 me well known who acknowledges his  
 signature to the sum to be his own act  
 and deed for the purposes contains and  
 set forth in said transfer

In witness of which I hereunto set  
 my hand and the seal of the County  
 Court hereon imposed Now at  
 Office inarrant this 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
 June A. W. 1858.

E. Hopkins Clerk  
 C. C. H. C. H. Texas  
 (Seal)