

Deed To Town

Names:

Brahan, John
Brandon, John

Huntsville, Alabama -
Deed to Town
Moore, Davis

Perkins, Peter
Pope, Judith
Pope, LeRoy

Winston, Louis

Places:

Huntsville, Madison
Co., Miss. Terr.

Types:

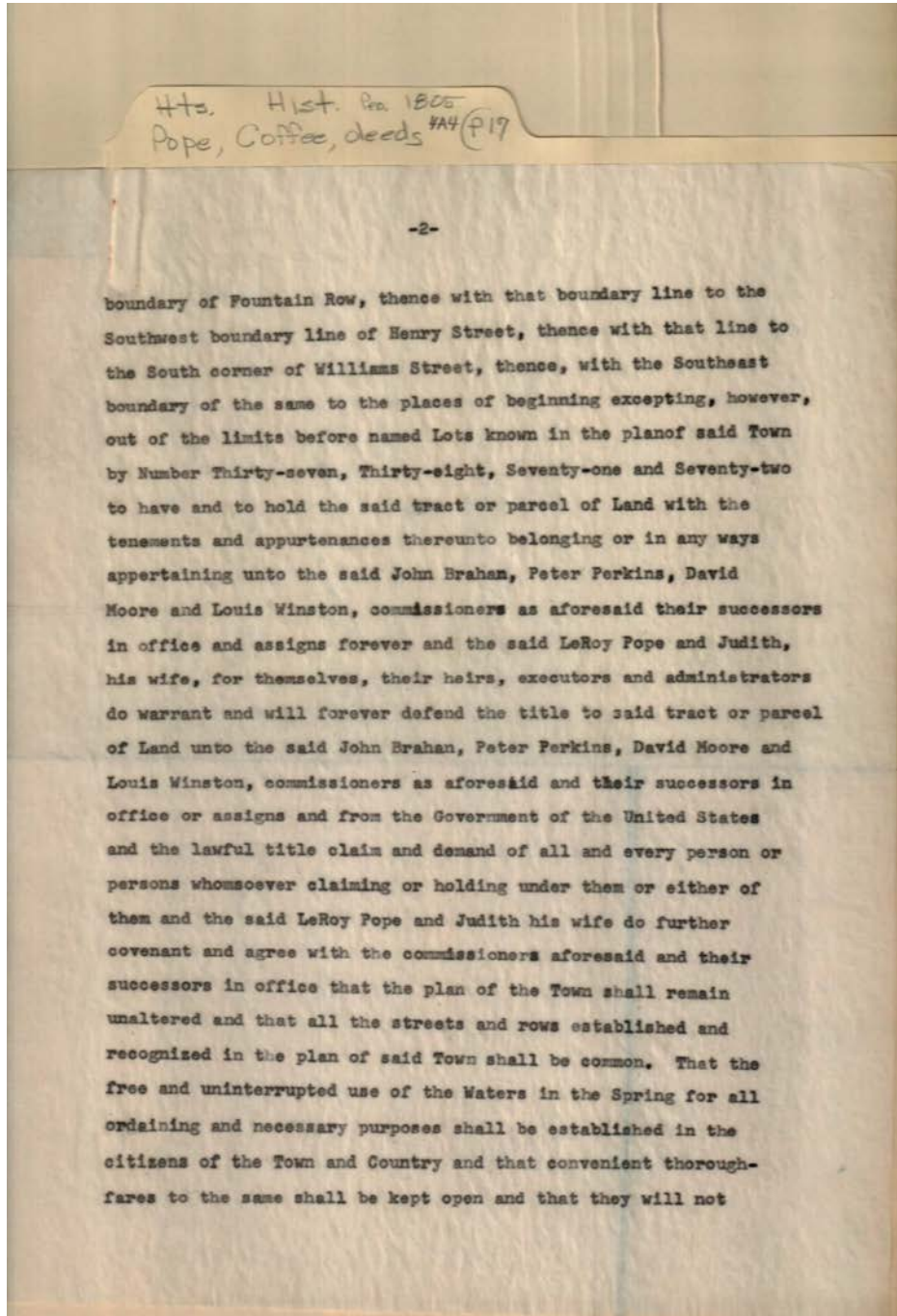
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Dates:

Swptember 1, 1815

Pope/Coffee, deeds

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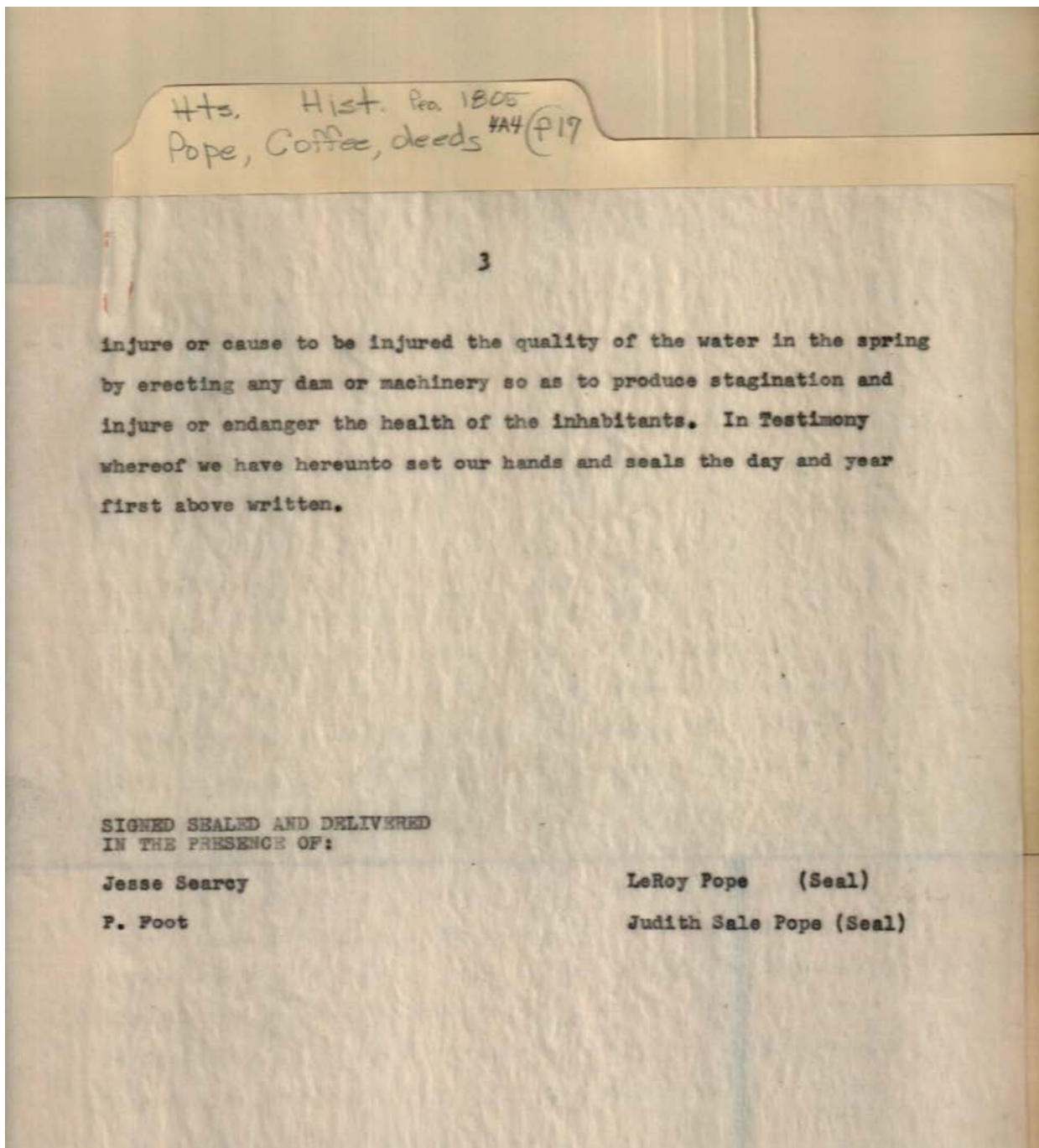
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Swptember 1, 1815

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Foot, P.

Pope, Judith Sale

Pope, LeRoy

Searcey, Jesse

Places:

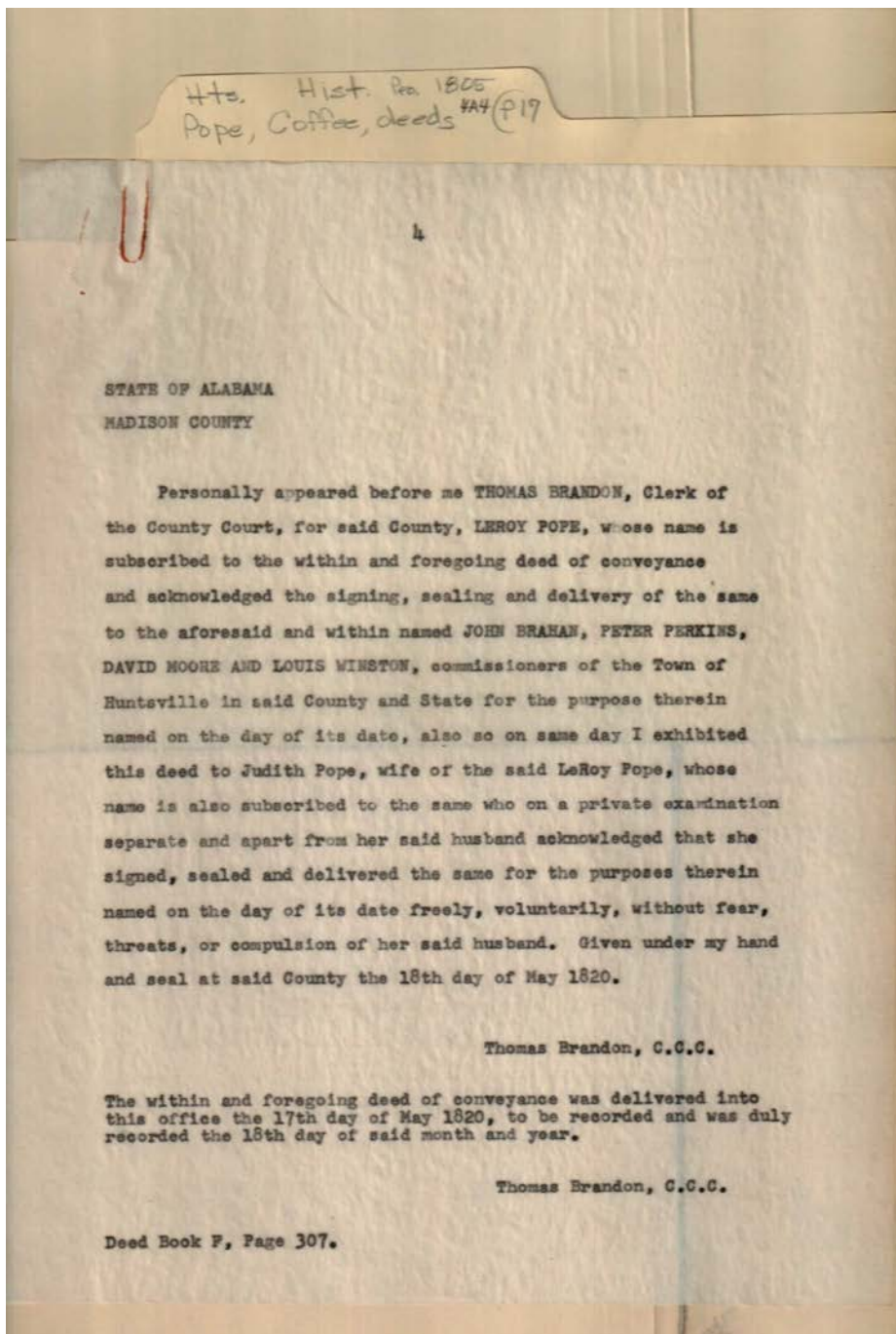
Huntsville, Madison
Co., Miss. Terr.

Types:

deed

Dates:

Swptember 1, 1815



Names:

Brahan, John
Brandon, Thomas,
Clerk of County

Court
Moore, Davis
Perkins, Peter

Pope, Judith
Pope, LeRoy
Winston, Louis

Places:

Madison Co., AL

Types:

deed

Dates:

May 18, 1820

John Coffee.

1809

Copies of papers relating to Huntsville, Alabama, written to John Coffee By Wm. P. Anderson.

Federal Bottom, 8th August, 1809.

Mr Coffee who hands you this will act for me in the Madison county business and all the information and friendly offices you have so obligingly tendered, may be extended to him. Besides, I wish you to be acquainted with him -- He is really the gentleman and man of clewiness.

Whenever you can, do come up here -- At all events I shall see you in 10 or 12 days, and in 14 or 20 I wish us to be off on the favorite expedition.

Major Thomas Freeman, Yr friend, W. P. Anderson,
Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville. (*with dtd*)

Mr J. Jackson and myself calculate certainly on your going on 3 or 4 days before the 4th of July next to Huntsville, and then and there lay off the Town in such manner, on such form as you and Major Walker, the agent of Colo. Pope, shall think proper. Its our determination, however, to make no deeds that shall convey any other, or better title, than such as we shall obtain from the U. States.

It is also our wish to sell but very few of the lots, say not more than every other one, even if the Commissioners shall fix the site of Justice for Madison at Huntsville.

Do let the plan of the Town be as simple as possible and the ground on which it shall stand as eligible as may be. Major Walker and yourself are to make the best and such terms as you can with the Commissioners and they shall be satisfactory and binding on us. Inclosed is a power of attor^y for yr better authority to act.

We are yr, f^rds and h^{bl}s &c James Jackson
Capt. John Coffee. W. P. Anderson

P. S. For your trouble, expense and charge in this business we will reward you, agreeably to such bill as you may render. W. P. A.

(Note -- The above is in the handwriting of W. P. Anderson)

Found among the old papers of Gen. Coffee, was a piece of yellowed paper on which was endorsed "Plan of Teikingsham, by John Coffee". From its appearance this paper was most probably used as an envelope for the plan. On the opposite side is written, in the handwriting of John Coffee, the following:

From the South east corner of the quarter section along the section line South 82° W., 45 poles to a point 12 feet south of the south corner of Williams and Henry street, or the South corner of the town of Teikingsham, the same course in all 71 poles to Bass'es purchase, (Bass begins at the above point and runs the same course 50 poles to Jones' branch continued in all 45 poles to the creek, thence up the creek 16 to 18 poles, thence North 82° East 30 poles to a stake, thence south 80° East 12 poles to the beginning.

From the South East corner of the quarter section North 67° W 10 poles and 2 feet to a point in the line of lot No 10, 28 feet south west from the East corner, -- the same line continued and cross the North East line of lot No 43 at a point 66 feet south east from the north corner, and 10 feet south of the half way stake in Dividing line of the section or half way in the half mile.

On a similar piece of paper, which is endorsed "field notes of Bass'es lot in Huntsville, 3 acres & 44/100," is found the following:

Beginning at a stake in the south boundary line of the quarter section, and runs with the same south 82° W 45 poles to the bank of the creek, thence up the creek North 70° 12 pole

Names:

Anderson, William P.
Coffee, John, Capt.

Freeman, Thomas,
Maj.

Jackson, James
Pope, Col.

Walker, Major

Places:

Huntsville, Madison
Co., Miss. Terr.

Nashville, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

1809

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thence North 20° 30' poles, to a stake, thence South 20° E 14 poles to the beginning. --
Out of this deduct 20 poles in length, by 20 feet in width. ---

Nashville, June 20, 1810.

It is my wish and determination that you take the one half of my little interest in Huntsville on the same terms I got it. I gave for the one third of two quarter sections about \$175 -- You are, its understood, to be at the trouble of laying off, superintending the sales of lots, &c. and you are to pay your proportionable part of the installments yet due the U. States, in fact you are to be conjointly and in my ---- with me in all respects.

I find Gov. Ward, Doctor Hickson, &c. are the Commissioners appointed by law to fix the site -- Hickson is warm in the cause -- The Colo. is rather cold -- Hence every address and case is to be exercised to affect the great object; for unless the town is placed at Huntsville by the Commissioners we shall forfeit our claim to the purchase made of the U. States. At least this is my determination.

Capt. John Coffee, Tr friend, W. P. Anderson
P. S. Polk agt Sevier is yet on the carpet and the appearance agt Sevier are dangerous --
But the ct----- is all wrong. W. P. A.

Jefferson, June 26, 1810.

Since its out of Mr Jackson's power as well as mine to meet you at Bedford court on Wednesday next, that is tomorrow, I have got the favor of our old stand-by Conklin to go on there.

Your last letter to me is not before me, nor do I at present pretend to recollect all the points it addresses. On the subject of fixing the seat of Justice for Madison county at Huntsville; it may, however, be necessary to remark that the object of your mission, in the first place, is by all fair and honorable means to have Huntsville the site.

2d. It matters not whether Mr Jackson and ourselves sacrifice (to the wishes of the Commissioners, Colo. Ward, Doctor Hickson, &c) more or less of our interest than Colo. Pope--- Here remember that unless the court house is there fixed, what little we now own is a mere nothing and it, in fact, must be forfeited. You will, therefore, readily discover that you are invested with plenipotentiary powers to act in conjunction with Major Walker and anything and everything you do will be right -- there are an hundred things that will turn up, in the course of the transaction, that cannot now be well anticipated. In these instances you will have to do as I would act, from the impulse of the moment and seize upon that which you think the most advantageous. In this way you will get through without hardly any trouble.

Sevier and Polk's suit is not yet ended and its very doubtful who will be the successful party. If you see Patton Anderson, I wish you would hasten him to Nashville -- Read has brought in Eskridge and without Patton is present he will be discharged before the judge. Tr friend, W. P. Anderson,
Capt. John Coffee.

I have written to Patton by Conklin.

Franklin, February 13, 1811

As well as I can recollect Mr James Jackson told me that any arrangement I would make with you respecting the sale of lots or establishment of the site of Justice in Madison should be obligatory on him.

This he done and said when I sent you the power to act, signed by us both and since then I never mentioned the subject to him, I mean as it appertained to your compensation -- my ideas of the whole business is put on paper and contained in one of the letters I sent you to Bedford -- I have in that specified everything touching my own interest in the Huntsville property, and I suppose have certainly suggested something about Mr Jackson.

Names:

Anderson, Patton
Anderson, William P.
Coffee, John, Capt.
Conklin,

Dickson, Dr.
Eskridge,
Jackson,
Jackson, James

Polk,
Pope, Col.
Read,
Sevier,

Ward, Col.

Places:

Franklin

Huntsville, Madison
Co., Miss. Terr.

Jefferson
Nashville, TN

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Feb 18, 1711

June 20, 1810

June 26, 1810

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As to your last trip I have nothing to do with the expenses thereof as you have justly remarked; and as to any charge that I might or could make on Mr Jackson for anything you done before, I have no idea of doing it. The right way will be for him and Colo. Pope to bear their proportion (or his at any rate) of your demand upon me agreeably to my letter to you and the understanding between Mr Jackson and myself. When I come back and we get together we'll fix this business without any trouble.

I know Mr Jackson will do what is liberal and right and he must know that you have been the cause of all our profits in the Huntsville shams.

I have written to Mr Lewis a short note on the subject of your proposed contract and his and I hope you and him will close it. At any rate write me in 7 or 8 weeks hence directed to the Natches on the subject. Please fix the Western connection before you do anything else and during this bad weather, when in fact you can only work in the house. You shall, as I progress, hear from me. I greet you in friendship,

W. P. Anderson

Capt John Coffee.

P. S. We are off in a few moments Natchezward.

P. S. Mr Jackson and myself have settled all our private and other accounts and I have paid him every cent I owed him -- and nothing was said about the Huntsville business, nor do I see how you, him and myself can close this business until I am present. W.P.A.

Be so good when you see Capt. O. Williams at the office as to aid him in selecting out as much of my unsold land as will pay and satisfy a demand Major Maury has against me -- I want this business done very much indeed. W. P. A.

29th June, 1811.

I sold my interest in the Huntsville property for a negro fellow who I sold for \$600. Also for 1200 acres upper Louisiana land which Genl Clark writes me cannot be passed the board of Commissioners because it was not laid before them sooner. I calculate that the interference of Congress will reachedy this evil - Let us set it down, however, as Colo. Pope and myself did when we traded, to be worth \$250. I retain and bought of Colo. Polk in the bargain the 3/4 (perhaps) of a lot said to be worth \$400.

\$1250.

When I got the favor of Mr Coffee to go over lay off Huntsville and have the town established I wrote to him that he should have the one half on my interest therein for his services (as well as I recollect this is the fact but my letters to him will establish it) and I done this because in a conversation between Mr Jackson and myself on the subject of our interest there he told me "to get Mr Coffee to do the business and that he, Mr Jackson, would be satisfied with any arrangement which I might be enabled to make with him respecting the business".

This idea or in fact something tantamount to those words will be found in my letters to Mr Coffee even with that date, to which I would rather reference should be had. This is all I can say and as we are all good fellows in any event there will be no damage done.

Yrs respectfully, W. P. Anderson

Messrs James Jackson & John Coffee.

Names:

Anderson, William P.
Clark, General
Coffee, John

Coffee, John, Capt.
Jackson, James
Lewis, Mr.

Maury, Major
Polk, Col.
Pope, Col.

Williams, O., Capt.

Places:

Huntsville, Madison
Co., Miss. Terr.

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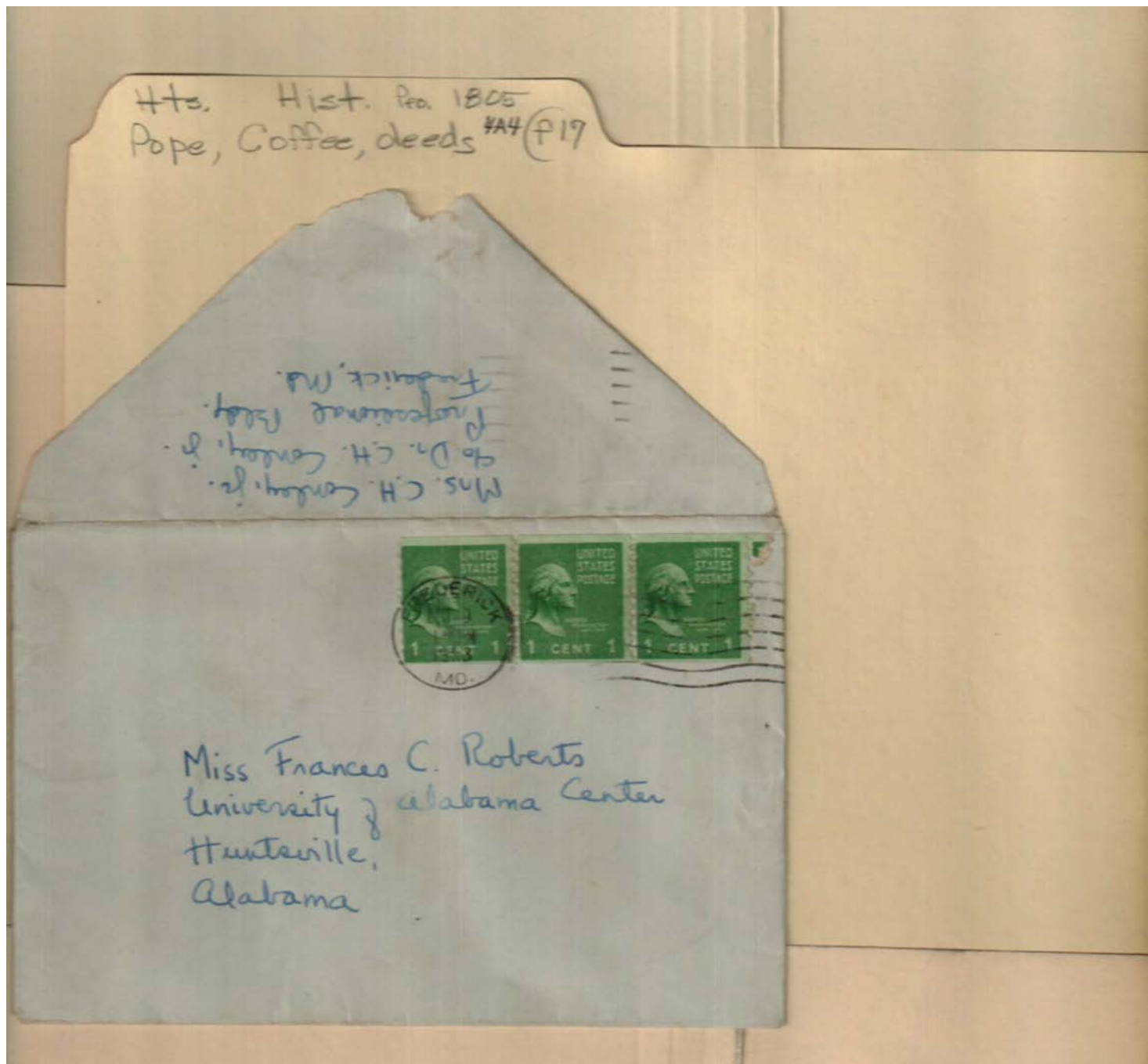
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Dates:

June 29, 1811

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Conley, C. H., Jr.,
Mrs.

Roberts, Frances C.

Places:

Frederick, MD

Huntsville, AL

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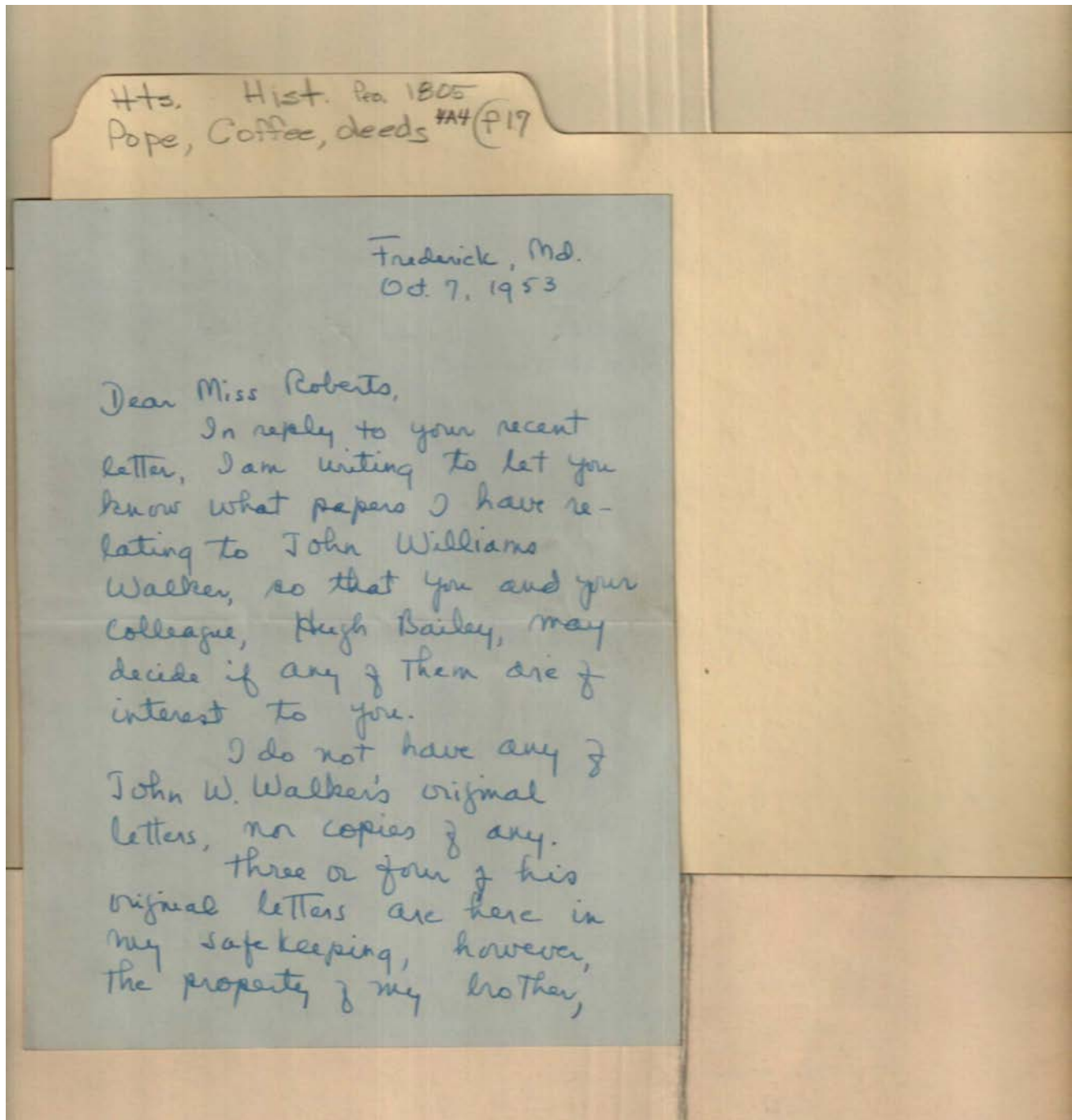
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Dates:

Oct 7, 1953

Pope/Coffee, deeds

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Names:

Bailey, Hugh
Roberts, Frances C.
Walker, John
Williams

Places:

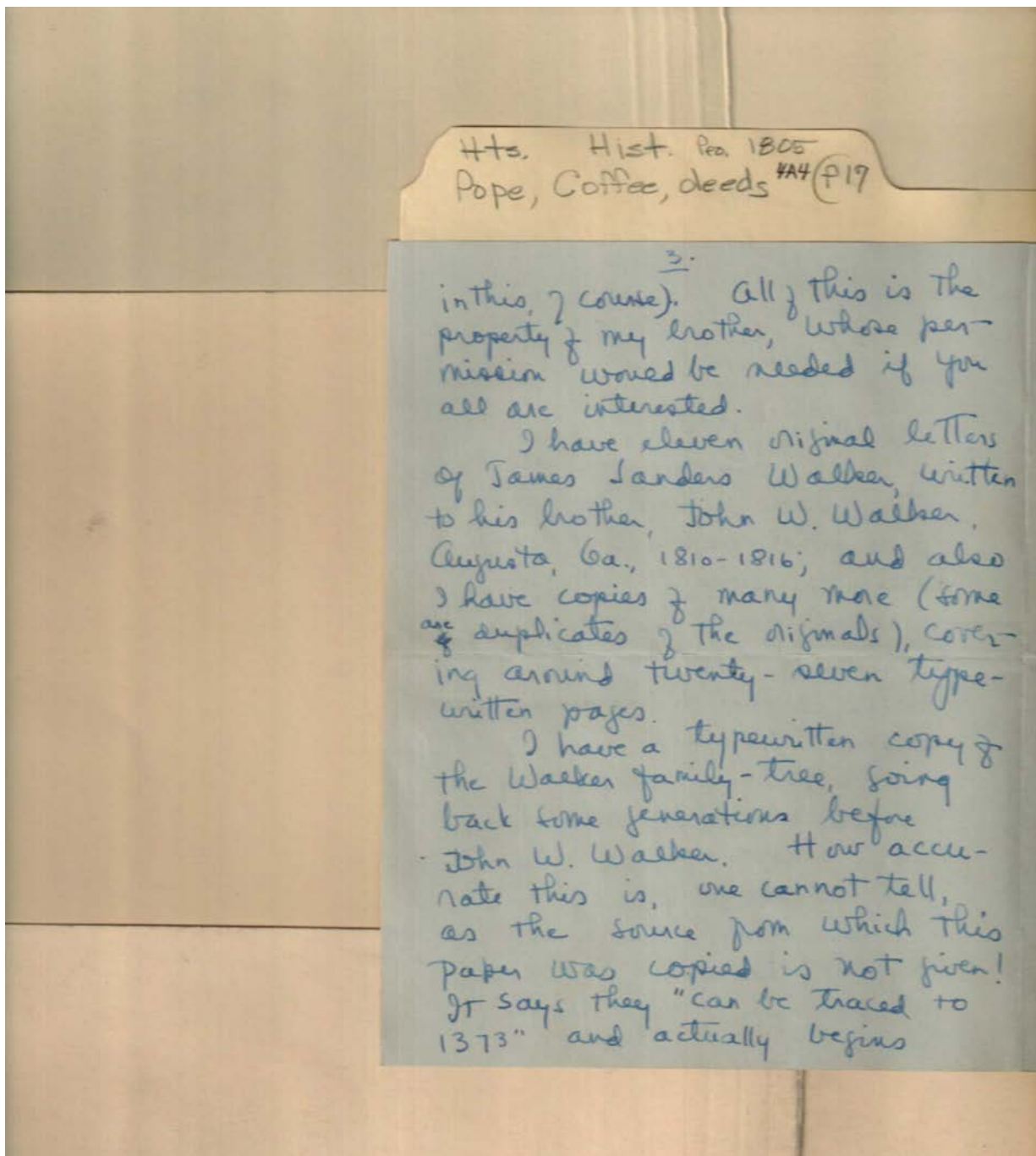
Frederick, MD

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Dates:

Oct 7, 1953



Names:

Walker, James
Sanders

Walker, John W.

Places:

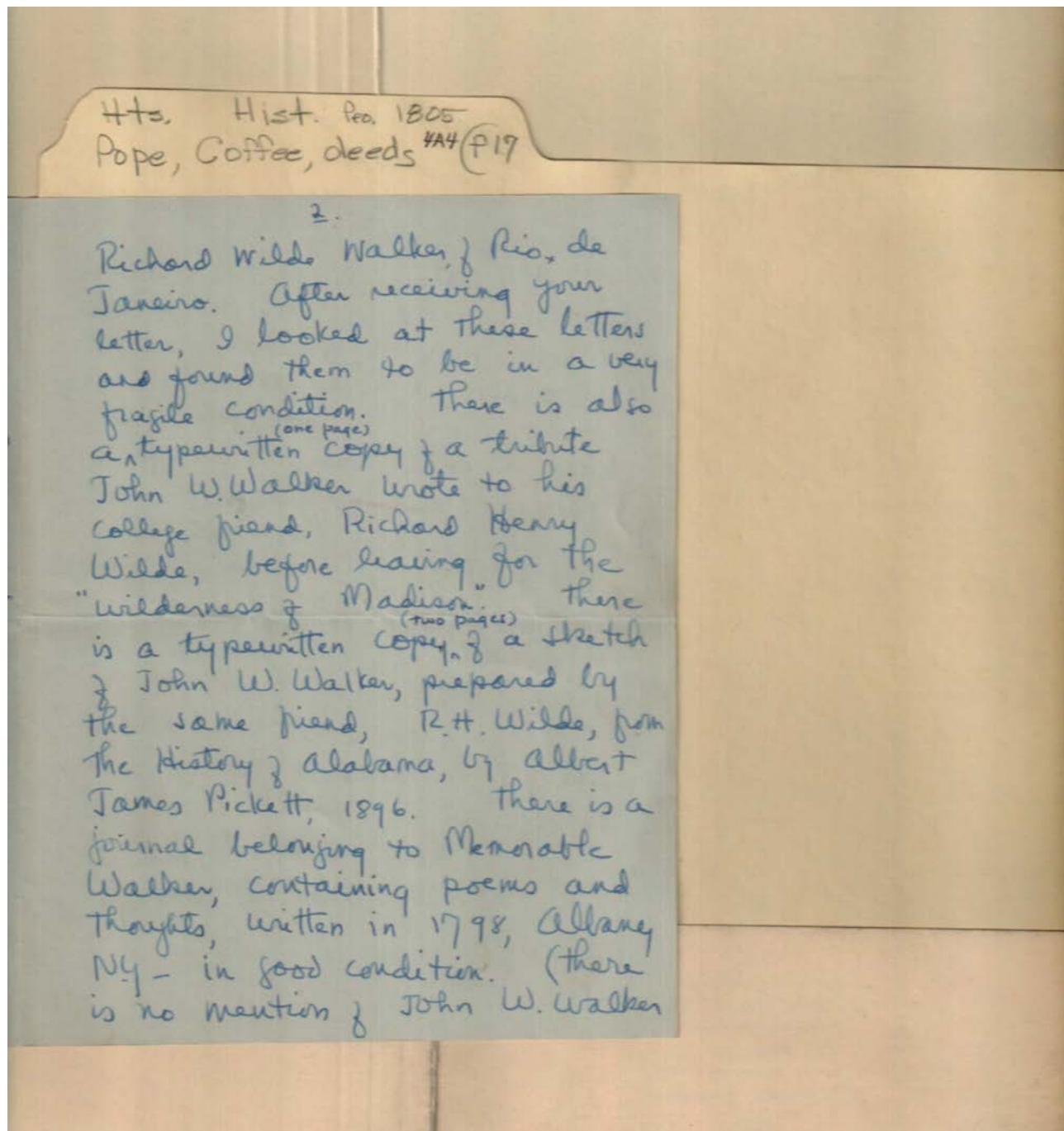
Frederick, MD

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Dates:

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Names:

Pickett, Albert James
Walker, John W.

Walker, Memorable

Walker, Richard
Wilde

Wilde, Richard Henry

Places:

Frederick, MD

Types:

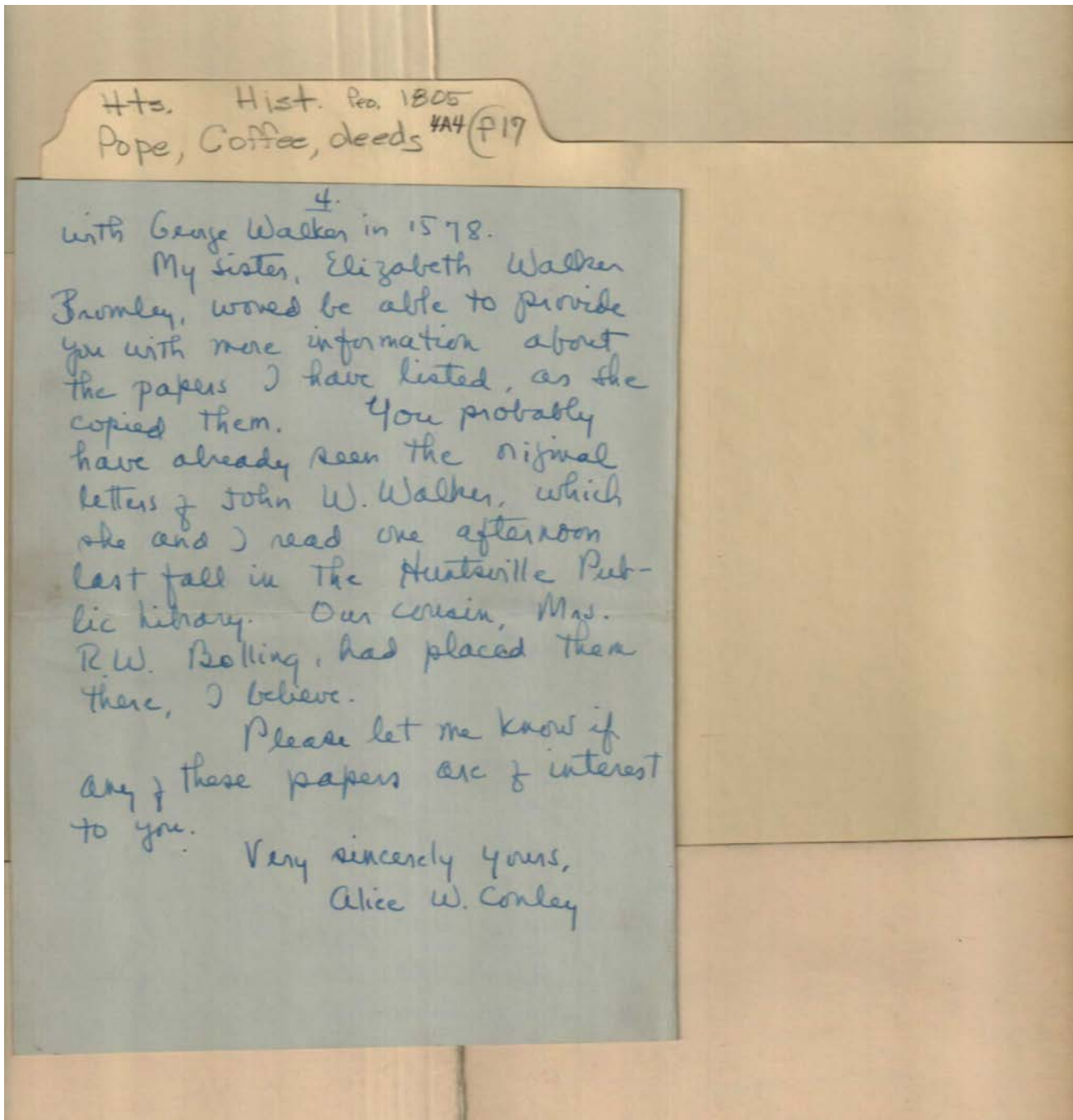
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Names:

Bolling, R. W., Mrs.

Bromley, Elizabeth
Walker

Conley, Alice W.
Walker, George

Walker, John W.

Places:

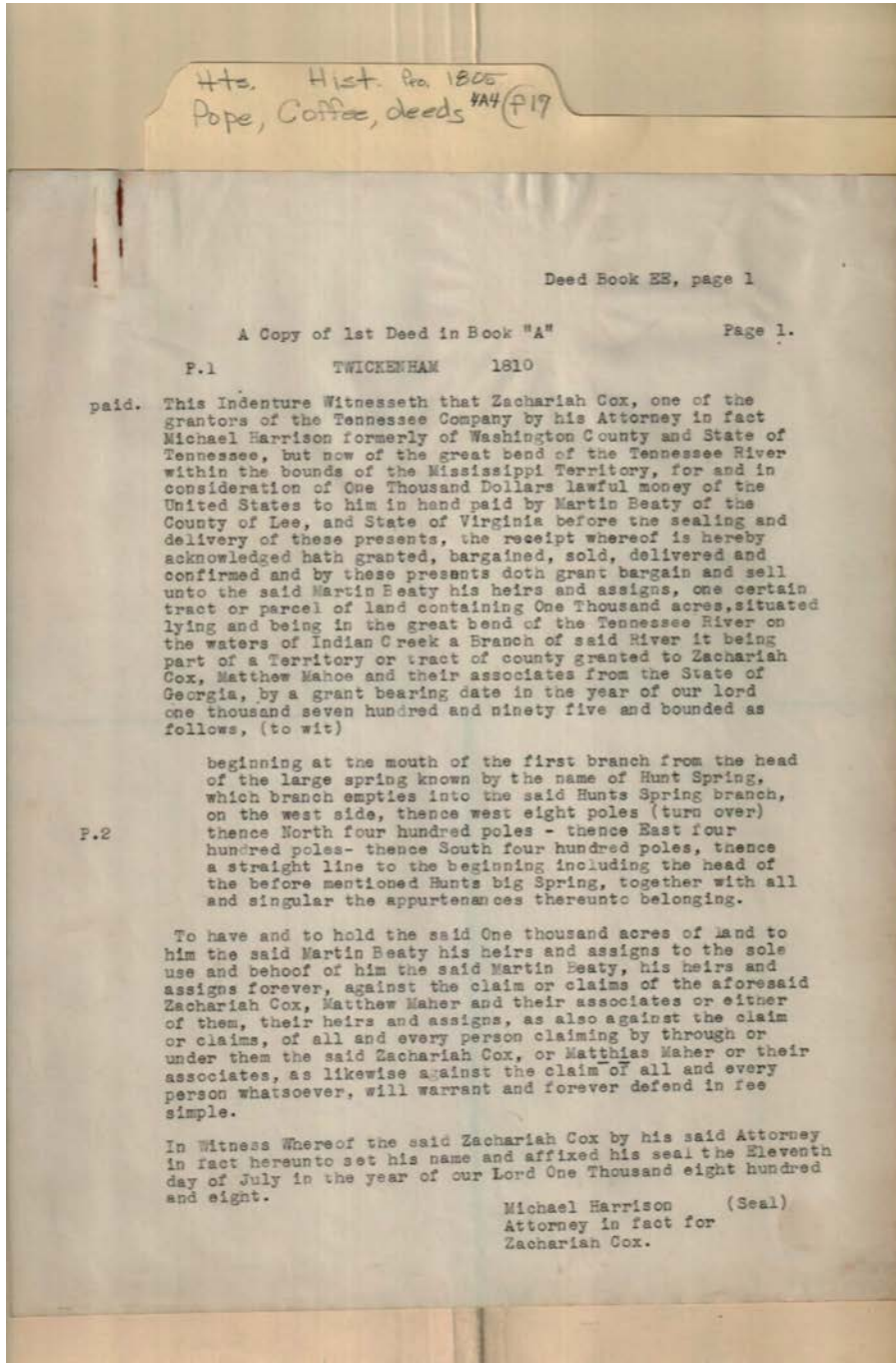
Frederick, MD

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

Oct 7, 1953



Topics:

Big Spring

Book A p. 1-2
Madison Co., M. T.

Great Bend of
Tennessee River

Names:

Beaty, Martin
Cox, Zachariah

First Deed Recorded
Harrison, Michael

Hunt Spring
Maher, Matthias

Mahoe, Matthew
Tennessee Company

Places:

Georgia
Lee Co., VA

Mississippi Territory

Twickenham, Miss.
Terr.

Types:

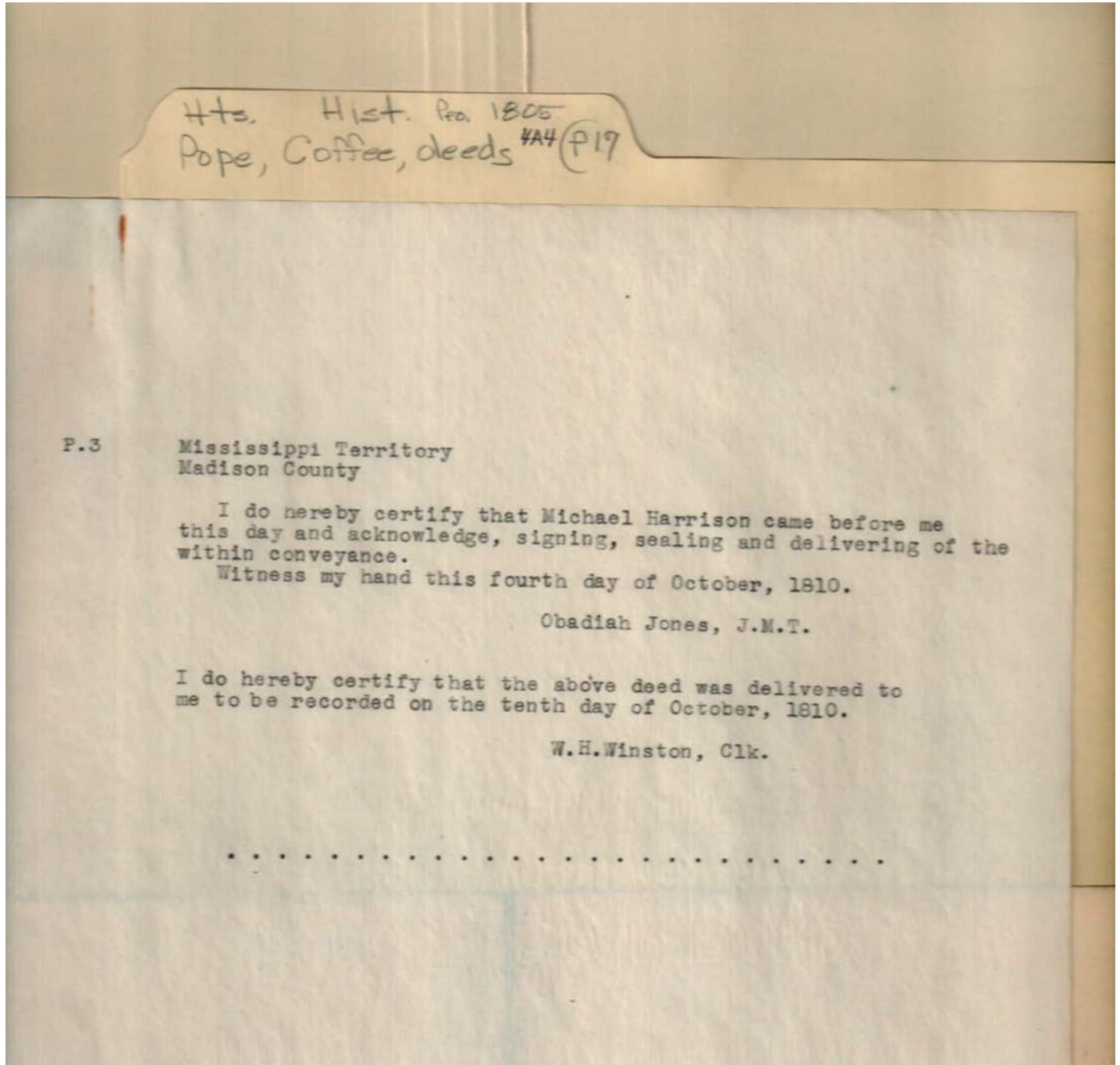
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Dates:
1810

July 11, 1808

Pope/Coffee, deeds

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Names:

Harrison, Michael

Jones, Obediah,
J.M.T.

Winston, W. H., Clerk

Places:

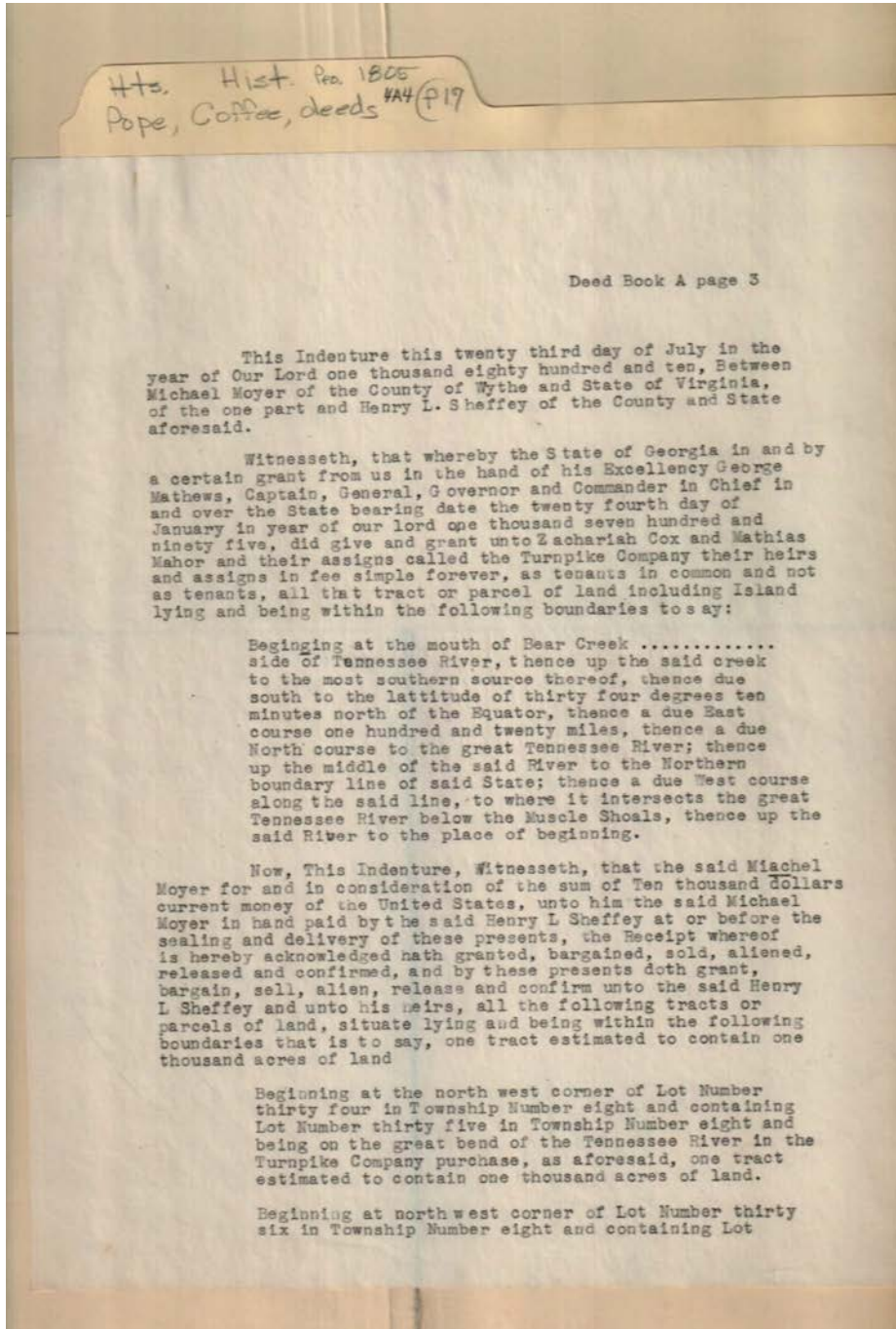
Twickenham, Miss.
Terr.

Types:

deed

Dates:

Oct 4, 1810



Book "A" p. 3 Madison Co., Miss. Terr.

Names:

Cox, Zachariah
Mahor, Mathias

Mathews, George,
Governor

Moyer, Michael
Sheffey, Henry L.

Turnpike Company

Places:

Georgia

Great Bend of
Tennessee River

Wyeth Co., VA

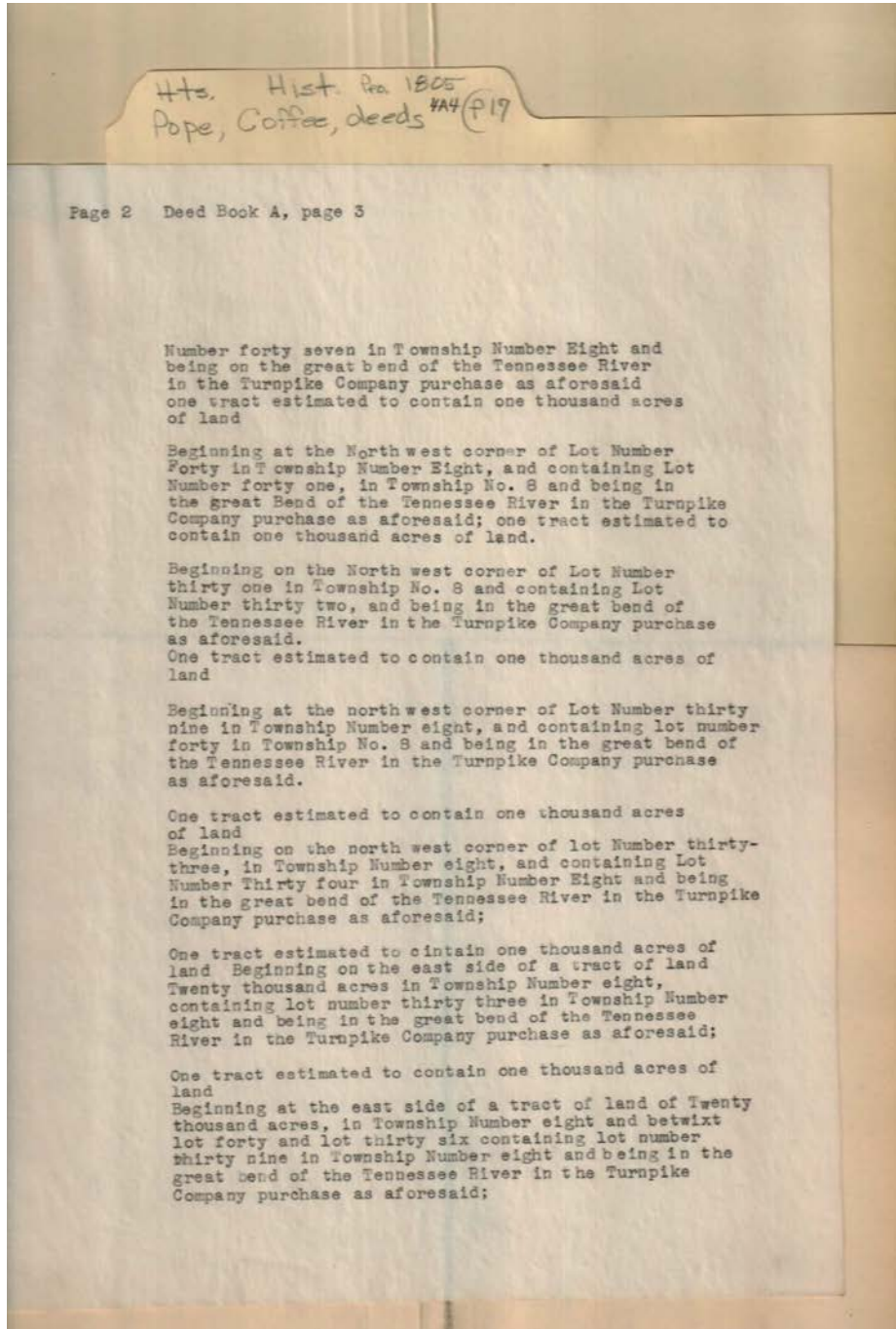
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Dates:

Jan 4, 1795

July 23, 1810



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Names:

Turnpike Company

Places:

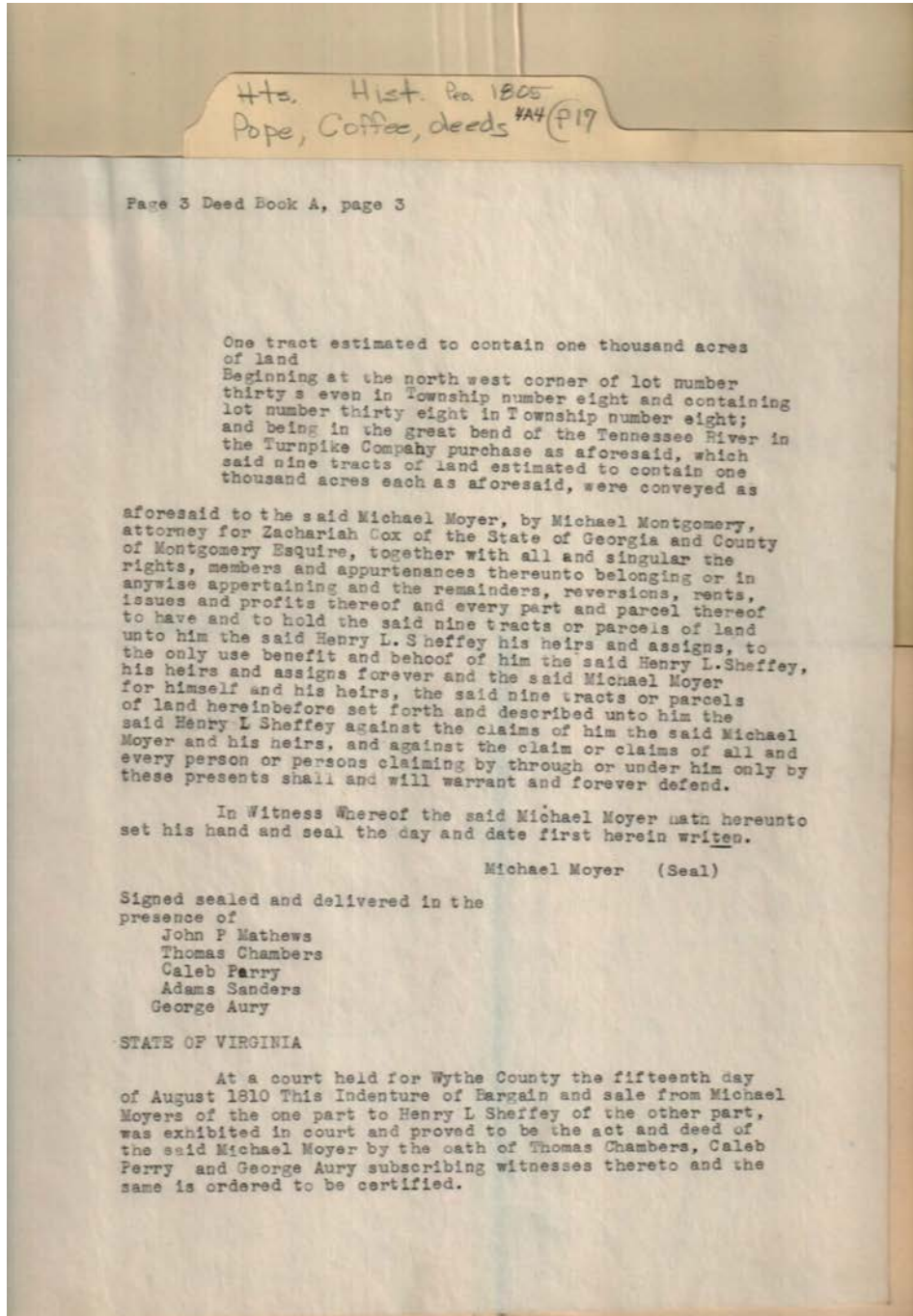
Great Bend of
Tennessee River

Types:

deed

Dates:

July 23, 1810



Book "A" p. 3 Madison Co., Miss. Terr.

Names:

Aury, George	Matthews, John P.	Moyer, Michael	Sheffey, Henry L.
Chambers, Thomas	Montgomery,	Perry, Caleb	Turnpike Company
Cox, Zachariah	Michael	Sanders, Adams	

Places:

Great Bend of Tennessee River	Mississippi Territory Montgomery Co., GA	Twickenham, Miss. Terr.	Wyeth Co., Virginia
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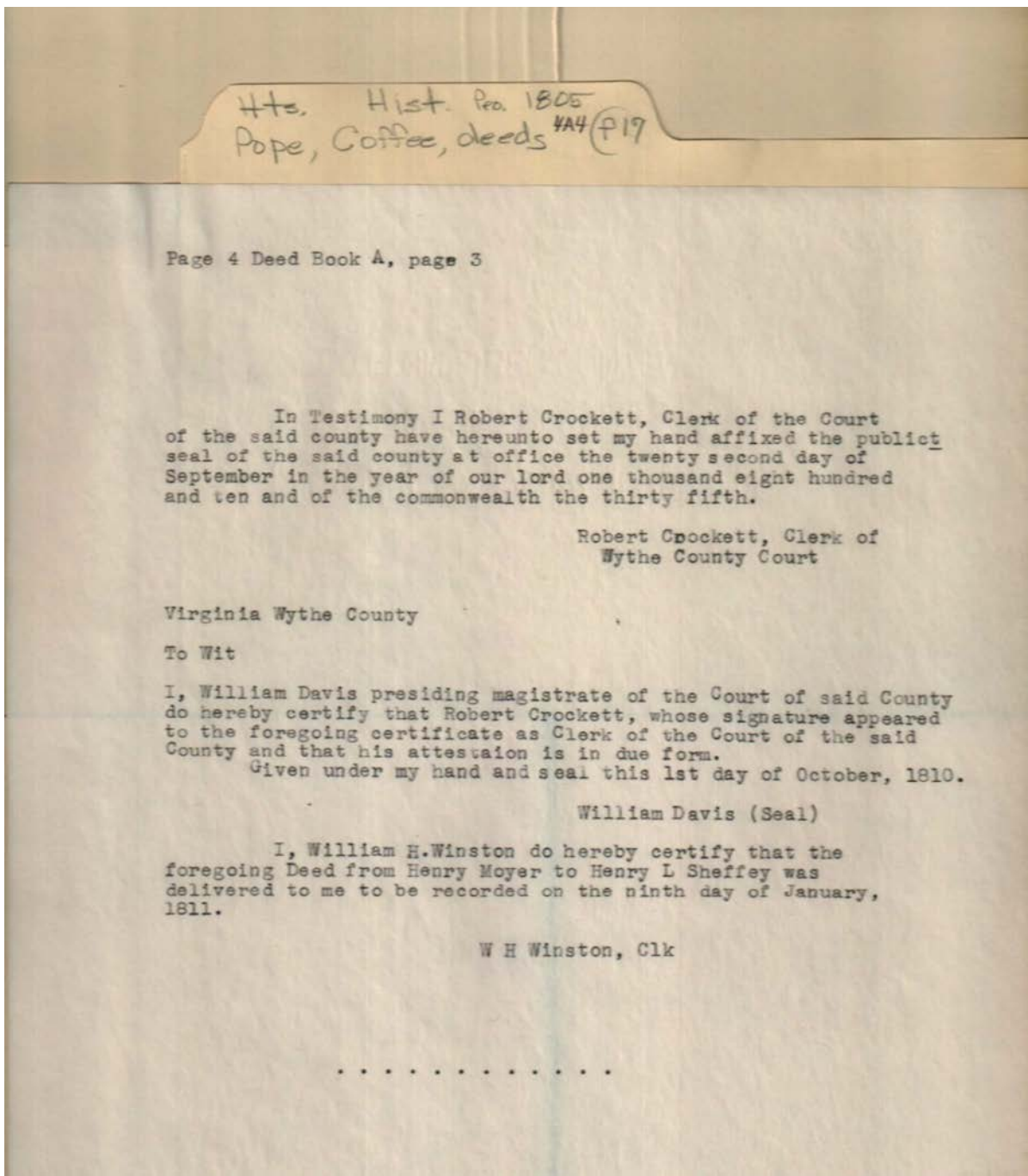
court record	deed
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Dates:

Aug 16, 1810	July 23, 1810
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Names:

Crockett, Robert Davis, William Winston, W. H., Clerk

Places:

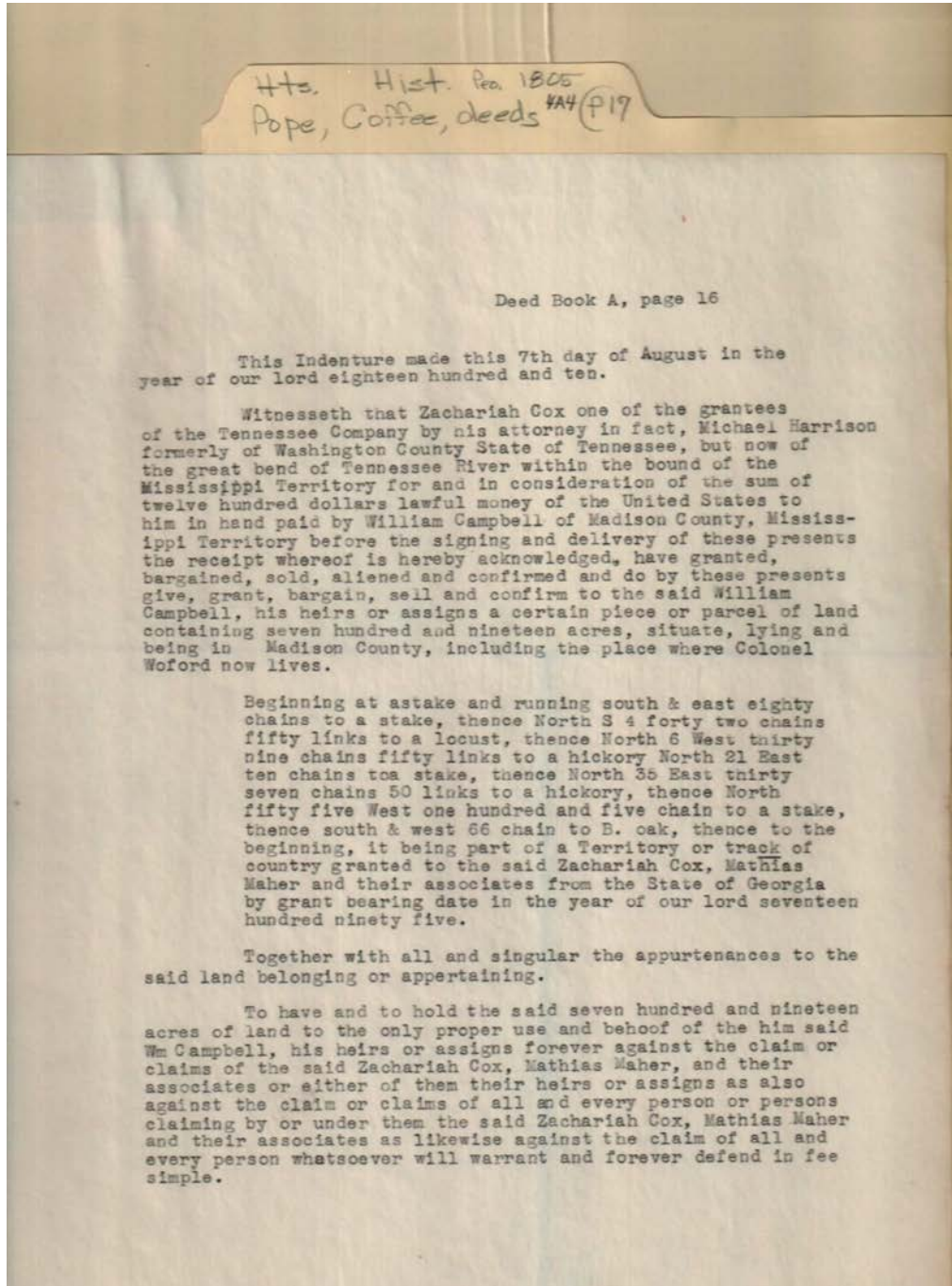
Madison Co., Miss. Wyeth Co., Virginia
Terr.

Types:

court record

Dates:

Jan 9, 1911 Oct 1, 1810



Book "A" p. 16 Madison Co., Miss. Terr.

Names:

Campbell, William
Cox, Zachariah

Harrison, Michael
Maher, Mathias

Woford, Col.

Places:

Madison Co., Miss.
Terr.

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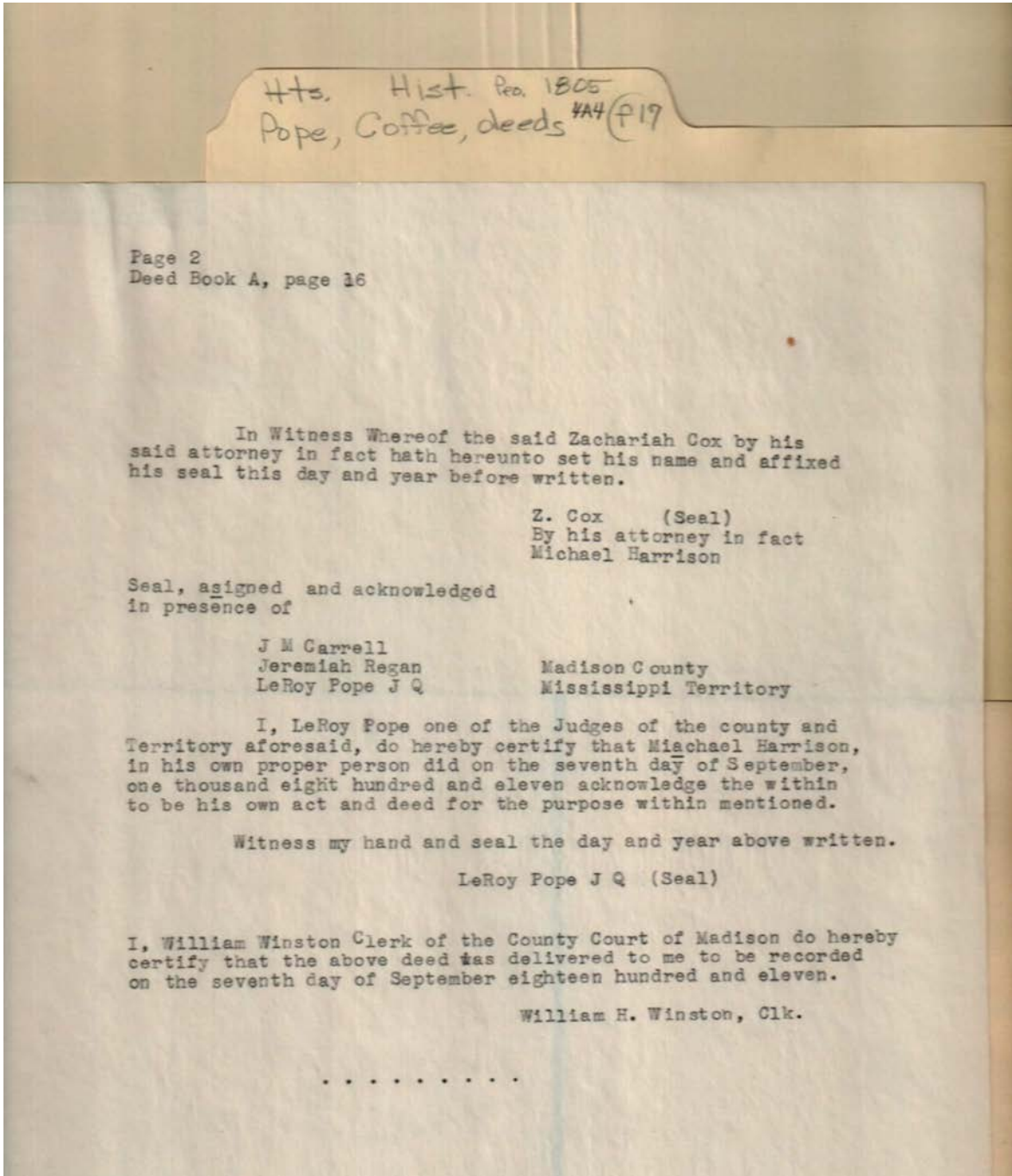
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Dates:

Aug 7, 1810

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Book "A" p. 16 Madison Co., Miss. Terr.

Names:

Carrell, J. M.	Harrison, Michael	Regan, Jeremiah
Cox, Zachariah	Pope, LeRoy, J Q	Winston, W. H., Clerk

Places:

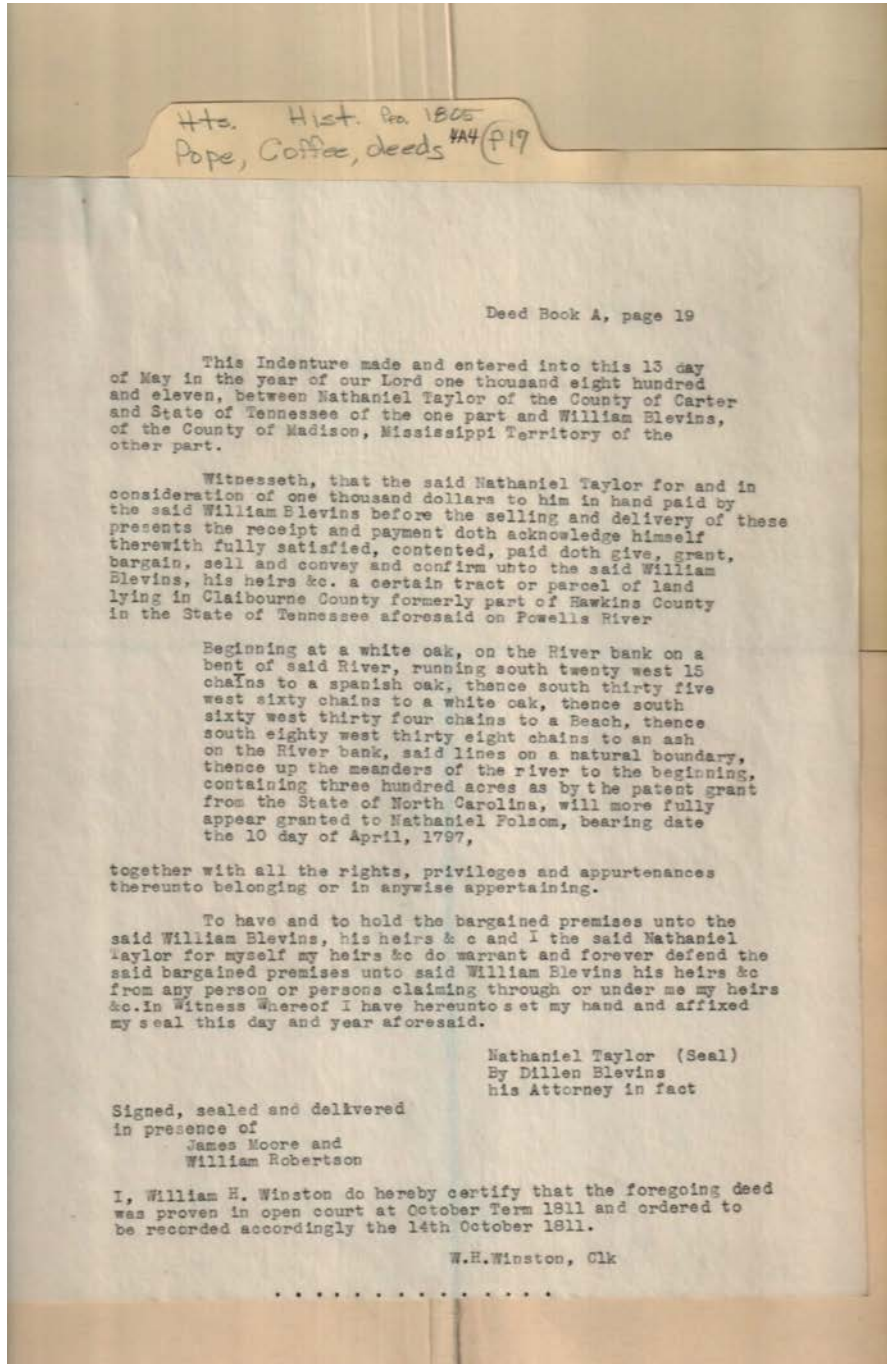
Madison Co., Miss.
Terr.

Types:

deed

Dates:

Aug 7, 1810



Book "A" p. 19 Madison Co., Miss. Terr.

Names:

Blevins, Dillen	Moore, James	Taylor, Nathaniel	Winston, William H.,
Blevins, William	Robertson, William		Clerk

Places:

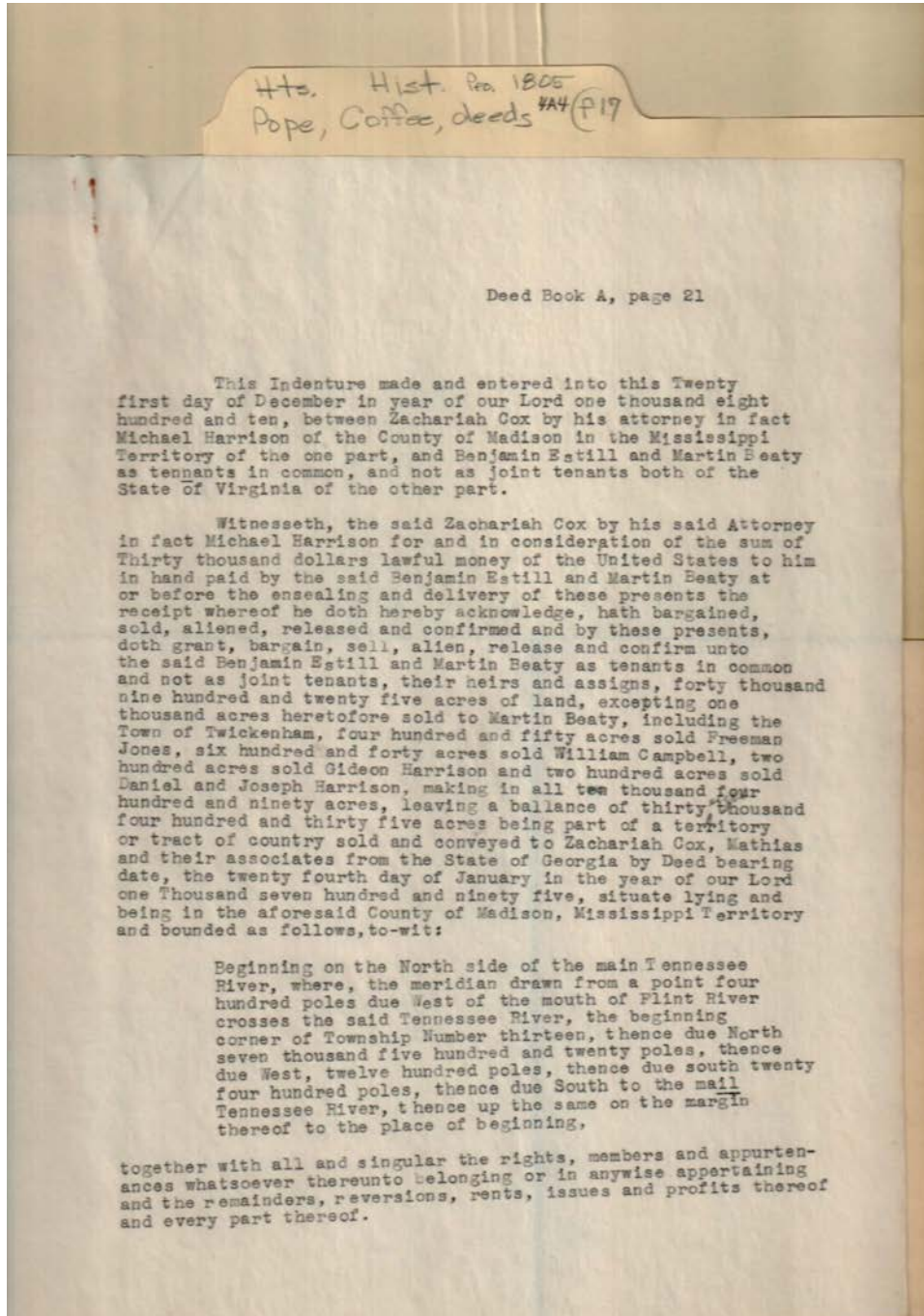
Claibourne Co., TN

Types:

deed

Dates:

May 13, 1811



Book "A" p. 21 Madison Co., Miss. Terr.

Names:

Beaty, Martin	Estill, Benjamin	Harrison, Joseph	Maher, Mathias
Campbell, William	Harrison, Daniel	Harrison, Michael	
Cox, Zachariah	Harrison, Gideon	Jones, Freeman	

Places:

Twickenham, Miss.
Terr.

Types:

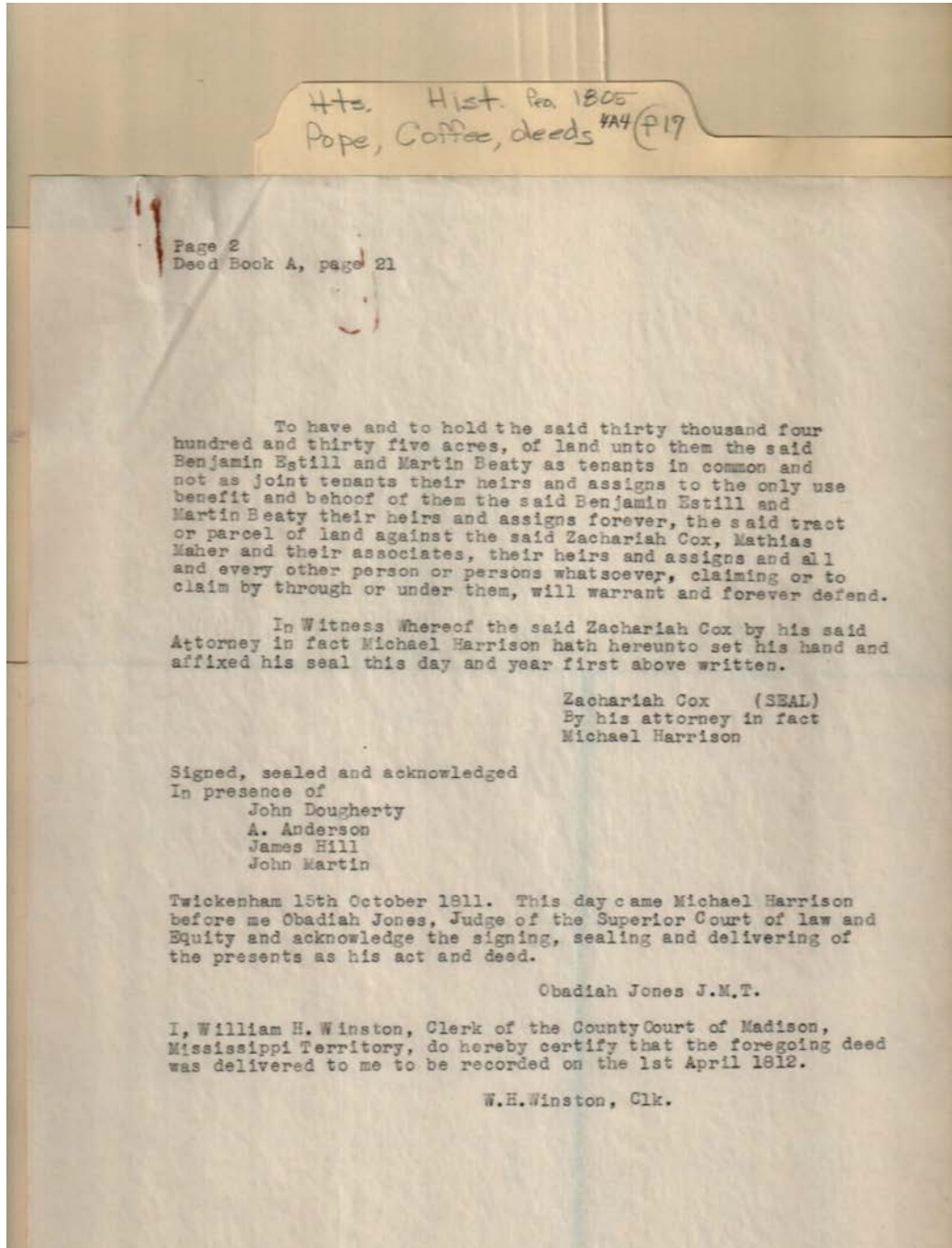
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Dates:

Dec 21, 1810

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Book "A" p. 21 Madison Co., Miss. Terr.

Names:

Anderson, A.
Beaty, Martin
Cox, Zachariah
Dougherty, John

Estill, Benjamin
Harrison, Michael
Hill, James

Jones, Obediah,
J.M.T.
Maher, Mathias
Martin, John

Winston, William H.,
Clerk

Places:

Madison Co., Miss.
Terr.

Twickenham, Miss.
Terr.

Types:

deed

Dates:

April 1, 1812

Dec 21, 1810

Oct 15, 1811

Hts. Hist. No. 1805
Pope, Coffee, deeds #44 (p19)

The documents copied below give an authentic account of the transaction which resulted in Twickenham, now Huntsville, becoming the county seat of Madison County, and the first sale of town lots in Huntsville:

*Sugar Forest 11th Jul. 1810

Messrs. Jackson and Anderson.

I returned yesterday from Huntsville Major Walker and myself after several days hard negotiations with the Commissioners, did on the 5th July inst., enter into terms for fixing the seat of Justice and laying out a town at Huntsville. You may readily expect from the delay that we had such difficulty in establishing that as the permanent site, we had Col. Ward against us in and throughout the whole proceedings, with all his eloquence and oratory as well in the Cabinet with closed doors, as in a Stump Speech to the populace. The Terms are these, - the town was first laid out say to the amount of sixty acres, with the public square in the center, we then run a line through the center and gave to the Commissioners their choice half, or side of the town to the amount of 30 acres at \$23.50 per acre, the proprietors bound to convey all their right under government with a quit claim deed only - giving the town free use of the water for all necessary and ordinary purposes, but reserving to the proprietors the sole right of the soil in and around the spring and its branch, so that they may at any time erect any machinery they may think proper, etc.

On the 5th in the evening we opened the sales, - and the Commissioners finding lots sell well immediately opened theirs, which impeded the sale of ours, they sold 24 lots and we sold 4 in the whole 28 lots sold for upward of \$8000 dollars, the Commissioners have yet to sell 10 lots and the proprietors 34 - We concluded it would be better to postpone the sale for a further notice when I think you will have no reason to complain of your speculation. I have with me a plan of Twickenham the seat of Justice for Madison County, M. T. and a copy of the articles of agreement between the proprietors and Commissioners, etc. which I will have the pleasure to lay before you in a few days - lots sold for \$750, -715 - 617 - 500 - 616 - 515 - 385 - 367 - and from that down to \$100 on the outside - the proprietors have yet four lots on the public square that are equally valuable with those sold.

I am Gentlemen yours with esteem

John Coffee

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Names:

Anderson,
Coffee, John
Jackson,

Twickenham,
Madison Co., Miss.
Terr.

Walker, Major
Ward, Col.

Places:

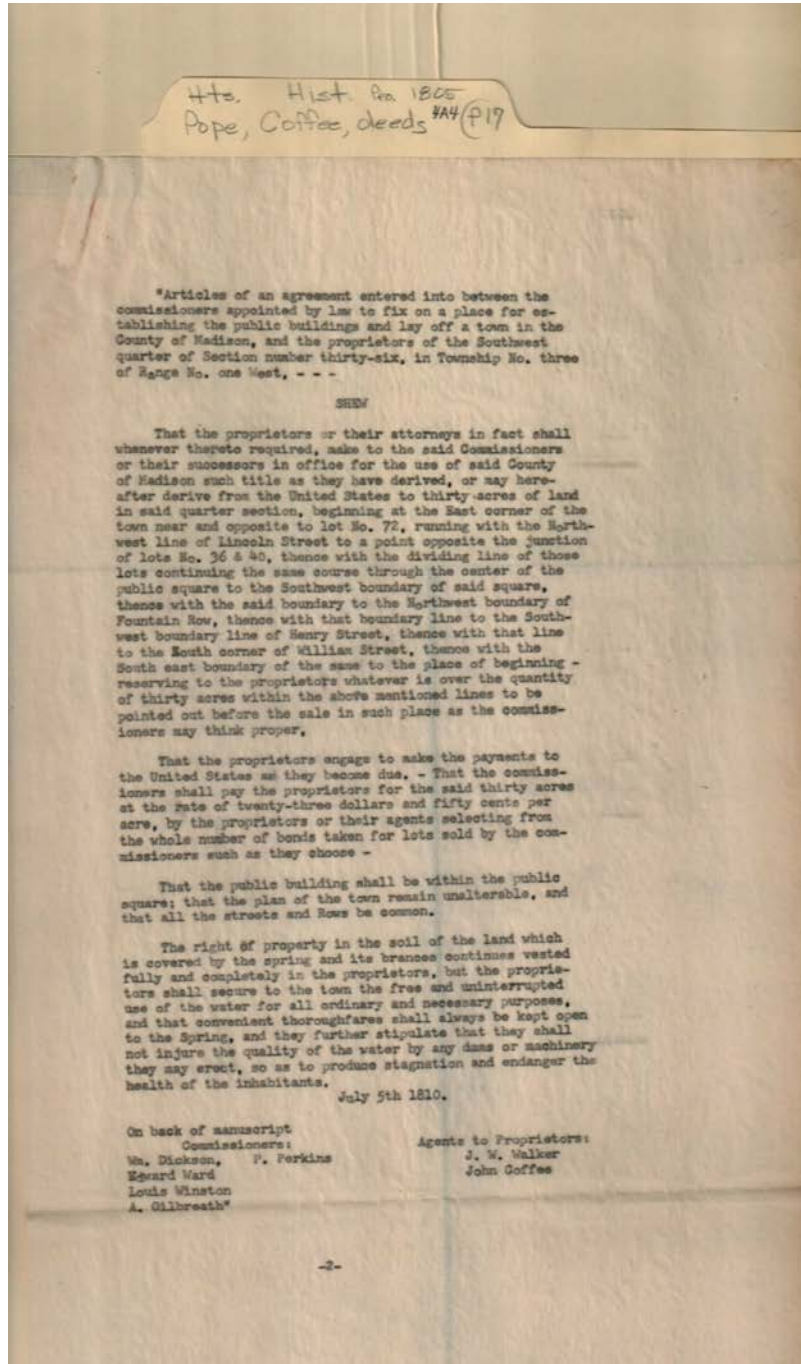
Sugar Forest

Types:

correspondence

Dates:

July 11, 1810



Names:

Coffee, John, agent to proprietor
Commissioners vs Proprietors
Dickson, William, commissioner

Gilbreath, A., commissioner
Madison County, Miss. Terr.
Perkins, P., commissioner

Walker, J. W., agent to proprietor
Ward, Edward, commissioner
Winston, Louis, commissioner

Types:

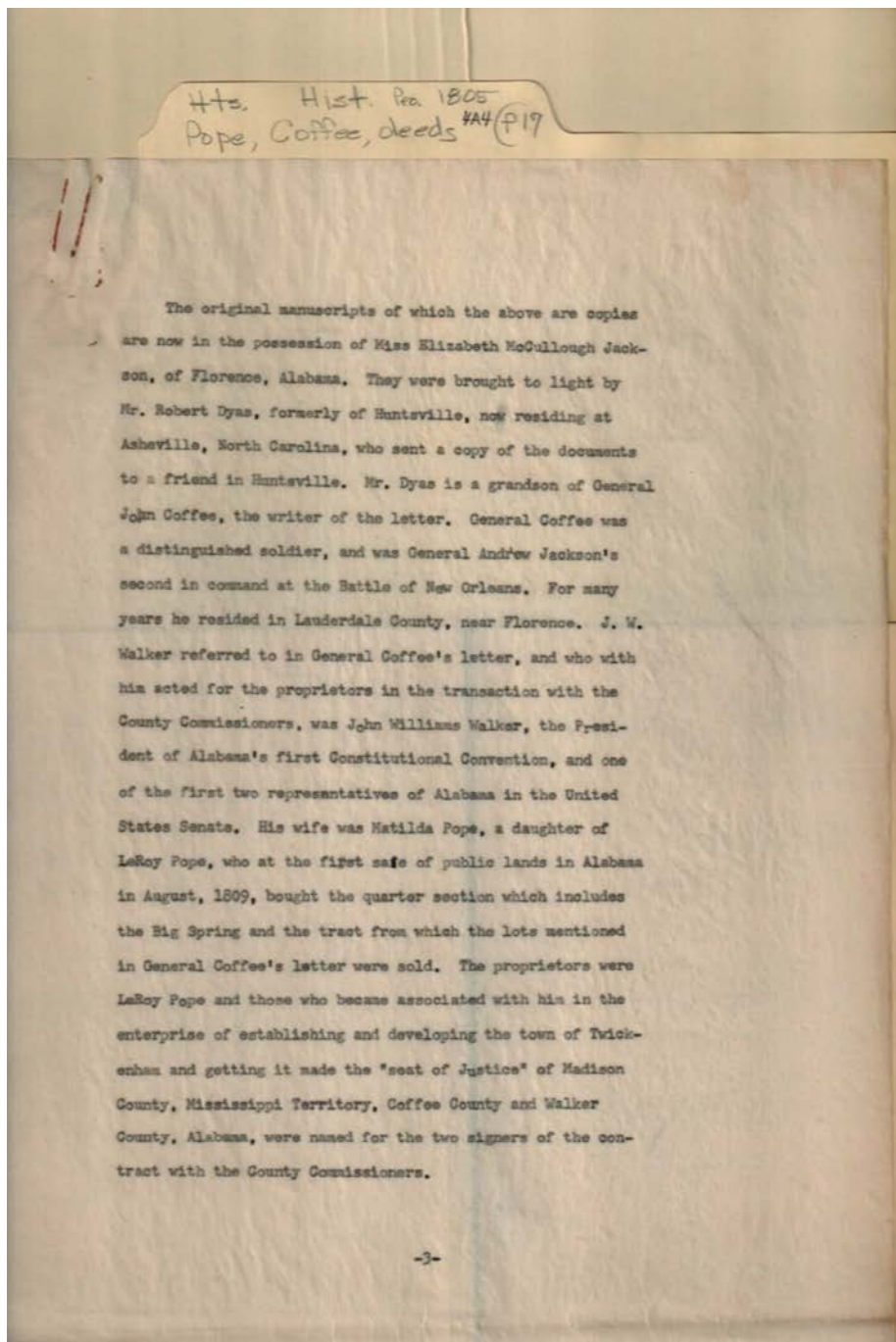
agreement

Dates:

July 5, 1810

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Names:

Big Spring
Coffee, John, General
Dyas, Robert

Jackson, Andrew,
General
Jackson, Elizabeth
McCullough

Pope, LeRoy
Pope, Matilda
Walker, J. W.

Walker, John
Williams

Places:

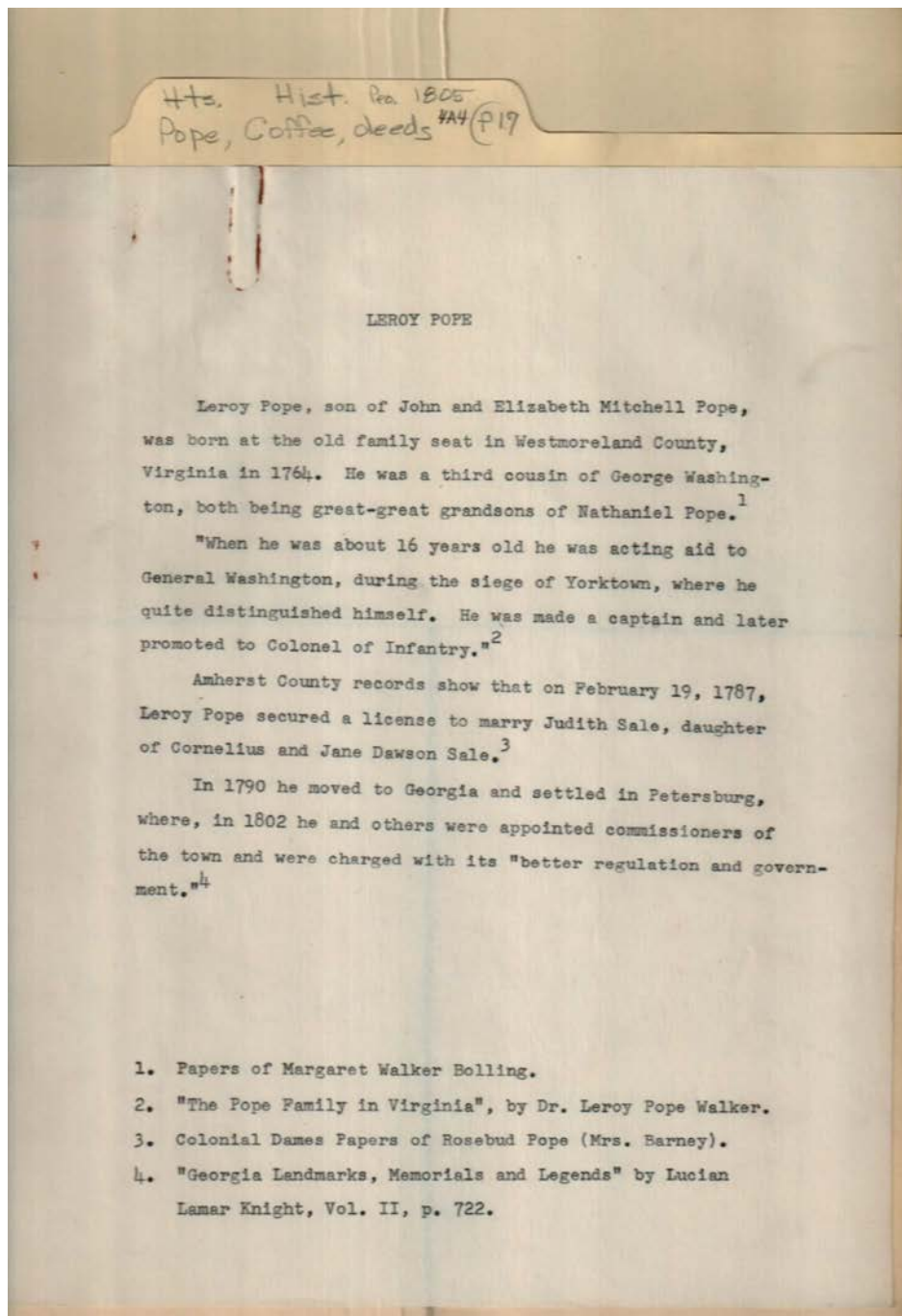
Florence, AL

Huntsville, AL

Madison Co., AL

Types:

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Names:

Bolling, Margaret
Bolling
Knight, Lucian
Lamar

Pope, Elizabeth
Mitchell
Pope, John
Pope, LeRoy

Pope, Rosebud
Sale Cornelius
Sale, Jane Dawson
Sale, Judith

Walker, Leroy Pope,
Dr.
Washington, George

Places:

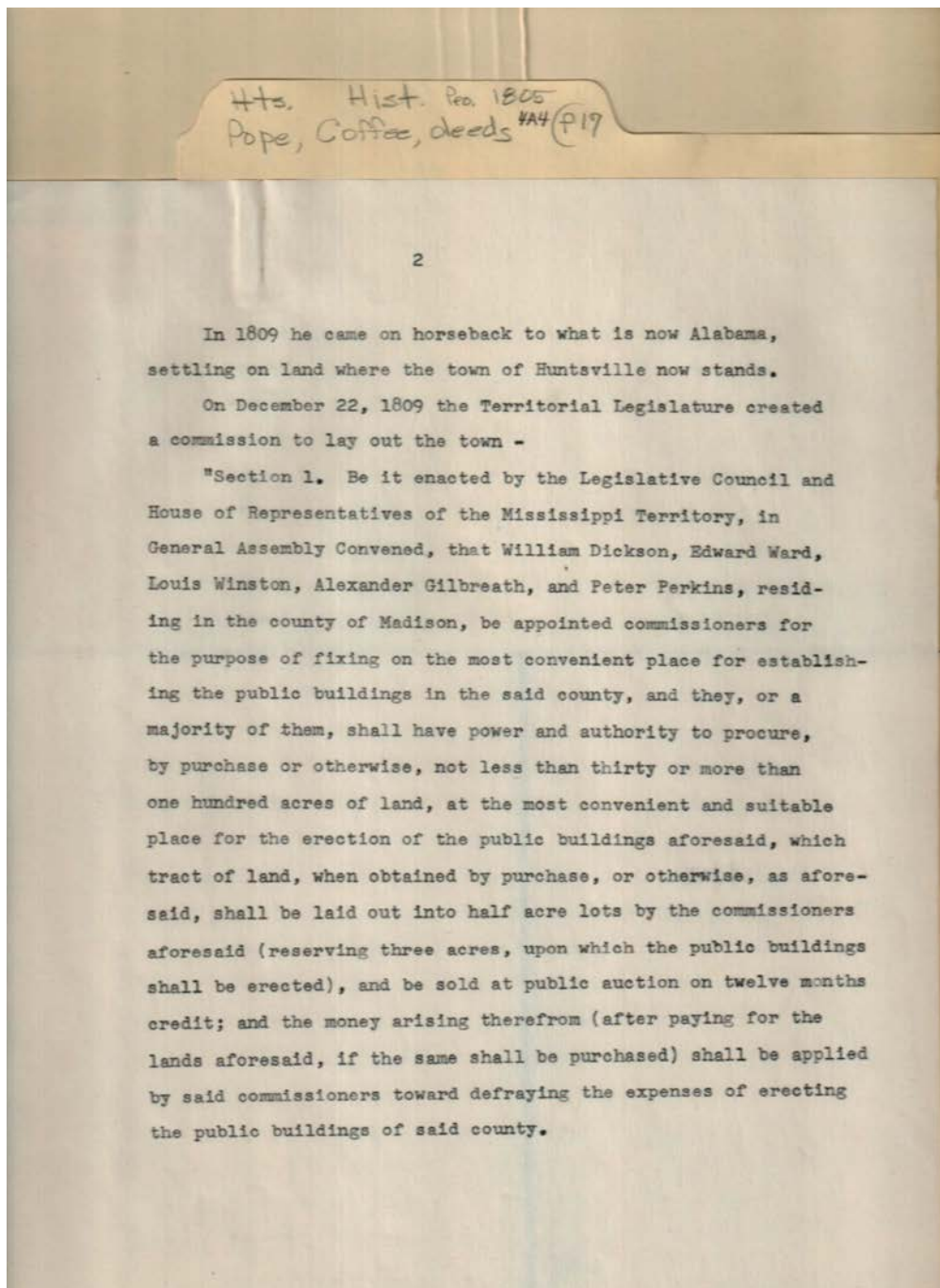
Westmoreland Co.,
VA

Types:

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Dates:

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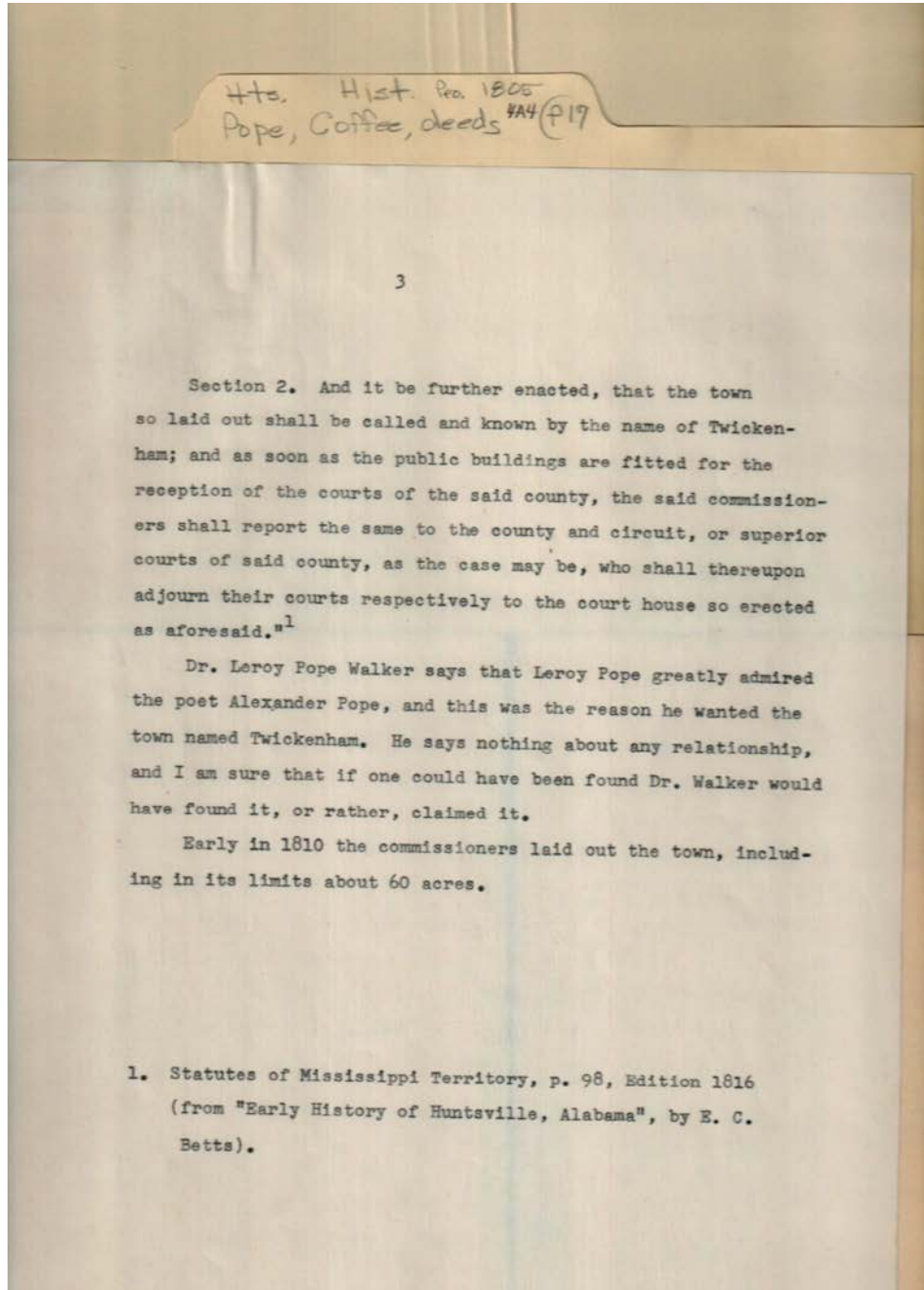
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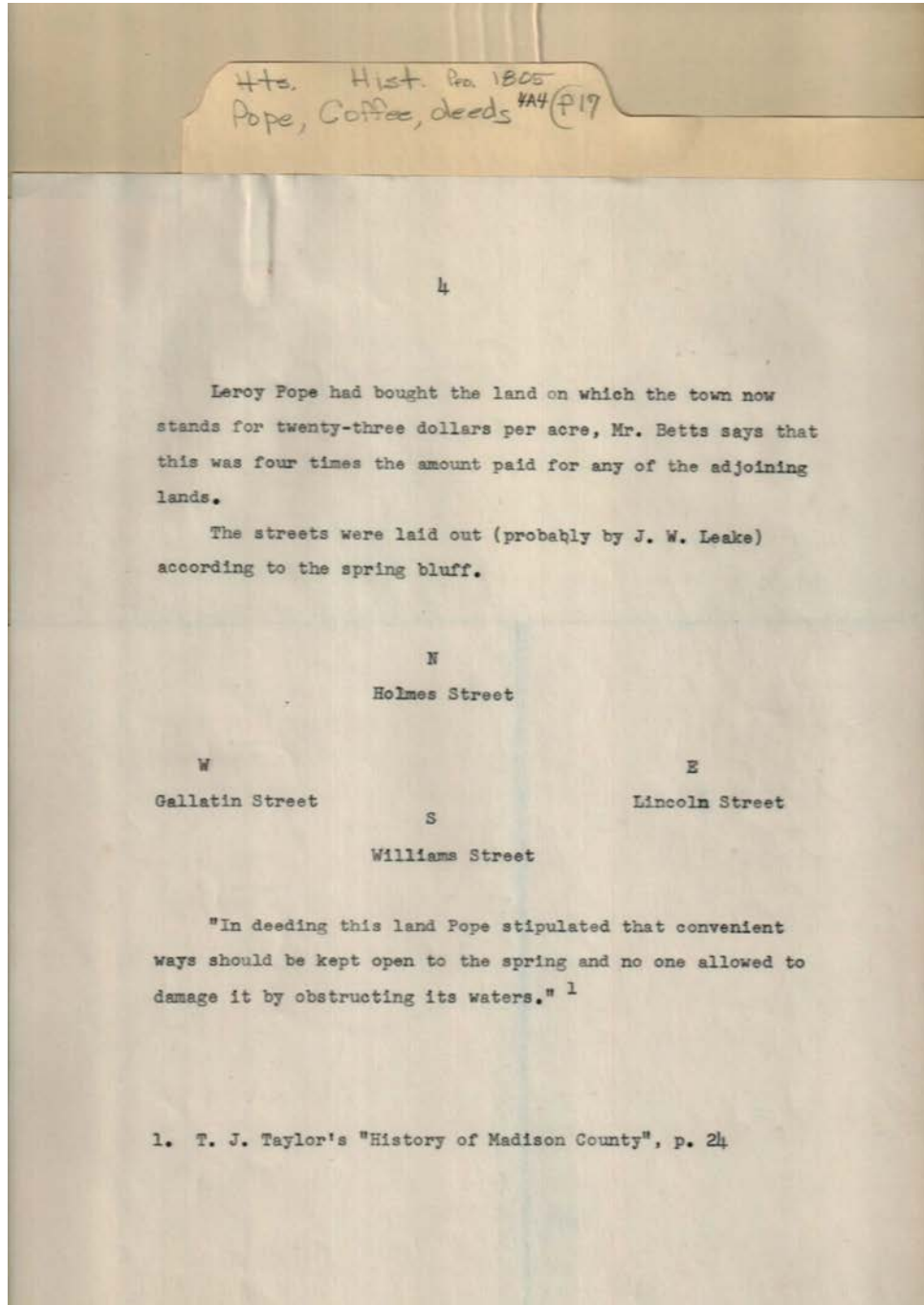
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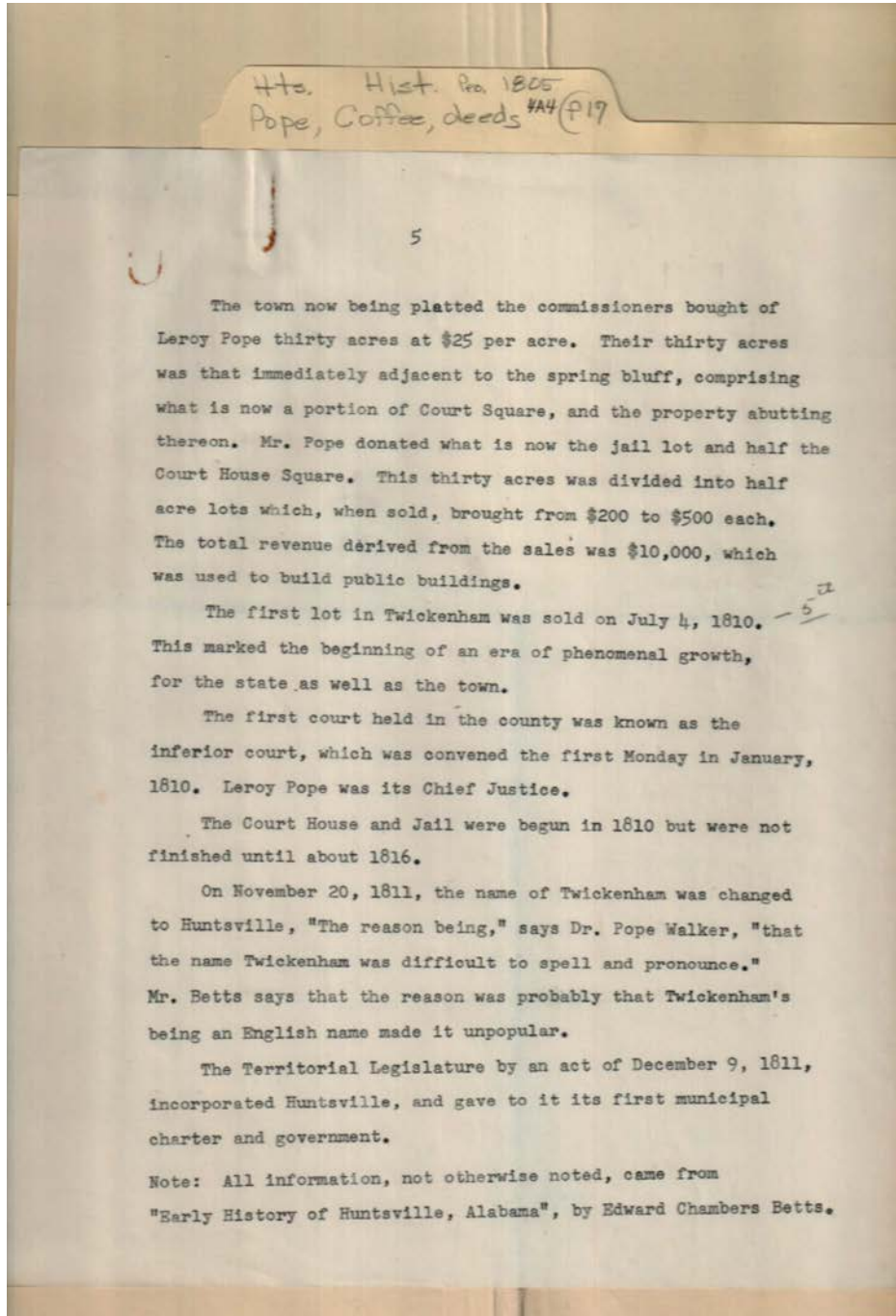
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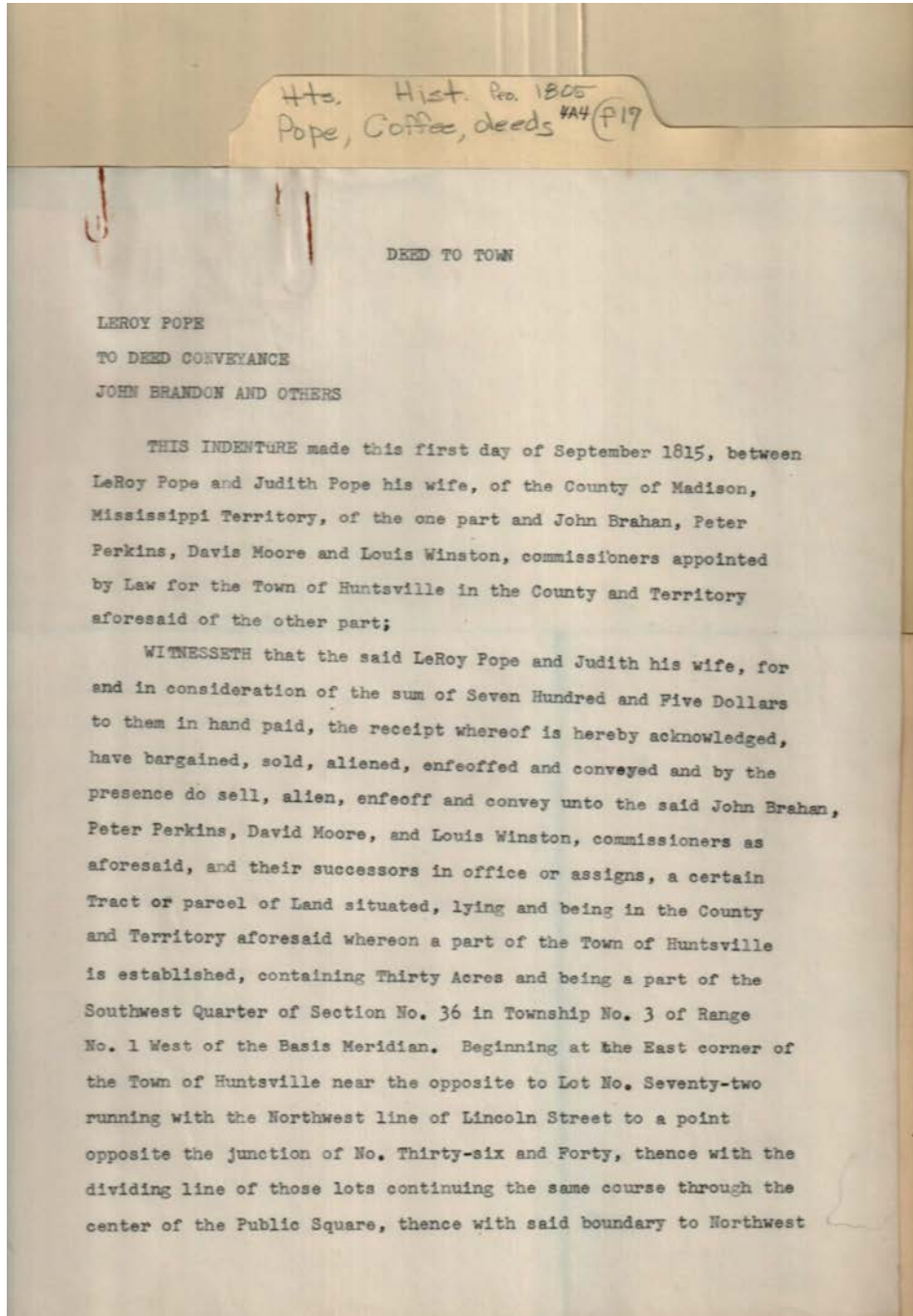
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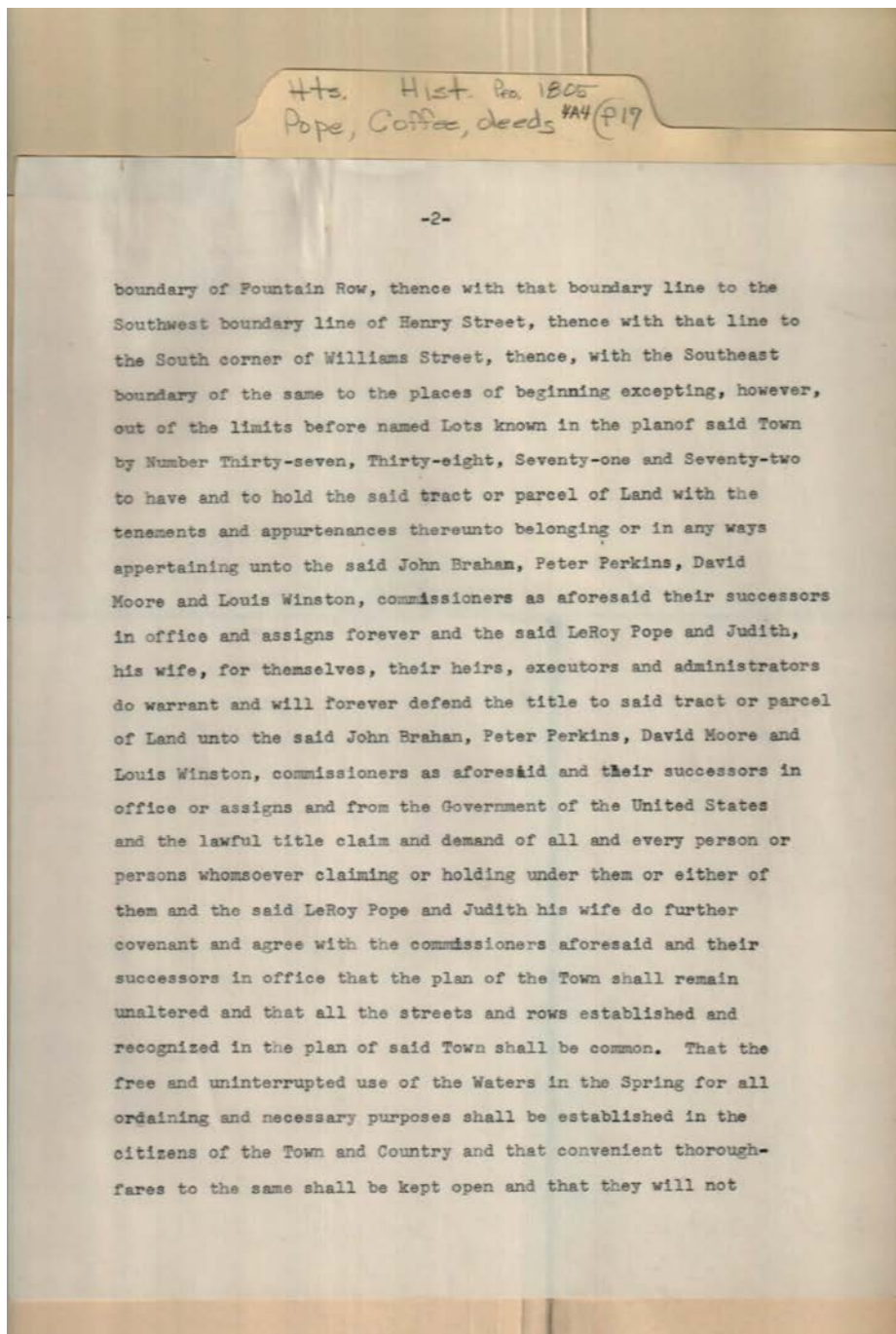
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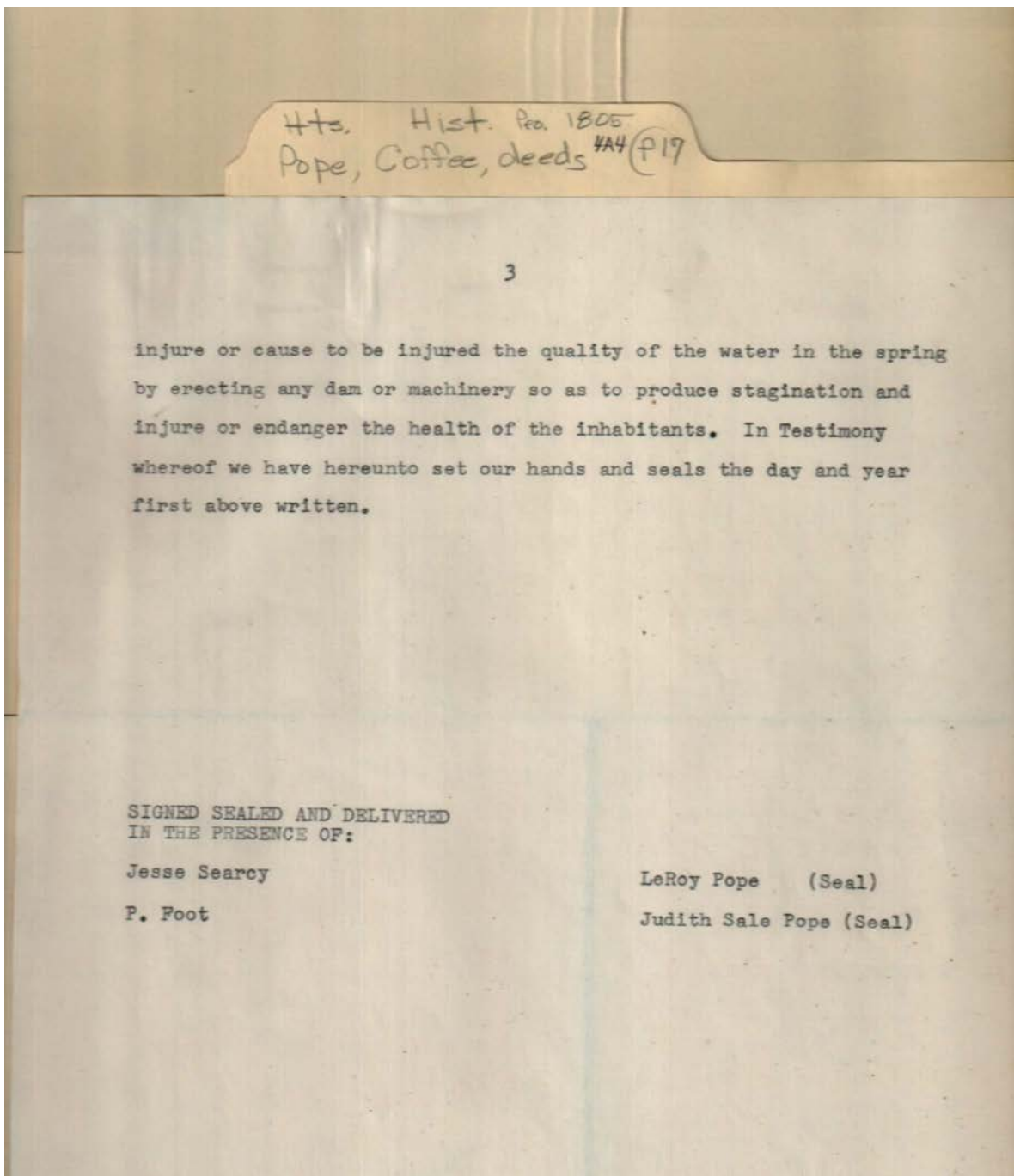
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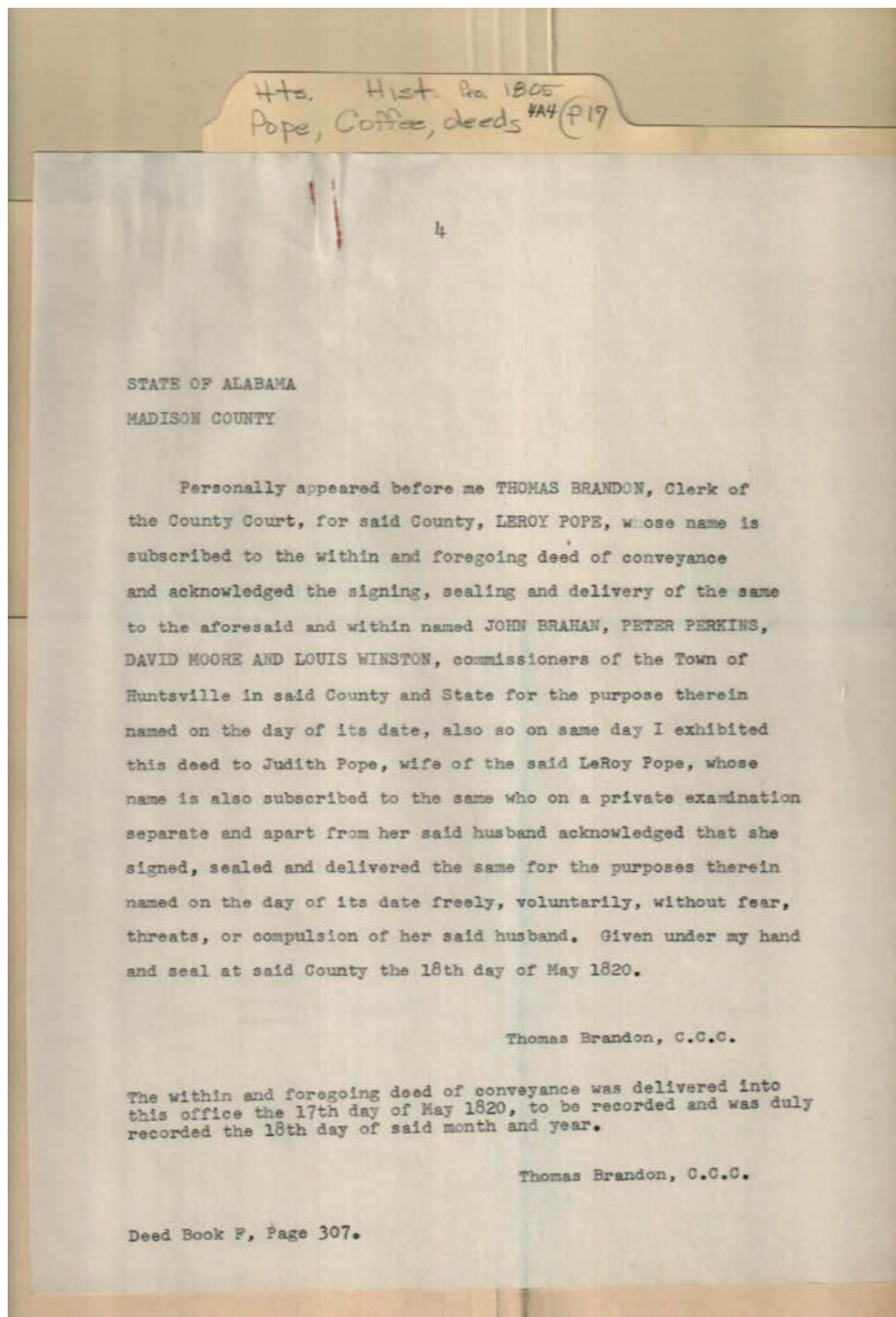
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