This indenture made and entered into this the 16th day of August A.D. 1845 by and between Henry T. Fleming of the County of Shelby and State of Alabama of the first part and W. J. Jones of the City of Memphis Tennessee & W. F. Hickman Nathaniel Hawkins and W. C. England of the County of Jefferson & State of Alabama of the second part for and in consideration of the covenants hereinafter mentioned & reserved hath leased and demised and doth by these presents lease & demise unto the parties of the second part their heirs & assigns all of the mining & mineral interest of whatever character whether in stone Coal Iron ore Copper or Alum or Petroleum or other indicated in a certain tract or parcel of land lying or being situated in the said County of Shelby and State of Alabama known and designated as follows the North quarter of the South and the South quarter of the North quarter Section 10 and the North East quarter Section 11 Eleven Township 22 South Range 12 Twelve East for the term of twenty 20 years commencing the date hereof with full and ample rights & privilege of ingress & egress to & from the same and also of erecting all buildings machinery apparatus & appurtenances necessary for carrying on the same business of mining & boring for Petroleum In Consideration of which the said parties of the second part for themselves their heirs & assigns hereby covenant and agree to pay to the said parties of the first part their heirs & assigns the one tenth part of all the net proceeds of the mineral or mineral character as also of the Petroleum. The parties of the second part further bind themselves their heirs & assigns to commence work on the said land as promised in five years from the date hereof or else the above obligation to be void and of no effect

In testimony whereof the parties of the first part hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day and year first above written

H. J. Fleming (Seal)

Witness to signature
his mark

The within indenture was filed & Stamped 50 Cents Revenue stamp which appears to have been cancelled the 16th August 1845 and was filed in my office for record the 11th day of November 1845 and recorded the same day

A. Bulloch Judge of Probate