Aldrich T H & Co
Certificate
Exempting from Taxation

The State of Alabama }
County of Shelby } Before me French Nabors a Notary Public and Ex officio Justice of the Peace in & for said County and State personally appeared Freeman H. Aldrich who being by me duly sworn deposes and says that he is a member of a firm doing business under the name and style of T H Aldrich & Co a firm Composed of Freeman H. Aldrich and William T. Aldrich Jr. and that the said firm of T H. Aldrich & Co. are engaged in Carrying on the business of mining and selling Stone Coal and that the name under which the operations of the same are to be Conducted is that of T H Aldrich & Co and that they are owners of the hereinafter described building used for the purpose of Carrying on their aforesaid business Viz One Stone house and one dwelling house one Blacksmith shop One feed house and one Stable all of which were built and Completed in the year 1873 and 1874 and valued at the sum of One thousand dollars

and that the machinery materials and operatives used and employed in and to carry on said business consists of Steam Cars, blacksmith tools and mining tools and Steam and five head of mules and horses and Seventy operatives and that the mines which they operate are situated in the County of Shelby State of Alabama at the terminus of a branch Rail Road known as Coal branch Road leading to and intersecting the Selma Rome and Dalton Rail Road about one and one half miles below the depot at Montevallo and that the estimable annual capacity of yield of said mines is about Fifteen thousand tons of Coal and that the actual Cost of the Construction of the buildings works and machinery used in the operation of said mines is about Thirty five hundred dollars and that the Capital Stock invested in the Conduct of said mining business is about Ten thousand dollars and that this affiant for the aforesaid firm of T. H. Aldrich & Co. Claims that the aforementioned property and coal mining business investments and products of and by virtue of an act of General Assembly of Alabama approved April 23° 1873 and entitled an act for the encouragement of mining manufacturing industrial mechanical and commercial pursuits within the State of Alabama exempt from all taxation whether State County or municipal for the period of ten years and that all of the foregoing Statements are true to the best of affiants knowledge information and belief

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 20th day of January 1875

T. H. Aldrich for
T. H. Aldrich & Co.

French Nabors Notary Public and
Ex officio Justice of the Peace

I Rufus K. Boyd do hereby Certify that the foregoing Statement duly verified by the oath of T. H. Aldrich a member of the firm of T. H. Aldrich & Co was this the 29th day of January Eighteen hundred and Seventy five filed in this Office — Given under my hand and the Great seal of the State at Montgomery this the twenty ninth day of January Eighteen hundred & Seventy five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Ninety Ninth year

(Seal)

(State Stamps $2.)

Rufus K. Boyd
Secretary of State.

Filed & Recorded February 5th 1875

J. T. Leeper Judge of Probate