

Walter L. J. ✓
Wife to ✓
Allen & Syms ✓

United States of America
State of Louisiana }
Parish of St James } Know all men by these
presents that we Matron Martha H. Hale (born 1825)
the wife of lawful age of Samuel J. Hale and by

My said husband herein duly assisted and authorized and Lemuel J. Hale both residing in the Parish of Saint James in this State of Louisiana do hereby declare and acknowledge that we are justly and truly indebted unto the Commercial firm of Allen & Sycne domiciled and doing business in the city of New Orleans Louisiana in the full & true sum of Fifty five hundred dollars lawful Money of the United States of America unto us by said firm loaned & advanced and for the reimbursement whereof we have made & subscribed three several promissory notes I said Mrs. Martha H. Hale authorized by my said husband dated the fourteenth January 1879 to our own order & by us likewise Executed two thereof each for a like sum of Fifteen hundred dollars payable respectively on the fifteenth day of September and first day of October 1879 and the third thereof for Twenty two hundred & fifty dollars payable on the first day of November 1879 at the office of said Allen & Sycne in New Orleans La. with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from and after maturity until final payment; paraphrased No. 20123 by James T. Key a notary public in New Orleans on the 15th January 1879 for identity with an act of Law & Privilege duly acknowledged by them before him on the same day & securing the payment thereof on the crops of Rice to be made by us on our Plantations situated in the said Parish of St. James Louisiana - Now in order to additionally secure in Capital and eventual interest the full and final payment of said three several promissory notes we said Mrs. Martha H. Hale and Lemuel J. Hale do by these Presents Specially mortgage affect and Hypothecate unto and in favor of said Commercial firm of Allen & Sycne to same to ensure to the benefit of any and all future holder or holders of said notes the following described Tracts & Portions of land with the appurtenances thereof all situated in the State of Alabama in the County hereinafter specified to wit: - In Shelby County; The S 1/2 of Section one & E 1/2 of N. E. quarter of Section two West 1/2 of S. E. quarter of same Section the S E 1/4 of S E 1/4 of same Section the E 1/2 of S W 1/4 1/4 same Section Section eleven E 1/2 of the N E 1/4 of E 1/2 of S E 1/4 E 1/2 of S W 1/4 S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 N 1/2 of S W 1/4 S 1/2 of the N W 1/4 of the S E 1/4 S W 1/4 of the S E 1/4 except six acres in the South Boundary In Section twelve N 1/2 of fraction of Section 6 Township 24

Range 13 East - The W^{1/2} of S^W 1/4 N^E 1/4 of S^W 1/4
 & W^{1/2} of N^W 1/4 of the N^W 1/4 of Section 7 Same Township
 and Range aggregating Eleven hundred and fourteen (1114)
 acres In Township 22 Range 3 N. S^E 1/4 of Section
 19 S^{1/2} of N^E 1/4 S^W 1/4 of Section 20 S^W 1/4 of N^W
 1/4 of Section 20 aggregating Three hundred & Twenty three acres
 - In Township 22 Range four N - all our rights - Title
 interest - Claim ownership & demand of it - and to the Coal
 & Mining Privilege in the following property to wit - Section
 3 the S^W 1/4 the N^E 1/4 of the S^E 1/4 of Section 3 - N^{1/2} of
 N^W 1/4 of Section Eleven - aggregating two hundred Eighty
 (280) acres -

Section 36 Township 21 Range 5 West -
 one one third interest in and to the following Coal lands
 we belonging W^{1/2} of S^W 1/4 N^W 1/4 of S^E 1/4 Section 23 -
 Township 22 Range 3 W^{1/2} of S^W 1/4 of Section 23 -
 In Calhoun County; In Section 14 - E^{1/2} of N^E 1/4
 Except one acre in width on the W Side of N^E of the
 N^E 1/4 & S^W 1/4 of the N^E 1/4 the N^W 1/4 in T 24 R 12 East
 W^{1/2} of N^W 1/4 of Section 21 Township 24 R. four tenths
 E - E^{1/2} of S^W 1/4 of Section 30 Township 23 Range 14 E
 The said premises are to remain hypothecated until the
 full payment of said notes in Capital & eventual interest
 & we do hereby bind ourselves and our heirs not to sell
 or encumber the same to the prejudice of these presents
 In witness Whereof we have hereunto set our
 hands & Seals This twenty first day of February in
 the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred &
 Seventy nine.

L. J. Hale (L.S.)
 M. H. Hale (L.S.)

Signed sealed & delivered in
 in the presence of
 J. Billow
 D. J. Richard
 State of Louisiana

Parish of St. James } Be it Remembered That
 on this the Twenty first day of February Eighteen
 hundred and Seventy nine before me Louis Dugas
 Recorder of Parish of St. James duly commissioned
 and qualified personally came and appeared Lemuel
 Johnston Hale and Mistress Martha Hale born Powell,
 his wife, by her husband herein duly authorized and

assisted; who declared that they signed Sealed and delivered the above instrument - of writing as their free act and deed for the same and purpose therein set forth and respectively acknowledged the same in such and the said Mrs Hall on a private Examination Seperate and apart from her said husband and Chany had the said above recited instrument Carefully read and Explained her declared that she signed the same of her own free will and accord and without fear constraint - or compulsion of her said husband and did not wish to retract it -

The Faith whereof I grant - These presents under my Signature and the impress of My Seal of Office at the Parish of St James on this said 21st day of February A D 1879

Louis Dugas

Recorder & Ex officio Not Pub

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J T Leeper

Judge of Probate