## CONTRACT

Helena, Alabama

Shelby County

This contract entered into this 21st. day of March 1923 by and between Will Knowles and his wife Effie Knowles, hereinafter for convenience called the party of the first part, and the Paramount Coal Company, Inc., hereinafter for convenience called the party of the second part:

WITNESSETH, that for and in the consideration of the sum of Fifty Dollars per a nnum, so long as the party of the second part leases the land hereby conveyed by the party of the first part to the party of the second part, receipt of Fifty Dollars for the first year's rental is hereby acknowledged; the party of the first part does hereby remise, release, quit-claim and convey to the said party of the second part all their right, title, interest and claim in or to the following described real estate to-wit:

A strip of land through the lot known as the Tom Knowles lot in the town of Helena, Alabama, the said lot being in the NE quarter of the NW quarter, Sec. 15, Township 20, Range 3 W. said strip of land to be of sufficient breadth and width as may be required by the party of the second part in opening up and developing a coal mine thereon, and cutting and filling and building bridges or trestles, necessary for the removal of coal from said mine, and loading said coal onto the tipple of the party of the second part, together with the right to go upon and pass over lands adjacent to said strip of land for the purpose of developing the said mine and grading and constructing a tram road upon same.

The term of this conveyance shall be for ten years, expiring 21st. day of March 1933, unless the party of the second part should at it's option terminate same at a prior date.

It is further agreed by the parties hereto that the party of the second part shall not be liable for any damages that might be incurred to the surface of the said Tom Knowles lot caused by removing coal from the reunder, or other work that the party of the second part may do in connection with their operation, on the surface thereof.

Given under our hands and seals this 21st. day of Mar. A.D. 1923.

Executed in the presence of N. L. Ruffin S. K. Letson

THE STATE OF ALABAMA )

SHELBY COUNTY

Paramount Coal Co. By T. S. Abernathy Pres.

Will Knowles
Effie X Knowles
her mark

(Seal)

I, J. E. Ruffin a N.P. & Ex Off. J.P. in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Will Knowles and his wife Effie Knowles whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this 21st. day of Mar. A.D. 1923.

J. E. Ruffin
N.P.& Ex Off. J.P.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA )
SHELBY COUNTY )

I, J. E. Ruffin, a N.P.& Ex Off. J.P. in and for said County in said State, do hereby certify that on the 21st. day of Mar. 1923 came before me the within named Effie Knowles known to me (or made known to me) to be the wife of the within named

Will Knowles who being examined separate and apart from the husband, touching her signature to the within conveyance acknowledged that she signed the same of her own free will and accord, without fear, constraint or threats on the part of the husband,

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this 21st. day of Mar., A.D. 1923.

J. E. Ruffin-N.P. & J.P.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA )
SHELBY COUNTY )

I, L. B. Riddle, Judge of Probate for said County hereby certify that the within contract was filed in this office for ecord May 9th 1923 at 2 oclock P.M. and recorded in Vol. 76 record of deeds pages 198-99 and examined.

L. B. Riddle--Judge of Probate