

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
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SHELBY COUNTY )

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that S. EASON BALCH and ELIZABETH B. BALCH, his wife, for and in consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration to them in hand paid by ALABAMA METALLURGICAL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby transfer and assign to such Alabama Metallurgical Corporation, its successors and assigns, a certain option agreement described below and all rights therein granted to the aforesaid S. Eason Balch, his successors and assigns, subject to the terms thereof:

Option agreement from Little Gem Coal Company,  
an Alabama corporation dated April 12, 1956 recorded  
in the probate office of Shelby County in Deed Record  
Book 179, page 281.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and seals on this 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of October, 1956.

S. Eason Balch (L.S.)  
S. Eason Balch

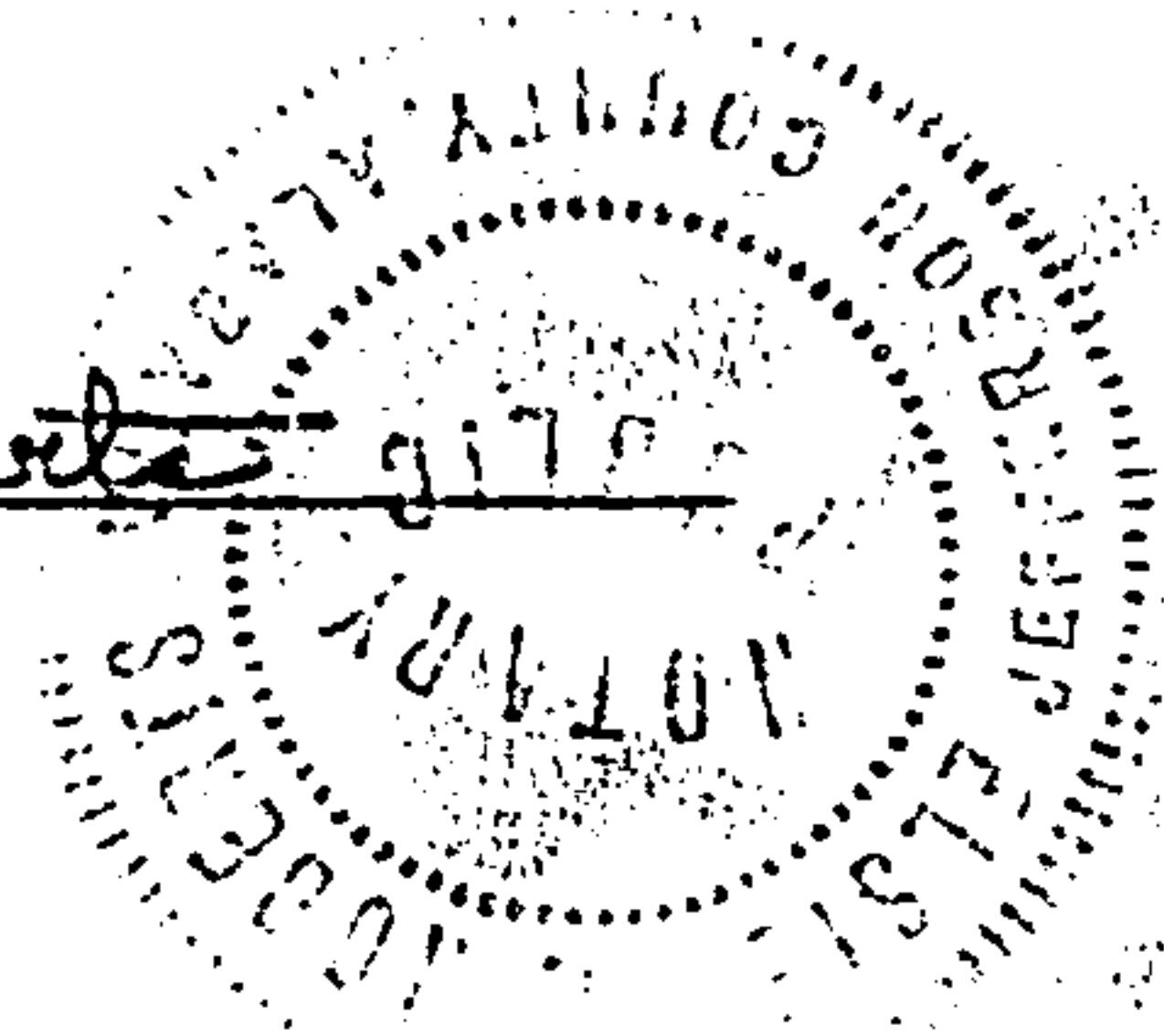
Elizabeth B. Balch (L.S.)  
Elizabeth B. Balch

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
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JEFFERSON COUNTY )

I, Elaine W. Roberts, a Notary Public in  
and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that S. Eason Balch and  
wife, Elizabeth B. Balch, whose names are signed to the foregoing instru-  
ment, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that,  
being informed of the contents of this instrument, they executed the same  
voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1956.

Elaine W. Roberts  
Notary Public



STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY

I, L.C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within assignment  
was filed for record the 22 day of Oct, 1956, at 2 o'clock P.M.  
and recorded in Deed Record 183 Page 33, and the Mortgage Tax of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deed Tax of \_\_\_\_\_ has been paid.

L.C. Walker Judge of Probate