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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

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Mr. Guy McCurry

Micaville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3306 - Mica
Guy McCurry
Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCurry:

Reference is made to your application for exploration assistance.

On October 28, 1954, and again on December 27, 1954, we wrote you requesting that you advise us of your intentions to supplying the performance-surety bond.

On February 14, 1955, we advised you that if the needed data have not been received by March 18, 1955, we would then consider the matter closed.

To date we have not had answers to above-referenced letters and we assume that you no longer desire to proceed with the application. Accordingly we are removing the application from the active file and considering the matter closed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Mr. Kiilsgaard, 5222
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

March 23, 1955

Memorandum

To: Chief, Operations Control and Statistics Division

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Withdrawal of application - Docket No. DMEA-3306 - Mica
Guy McCurry
Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

The subject docket is being returned herewith and may be withdrawn from the pending category and placed in the withdrawn.

We are assuming the applicant no longer desires to process the application since by letter of February 14, 1955, we stated that if requested additional data needed to process the application were not received by March 18, 1955, we would then consider the docket closed. Up to this date we have received no reply to our letter.

Walter C. Anderson
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Micaville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3306 - Mica
Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCurry:

On December 27, 1954, we wrote you in regard to your application for assistance in exploring the Chestnut Branch Mine. To date we have not had an answer to our letter and we assume that you no longer desire to proceed with the application.

We wish to cooperate with you in the matter of allowing ample time but if the needed data have not been received by March 18, 1955, we will then remove the application from the active file and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely yours,

Frank A. Johnson
Acting Administrator

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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
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KNOXVILLE 2, TENN.

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September 14, 1954

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee - D M E A - Washington

From: Field Team, D M E A - Region VII - Knoxville, Tenn.

Subject: DMEA-3306, Guy McCurry (mica) Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, N.C.

Enclosed are six copies of the legal description of the property involved in the subject application, and six copies of a map made for Mr. McCurry by D. M. Sholes of Burnsville, N. C.

Robert A. Laurence

Robert A. Laurence
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DMEA REGION VII

Wm. A. Beck for V. J. Lynch
U. S. Bureau of Mines

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF CHESTNUT BRANCH MINE PROPERTY, Yancey County, N. C.

SEP 16 1954

BEGINNING on a stake in the center of Chestnut Branch in the line of Malone Randolp and Cornelia Anglin, C. W. Robertson and Garrett Robertson, said stake being 552-00 W, 182 ft. from the mouth of Chestnut Branch, where it flows into Toe River, said junction of the streams being the common corner of Malone Randolp, Cornelia Anglin, C. W. Robertson and Garrett Robertson; and running thence from the said beginning stake up and with the center of Chestnut Branch as it meanders and with the line of Malone Randolp: S 86-30 W, 83 ft. to a stake; S 54-30 W, 71 to a stake; S 71-20W, 63 to a stake; S. 64 - 30 W, 160 ft to a stake; S 49-30 W, 187 ft. to a stake; S 54-00W, 103 Ft. to a stake in Chestnut Branch; thence S. 30-00E, 300 ft. leaving Chestnut Branch and running through the property of, and with the line of Anglin & Robertsons to a stake on the side of a hill; thence N. 60-30 E, 650 ft/ through the property of , and with the line of Anglin & Robertsons to a stake on the side of the hill; thence N-30-00W, 300 ft. through the property of and with Anglin & Roberstons line to the point of BEGINNING; and containing 4.9 acres.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEC 27 1954

Mr. Guy McCurry

Micaville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3306 - Mica
Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCurry:

Reference is made to our letter of October 28, 1954, requesting that you furnish a performance-surety bond in the amount of $4,053.00 in connection with your application for exploration assistance at the subject property.

Please note from our letter that it is necessary that you furnish this bond inasmuch as you were unable to get the land owner to sign an Owner's Consent to Lien. For your information and guidance, we are enclosing one form each of a contract and a performance bond. It will be appreciated if you will advise as soon as possible regarding your intentions. If you can give us assurance that a performance bond will be furnished, we will be glad to resume processing your application immediately, or if not, we will then remove this application from the active file and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

WCAnderson:ad 12/27/54
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Field Team, Region VII
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Mr. Kiilsgaard, 5222
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

OCT 28 1954

Mr. Guy McCurry

Micaville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMMA-3306 - Mica
Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCurry:

We have received your financial statement in connection with your application for exploration assistance at the subject property and an adequate legal description of the property.

Since you were unable to get the land owner to sign an Owner's Consent to Lien it will be necessary that you furnish a performance-surety bond in the amount of $4,053.00. This bond will guarantee the Government payment of its royalty on any production during the life of the contract and for ten years from the date of the contract if a certification of discovery is made.

In the interest of expediting your application it would be appreciated if you will promptly comply with our request.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Mr. Newcomb, 5227
Mr. Houk
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

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..... Approval	..... Record of .....
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..... Conference	..... Reply for signature of .....
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..... Instructions	..... Suggestions
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REMARKS: OK

Check (X) before the items needing attention.

Initials of sender.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
ROOM POST OFFICE BLDG.
KNOXVILLE 2, TENN.

August 30, 1954

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: Executive Officer, DMEA - Region VII

Subject: DMEA- 3306, Chestnut Branch Mine (mica) Guy McCurry, Micaville, N. C.

Mr. McCurry has been unable to get the land owner to sign an Owner's Consent to Lien, and therefore proposes to guarantee royalty payments. He has asked that the attached financial statement be sent to you for consideration. We have no additional information concenning Mr. McCurry's credit status.

Mr. McCurry has arranged with a surveyor to run the boundaries of the property and will submit an adequate description as soon as it is available.

Robert A. Laurence

Robert A. Laurence

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DEALER Guy McCurry ADDRESS Micaville, North Carolina

COVERING PERIOD FROM August 14, 1954 TO

LINE NO.	ASSETS	AMOUNT	LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	LINE NO.
1	CURRENT ASSETS		CURRENT LIABILITIES		1
2	CASH ON HAND	200 00	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		2
3	IN BANK				3
4					4
5	CONTRACTS IN TRANSIT - H. F. CO.		NONE		5
6	TOTAL CASH AND CONTRACTS (LINES 2 TO 5 INC.)	200 00			6
7					7
8	RECEIVABLES		NOTES PAYABLE		8
9	CUSTOMERS' NOTES		H.F.CO. { COMPANY CARS / NEW CARS		9
10			NEW CARS OTHERS		10
11	CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS		H. F. CO. USED CARS		11
12			USED CARS OTHERS		12
13			BANKS		13
14			OTHERS		14
15	TOTAL RECEIVABLES (LINES 9 TO 14 INC.)	200 00	NONE		15
16	INVENTORIES				16
17	NEW CARS (AT COST) ( )	800 00			17
18			ACCRUED LIABILITIES		18
19	USED CARS AND REPOSSESSED CARS ( )		PAY ROLL		19
20			COMMISSIONS AND SALARIES		20
21	PARTS AND ACCESSORIES		INSURANCE		21
22	GAS, OIL, GREASE		TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME		22
23			INCOME TAXES PREVIOUS YEAR		23
24					24
25			NONE		25
26	TOTAL INVENTORIES (LINES 16 TO 25 INC.)	800 00			26
27	OTHER ASSETS (DESCRIBE)		TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES (LINES 2 - 26 INC.)		27
28					28
29			MORTGAGES PAYABLE		29
30					30
31	DISCOUNT RECEIVABLE				31
32	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		NONE		32
33	FIXED ASSETS				33
34	LAND AUTO BUSINESS ONLY & Home	10000 00			34
35	BUILDING AUTO BUSINESS ONLY		TOTAL LIABILITIES (LINES 27 TO 34 INC.)		35
36	EQUIPMENT Air Comp	500 00	RESERVES		36
37	Hoist	750 00	BAD DEBTS		37
38	Pump	250 00	USED AND REPOSSESSED CAR EXPENSES		38
39	Drill, Hose &		INCOME TAXES NONE		39
40	Pipe Steel	450 00	DEPRECIATION OF BUILDING		40
41	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS (LINES 33 TO 40 INC.)	11 000 00	DEPRECIATION OF EQUIPMENT		41
42	DEFERRED ASSETS				42
43	DEPOSITS ON CONTRACTS		TOTAL RESERVES (LINES 36 TO 42 INC.)		43
44	DISCOUNT RECEIVABLE				44
45	H. F. CO. REPOSSESSION RESERVE		NONE		45
46	OFFICERS' NOTES AND ACCOUNTS		CAPITAL STOCK OUTSTANDING		46
47	ADVANCES TO EMPLOYEES		SURPLUS		47
48	DEFERRED CERTIFICATES		INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		48
49			DRAWING ACCOUNT		49
50			PROFIT OR LOSS		50
51	TOTAL DEFERRED ASSETS (LINES 42 TO 50 INC.)				51
52			TOTAL NET WORTH (LINES 46 TO 51 INC.)	12 950 00	52
53					53
54	TOTAL ASSETS (LINES 32, 41 AND 51)	12 950 00	TOT. LIAB. RES. & NET-WORTH (LINES 35, 43 AND 52)		54

A. BANK LINES

	Address	Secured	Unsecured
Bank		$	$
Bank		$	$

Owing To	Address	Direct	Indirect
Name of Company		$	$

B. Are there any chattel mortgages or liens against assets listed in this Financial Statement? If so, describe

Have you endorsed for or guaranteed the obligations of any other person or concern? If so, amount and description

C. DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF REAL ESTATE LISTED IN FINANCIAL STATEMENT	TITLE HELD IN NAME OF	COST PLUS IMPROVEMENTS	PRESENT MARKET VALUE	MORTGAGES		
				Amount	Maturity	Amortization
	NONE					

D. NAMES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OR PARTNERS	ADDRESS	OFFICIAL TITLE	INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS	IN WHAT OTHER BUSINESS ENGAGED?

E. Indicate whether business is a sole proprietorship, partnership, or Corporation

If a Corporation, state when and in what State incorporated (Date)

(State) Authorized Capital $ Subscribed Capital $

Capital paid in cash $ Capital paid otherwise $ How paid

F. Names of Manufacturers or Distributors of other products from whom dealer buys or has bought:

NAME	ADDRESS	PRODUCTS	AT PRESENT	FORMERLY
		NONE		

G. INSURANCE CARRIED ON Real Estate $ and on Inventories $

OUTSIDE NET WORTH FOR CREDIT PURPOSES

ASSETS	AMOUNT	LIABILITIES	AMOUNT
CASH		ACCOUNTS—PAYABLE	
BANK DEPOSITS		TAXES —PAYABLE	
		NOTES —PAYABLE	
SECURITIES		NONE	
		MORTGAGES PAYABLE	
INSURANCE (CASH VALUES)			
REAL ESTATE—HOME			
—BUSINESS		TOTAL LIABILITIES	
—OTHER		OUTSIDE NET WORTH	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

The accompanying Financial Statement is herewith (and any subsequent similar statement will from time to time be) submitted by the undersigned dealer to H. F. CO. for its information in connection with the dealer's responsibility for any cars stored with him (it, them) under the H. F. CO. Wholesale Plan, and in connection with any contingent liability which may be assumed by the dealer for the purpose of the sale to and purchase by H. F. CO., under the terms, provisions and scope of the H. F. CO. Retail Plan, of any and all conditional sale contracts, chattel mortgages or other retail paper theretofore owned by the dealer and so sold by him (it, them). It is understood by the dealer that the officers and representatives of H. F. CO. are not authorized to enter into or consummate any transaction other than the purchase and acquisition of retail and wholesale paper under the respective H. F. CO. Plans.

Dealer understands that terms of the Trust Receipt and/or chattel mortgages are to be strictly adhered to and that any obligation incurred under the Wholesale Plan are to be paid when due, unless an extension had been granted BEFORE maturity, and that payments to release cars from trust must be made in accordance with H. F. CO. Wholesale Plan. Dealer agrees that if remittance on any obligation or tender to H. F. CO. is made in any medium except cash, payment upon said obligation will only be effected to the extent of cash finally collected and received. H. F. CO. may, at will, have cars inspected which are stored under the Wholesale Plan.

The Financial Statement hereinabove set forth is warrented to be a true statement of the financial condition of the dealer's business taken from books of record as of

(Date) , based on Inventory of (Date)

Signed this 8-14-54 (Date) of 8-14-54 19

(Trade Name) By Guy McCamy (Signature) (Title)

IMPORTANT: Financial Statement must be signed by the proprietor of the business or in the case of a partnership or Corporation by a partner or by a duly authorized officer

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

Mr. Guy McCurry

Micaville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3306 - Mica
Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCurry:

On June 16, 1954, we wrote you with regard to your application in exploring the Chestnut Branch Mine. To date we have not had an answer to our letter, and we assume that you no longer desire to proceed with the application.

We wish to cooperate with you in the matter of allowing ample time, but if the needed data have not been received by September 30, 1954, we will then remove the application from the active file and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

JUL 20 1954

Mr. Guy McCurry

Micaville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3306 - Mica
Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCurry:

Reference is made to your application for exploration assistance at the subject mine.

On June 16, 1954, we wrote you a letter stating that before we can continue the processing of your application we must have a better description of the property than is contained in the lease and the Owner's Consent to Lien, signed by the owners. The Field Team has sent you the forms for signatures. To date we have not received this information.

In the interest of expediting the Defense Minerals Exploration Program, it will be appreciated if you will provide us promptly with the requested information.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittenderf

Administrator

WCAnderson:ag 7/16/54
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Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Mr. Larrabee, 5216
Mr. Houk

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 15, 1954

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Acting Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-3306 (mica)

Applicant: Guy McCurry

Name and Location of Property: Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Date of Field Team Report: May 27, 1954

Date Rec'd. by Ceramic & Fertilizer Mtls. Br.: June 3, 1954

Field Team Recommendation:

1. Approval of a 2-stage exploration contract in the amount of $5,515.

Comments:

1. The size of the excavation and the record of past production, extending from 1880 to the present, indicates the existence of a mica-bearing pegmatite of considerable size.

2. There is no evidence to indicate that the pegmatite has been worked out.

3. The mica contained in the pegmatite is ruby of excellent quality, although the books are relatively small.

Recommendation:

On the basis that the mica is of strategic quality and that the pegmatite may extend beyond the present stope boundaries, I concur in the field team's recommendation for an exploration project in the amount of $5,515 in two stages.

Donald R. Irving

Donald R. Irving

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Washington

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

JUN 16 1954

Mr. Guy McCurry

Micaville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3306 - Mica
Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCurry:

Reference is made to your application for exploration assistance at the subject mine.

Before we can continue with the processing of your application we must have the following:

1. A better description of the property. The metes and bounds description of the property as written in the lease does not describe a closed traverse. Please forward a legal description that gives the bounding bearings and distances, and the total acreage. A property map, if available, showing relationship of mine to boundary lines would be helpful.

2. We do not have the Owner's Consent to Lien. We understand the Field Office has sent you forms for signatures.

Your application will receive prompt attention upon receipt of above data.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED
Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Mr. Larrabee, G-232 GSA Bldg.
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Administration
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June 2, 1954

Memorandum

REVIEW OF FIELD TEAM REPORT ON APPLICATION DMEA-3306 (mica)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: D. M. Larrabee, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant: Guy McCurry, Micaville, N. C.
Name of property: Chestnut Branch Mine.
Location of property: Yancey County, N. C.
Date of Field Team Report: May 25, 1954.
Authorship of Field Team Report: K. H. Teague, D. H. Amos, and L. E. Shirley.
Field Team's recommendation:

Stage 1. Dewater and rehabilitate old works

Stage 2. Buildings, and 50' incline. 75' drifts.

Total: $5,515

Comments: Applicant to furnish corners and bounds for lease purposes. Considerable strategic mica is present.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:
Follow Field Team's recommendation.

D. M. Larrabee

D. M. Larrabee

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
ROOM 25, POST OFFICE BLDG.
KNOXVILLE 2, TENN.

May 27, 1954

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: Field Team, DMEA - Region VII

Subject : Field Examination Report, DMEA-3306 (mica)
Chestnut Branch Mine, Yancey County, N. C. Guy McCurry, Appli.

Enclosed are 4 copies of the subject examination report, and six extra copies of the map. The Field Team agrees with the recommendations in this report, and we suggest approval of a 2-stage contract, on a unit-cost basis, to include the following:

Stage I.	Dewatering and rehabilitation of old works, including installation of temporary ladders	$ $ 315.00	315.00
Stage II.	Tool House	150.00	75.00
	Powder Magazine	50.00	25.00
	Exploder Magazine	25.00	13.00
	Incline, 50 ft. @ $47/ft.	2,350.00	2350.00
	Drift and/or crosscut, 75 ft. @ $35/ft.	2,625.00	2625.00
	Total....	$ 5,515.00	5403.00
			+75
			4,053.00

Please refer to your letter of May 3, requesting the bounding lines of the leased area. We have no copy of the lease and therefore, can only show the approximate location of the lease boundary, as shown on the sketch map. However, it is our opinion that such information, if needed, should be provided by the applicant, for two reasons: (1) if corners and bounds are to be shown on a map which becomes a part of the contract, their authenticity should be the responsibility of the applicant, not the Field Team, and (2) our Field Examiners do not have time to make such surveys in connection with their normal examination work.

The lease boundary, as shown, provides adequate area for the project and for reasonable projection beyond the proposed exploratory workings.

Robert A. Laurence

Robert A. Laurence
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DMEA REGION VII

Wm. A. Beck

Wm. A. Beck, for V. J. Lynch
U. S. Bureau of Mines

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM, REGION VII

ON

DMEA-3306, CHESTNUT BRANCH MINE
Mica- Yancey County, N. C.

By

Kefton H. Teague and Dewey H. Amos, Geologists
U. S. Geological Survey

Lawrence E. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

May 25, 1954

FIELD EXAMINATION REPORT
ON
DMEA-3306, CHESTNUT BRANCH MINE (mica)

Applicant: Guy McCurry, Micaville, North Carolina

A pegmatite containing considerable strategic mica is present in this mine. The Field Examiners are of the opinion that the deposit merits exploratory work and recommend that assistance be granted - the project to be staged.

The Chestnut Branch Mine is located on Chestnut Branch 4.1 airline miles N. 16° E., of Micaville, Yancey County, North Carolina.

The property was examined on May 21, 1954. Messrs. Guy McCurry and Tom Edge accompanied the examiners on the inspection which required two hours.

Access is via about one-half mile of jeep road. The applicant appears competent to conduct the proposed work. Area covered by the lease is adequate.

No surface facilities are present on the property. The only existing workings is an open stope which trends N. 55° E. It is about 250 feet long, 3 to 8 feet wide, and an estimated 30 to 50 feet deep. The stope at the time of the examination was partially filled with water. An undeterminable amount of muck is probably in the bottom of the stope but appears to be minor in amount.

An unpublished U. S. G. S. report describes the pegmatite as follows:

" A pegmatite body, which is a few inches to 6 feet thick, is a sill in interlayered hornblende gneiss and mica gneiss. The country rock foliation strikes N. 45° E., and dips 55° SE. Tourmaline is present in a 4-foot zone of gneiss along the footwall contact. Plagioclase, the dominant pegmatite mineral, is accompanied by quartz, microcline, muscovite, garnet, and apatite. The mica is ruby of excellent quality, but is relatively small, with most of the books less than 4 inches in diameter. About 5 percent of the sheet material is lightly stained."

The mine was worked intermittently from 1880 to 1939 yielding a total value of mica in excess of $60,000 according to the above quoted report. Minor work done recently on the northeast end of the stope has resulted in sales of about $1,100 worth of mica under the present Government purchasing program.

Experienced manpower, equipment and supplies are avialable locally. No electricity is available near the mine.

The applicant's proposal with slight modifications, to which he is agreeable, is sound and is the most economical method of exploration. The Field Examiners recommend that the work be staged. Stage I, to consist of dewatering, removal of muck from critical places in the bottom of the stope, and installation of temporary ladders. This, the Field Examiners believe is necessary to see the character of the pegmatite in the bottom of the stope and to locate the most advantageous place to conduct possible future exploratory work. If the pegmatite, in the bottom of the stope, looks favorable, then Stage II should consist of sinking a 50-foot incline on pegmatite and driving of 75 feet of drift from the bottom of the incline.

An unit-cost estimate of the proposed work is as follows:

Stage I.	Dewatering, removal of muck, and installation of temporary ladders.		
	Dewatering: (30 hours)		
	Pump rental @ $20/Mo.	$ 3.00	
	Compressor rental @ $1/hr.	30.00	
	1 - Laborer @ $1/hr.	30.00	
	Gas & Oil	10.00	
	Removal muck: (30 hours)		
	Hoist rental @ $50/Mo.	7.00	
	1 - Hoist Operator @ $1.25/hr.	37.50	
	2- Laborers @ $1/hr.	60.00	
	Gas & Oil	15.00	
	Miscellaneous	100.00	
	Install temporary ladders (4 hours)		
	Lumber	5.00	
	2 - Laborers @ $1/hr.	8.00	
	Tools & Nails	10.00	
	Total Stage I.....		$315.50
Stage II.			
	Tool House (16 hours)		
	Lumber, 1M @ $70/M	70.00	
	Labor		
	1 - carpenter @ $1.75/hr.	28.00	
	1 - helper @ $1/hr.	16.00	
	Nails, roofing, hardware, etc.	36.00	150.00
	Powder magazine		50.00
	Exploder magazine		25.00
	Sink 50 ft. 5' x 7' incline w/ladders (25 shifts)		
	Equipment:		
	Compressor, pump and hammer rental @ $240/Mo.	300.00	

Hoist rental @ $50/Mo.	$ 65.00	
Labor:		
3- Laborers @ $1/hr.	600.00 - Cut down	
1- Hoistman- @ $1.25/hr.	250.00	
1- Driller-foreman @ $1.25/hr	250.00	
Supplies:		
Explosives	200.00	4.00 high!
Gas & Oil	250.00	5.00 - high
Drill Steel	75.00	
Small tools & supplies	60.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Insurance, Soc. Sec., repairs, etc.	230.00	
Contingencies	60.00	$2,340.00
		47.00

Drive 75 feet of 5' x7' drift
(30 shifts)

Equipment:		
Compressor, pump and hammer rental @ $240/Mo.	360.00	
Hoist rental @ $50/Mo.	75.00	
Labor:		
3- Laborers @ $1/hr.	720.00	
1-Hoistman @ $1.25/hr.	300.00	
1-Driller-foreman @ $1.25/hr.	300.00	
Supplies:		
Explosives	200.00	
Gas & Oil	200.00	
Drill Steel	100.00	
Small tools & Supplies	50.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Insurance, Soc. Sec.,repairs,etc.	250.00	
Contingencies:	70.00	$2,625.00
		35.00
Total Stage II.....		$5,180.00
Total Stages I and II.....		$5,505.50

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Surname:
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

MAY 3 - 1954

Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-3306 - Miss Guy McCurry
Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Please review the subject application and arrange for a field examination if you deem it necessary.

Please show the bounding lines of the leased area and their relation to the work, if a contract is recommended.

Copies of memoranda from the Geological Survey, dated April 13, 1954, and from the Bureau of Mines, dated April 21, 1954, are enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Martin
ACTING Chairman, Operating Committee (24B)

Approved:

J. H. Hedges (24B)
Member, Bureau of Mines

D. M. Larrabee (24B)
Member, Geological Survey

Enclosures 4

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Mr. Larrabee, G-232 GSA Bldg.
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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

MAY 3 1954

Mr. Guy McCurry

Micaville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3306 - Mica
Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCurry:

Your application for assistance in exploring the subject property has been reviewed by the Nonmetallic Minerals Division of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and has been referred to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region VII, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee, for further consideration and possibly a field examination.

Please advise this office in writing if you desire to have your application processed under the new Government participation rate which is 75 percent of the approved cost.

The Regional Office will contact you at an early date if an examination is to be made. Any assistance that you may give the members of the field team during the examination will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 21, 1954

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-3306

Applicant: Guy McCurry

Name and Location of Property: Chestnut Branch Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina

Date Application Rec'd. by Ceramic & Fert. Mats. Br.: April 13, 1954

Comments:

1. A total of 38 pieces of mica from subject mine (Geological Survey Professional Paper 225, p. 59) were tested and found to be 100 percent E-1 capacitor quality. Color was classed as cinnamon brown.

2. A total of 1,388 pounds of clear sheet and 7,703 pounds of punch were produced from this mine during 1925-26, 1933-34, and 1937.

3. Estimated cost - $9,310.

4. Proposed exploration is by 30-foot shaft and 150-foot drift.

Recommendation:

It is suggested the field team examine this property to ascertain if an exploration program is justified. If so, the applicant and field team should agree on a definite plan with expenditures on a unit-cost basis.

W. F. Dietrich

W. F. Dietrich

IN REPLY REFER TO:

G-MD-CNM

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 13, 1954

Memorandum

REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-3306 (mica)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: D. M. Larrabee, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant's name and address: Guy McCurry, Micaville, N. C.
Name of property: Chestnut Branch Mine.
Location of property: In "White Town", 2 miles from Micaville, N.C.
Summary of applicant's proposal:

1. Sink 30' to get below old workings.
2. Drift 150' to pick up pegmatite.

$9,310

Sources of information on applicant's property:

Colonial records indicate Harold E. Robinson sold 5,562.93 lbs. ruby mica for $3,089.50. Of this, 5,160 lbs. was punch, 374.94 was large 3/4, chiefly #2 and #2 inf.

No other records.

Comments:

1. Proposal looks unsound.
2. No paper plan of attack, showing workings, peg., etc.
3. No usable location given. (2 miles in what direction from Micaville?)
4. Does the applicant realize the Government share is 75%? Most recent North Carolina applicants do not appear to.
5. What do old dumps indicate as to amount of old workings?
6. Costs look high.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to Field Team for examination if desirable.

D. M. Larrabee

D. M. Larrabee

April 13, 1954

Mr. Guy McCurry
Micaville
North Carolina

Subject: DMEA-3306
Re: Exploration Assistance
Chestnut Branch Mine

Dear Sir:

The receipt of your application dated (undated) for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-3306 and referred to the Non-Metallic Minerals Division.

Kindly refer to DMEA-3306 in any future correspondence relating to your application.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Adams
Chief, Operation's Control
and Statistics Division

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 13, 1954

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region VII

From: Chief, Operation's Control and Statistics Division

Subject: Assignment of Docket Number

There is listed below the assigned docket number to an application recently received from Region VII.

DMEA - 3306 Guy McCurry (Chestnut Branch Mine)

Robert E. Adams
Chief, Operation's Control
and Statistics Division

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
ROOM 3, POST OFFICE BLDG.
KNOXVILLE 2, TENN.

April 9, 1954

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA- Washington

From: Acting Executive Officer, DMEA - Region VII

Subject: Application of Guy McCurry on Ayerles Creek Mine (mica)
Yancey County, N. C.

Transmitted herewith are three copies of the subject application with lease on the property. We have retained one copy for our files.

Owners Consent to Lien forms will be sent the applicant for signatures.

Wm. A. Beck

Wm. A. Beck

MF-103
(Revised April 1952)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Form Approved.
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. 3306
Metal or Mineral Mica
Date Received
Estimated Cost $9,310
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: Guy McCurry, Micaville, N. C.

(*b*) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized.

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers.

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

2. *General.*—Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known.

(*c*) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise

(*d*) If you are not the owner, submit with this application a copy of the lease, contract, or other document under which you control the property.

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it

(*f*) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice.

4. *Physical description.*—(*a*) Describe in detail any mining or exploration operations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

(*c*) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.), and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore .....

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(*b*) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

(*c*) The work will start within ..... days and be completed within ..... months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(*d*) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of costs.*—Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(*a*) *Independent contracts.*—(Note.—If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "none" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

(*b*) *Labor, supervision, consultants.*—Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*d*) *Operating equipment.*—Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

(*e*) *Rehabilitation and repairs.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

(*f*) *New buildings, improvements, installations.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*h*) *Contingencies.*—Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.—No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

7. (*a*) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

(*b*) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

☐ Money ☐ Use of equipment owned by you ☐ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dated ....., 195...

Guy McCurry
(Applicant)

By Guy McCurry

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Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—66551-1

GUY McCURRY
MICAVILLE, N. C.
(Chestnut Branch Mine)

Form MF-103

1. (a) Guy McCurry, Micaville, N. C.
   (b) Individual
   (c) Does not apply
   (d) Does not apply

2. Complied with

3. (a) See lease attached
   (b) Chestnut Branch Mine
   (c) Lessee
   (d) Copy of the original lease is attached to the original copy of MF-103.
   (e) Not applicable
   (f) Not applicable

4. (a) On different occasions in the past, this mine has been worked with hand tools but no record is available as to the amount of mica taken from the mine. The mica that was found is known to have been of an excellent quality.
   (b) None
   (c) This mine is located in the general area of some of the best known mica mines in this section. We have no maps available to submit.
   (d) A good road is accessible to this mine and it is approximately twelve miles from the Spruce Pine Mica depot and located in what is known as White Town, approximately two miles from Micaville.
   (e) Manpower, material, supplies, equipment, and electric power is available.

5. (a) Strategic Mica
   (b) It is proposed to sink a 30 ft. shaft in order to get below some old workings and then drive a 150 ft. drift in order to pick up the pegmatite.
   (c) Work will begin within thirty days and will be completed within ninety days.
   (d) I have had a number of years mining experience and expect to have available well qualified miners to help me with this operation.

6. (a) None
   (b)

Foreman	60-8 hr. dys. @ 1.50/hr.	$ 720.00
Driller	50-8 hr. dys. @ 1.25/hr.	500.00
2 Muckers	50-8 hr. dys. @ 1.00/hr.	800.00
Hoistman	50-8 hr. dys. @ 1.25/hr.	500.00

GUY McCURRY
MICAVILLE, N. C.
(Chestnut Branch Mine)

Form MF-103 (page 2)

6. (b)	Carpenter	3-8 hr. dys. @ 1.25/hr.	30.00	
	Laborer	20-8 hr. dys. @ .90/hr.	144.00	
	Engineer	2-8 hr. dys. @ $25/dy.	50.00	$2,744.00
(c)	Air hose & small tools		200.00	
	Steel (3) sets intrasit		540.00	
	Power		50.00	790.00
(d)	Rented:			
	Air compressor	3 mos. @ 200.00/mo.	600.00	
	Hammer	3 mos. @ 25.00/mo.	75.00	
	Hoist	3 mos. @ 100.00/mo.	300.00	975.00
	Purchased:			
	Column & arm		200.00	
	Dynamite & exploders		620.00	820.00
	Furnished by operator:			
	Water pump & pipe	3 mos. @ 20.00/mo.	60.00	
	Fan	3 mos. @ 20.00/mo.	60.00	
	Truck	3 mos. @ 100.00/mo.	300.00	420.00
(e)	None			
(f)	Tool house (12 x 12) and 2 Magazines		300.00	300.00
(g)	Insurance		250.00	
	Payroll taxes (1½% of $2744.00)		41.16	
	Misc. Gen. Repair, and Maintenance		200.00	491.16
(h)	Contingencies, wiring, fuel, oil & mis. supplies.		250.00	250.00

7. (a) Yes
(b) Money and with use of equipment owned by me.

THE GREAT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, County of Yancey

THIS MINING LEASE made and entered into this the 20th day of March 1954 by and between G. D. ROBERTSON (widower), MRS. CORNELIA ANGLIN (widow), and C. W. ROBERTSON and wife, ALMA ROBERTSON, parties of the first part, hereinafter referred to as OWNERS, and GUY McCURRY, party of the second part, hereinafter referred to as LESSEE,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, all the above-named OWNERS for and in consideration of the perfromance of the conditions and agreements and the payment of royalties as hereinafter stated, have bargained and leased and by these presents do bargain, lease and grant unto the LESSEE, his heirs and assigns, for mining purposes only, for the period of time fixed in paragraph 1 below, a certain tract of land in Brush Creek Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, adjoining the other lands of the OWNERS and bounded as follows:

> BEGINNING at a point in Chestnut Branch where the mine vein of the Chestnut Branch Mine crosses said Branch and runs thence S. E. 75 feet to a marked poplar; thence About S. 30 • W. 700 feet to a marked pine; thence N. W. 200 feet crossing said mine vein to a stake at Chestnut Branch; thence down and with the meanders of said Branch to the BEGINNING, containing (by guess) 3 acres, more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said premises for mining purposes only unto the LESSEE, his heirs and assigns, for the period of time fixed in paragraph 1 below, upon full compliance with each and all of the following stipulations and agreements:

1. PERIOD OF TIME: This lease shall begin as of the date hereof and shall run and be in full force and effect for a period of ten (10) years, ending 20 March 1964, unless sooner terminated as hereinafter provided.

If the LESSEE fails to mine upon said premises in a workman-like manner for any period of time of 60 days duration, then and in that event it shall be deemed that the LESSEE has abandoned mining operations on said premises and thereupon the OWNERS, at their option, may declare this lease null and void and of no further force and effect and re-enter and take possession of the premises without further notice to the LESSEE.

If the LESSEE fails, for a period of 30 days, to pay any royalty as herein required, the OWNERS, at their option, may declare this lease null and void and of no further force and effect and shall thereupon have the right to re-enter and take possession of the premises.

2. MINING RIGHTS: The LESSEE shall have the right to dig, quarry, search for, mine and obtain mica or feldspar or any other minerals from said premises using such machinery, tools, equipment and appliances as the LESSEE may deem necessary.

The LESSEE shall have the right of ingress and egress to said premises, and the right to construct, maintain and repair roads and ways over other lands of the OWNERS and over the premises herein described from the mine or mines on said premises to the public highway for the purpose of mining on said premises and removing the minerals therefrom.

The LESSEE shall have the right to dump waste from mines on said premises onto the lands of the OWNERS as may be reasonably necessary in the operation of mines on said premises.

The LESSEE shall have the right to cut and use such timber from said premises as shall be necessary for the safe operation of the mines.

3. MANNER OF WORK: The LESSEE shall use sufficient tools and equipment and labor so as to operate mines on said premises in a workmanlike manner, and shall keep the mines safe, clean and in a workable condition and upon the termination of this lease, or expiration otherwise, the LESSEE shall surrender the premises to the OWNERS in a safe and clean condition.

4. ROYALTY: The LESSEE shall and hereby expressly agrees to pay to the OWNERS royalty as follows:

(a) One-eighth (1/8) of the gross sales price for all mica mined and removed from said premises; and

(b) The customary royalty in this area for other minerals mined and removed from said premises.

All royalties to be paid under this lease shall be paid within 5 days from the sale of any minerals mined and removed from said premises.

5. WEIGHTS AND RECORDS: The basis for royalties shall be the selling weights and the LESSEE shall furnish a statement from the purchaser to the OWNERS at the time that any royalty is due and payable for all minerals mined and sold from said premises.

The OWNERS, or their agent, shall have the right to inspect the records and books of the LESSEE as to any and all minerals mined and removed from said premises.

6. AGENT: The said OWNERS hereby appoint Mrs. Cornelia Anglin as their agent for the purpose of giving such notice as may be given under this lease and for the further purpose of receiving the royalty and disbursing the same to the OWNERS in the following proportions:

(a) One-fifth (1/5) to Mrs. Cornelia Anglin as her individual share.

(b) One-fifth (1/5) to G. D. Robertson as his share.

(c) Three-fifths (3/5) to C. W. Robertson and wife, Alma Robertson, as their share.

7. COVENANTS: The OWNERS covenant to and with the LESSEE his heirs and assigns, that they have a right to execute this lease upon the terms herein contained, and that the premises are free and clear from all encumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the title thereto against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said OWNERS and the said LESSEE have each hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals, in duplicate, the day and year first above written.

Mrs Cornelia Anglin. (SEAL)
Mrs. Cornelia Anglin, Agent

G D Robertson (SEAL)

C. W. Robertson (SEAL)

Alma Robertson (SEAL)
OWNERS

Guy McCurry (SEAL)
LESSEE

STATE OF MARYLAND

COUNTY OF Baltimore

I, Sigrand F. Klein, Notary Public, do hereby certify that C. W. ROBERTSON and wife, ALMA ROBERTSON, as OWNERS, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Mining Lease for all the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 27 day of March 1954.

Sigrand F. Klein
Notary Public

My commission expires May 5. 1955.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YANCEY

I, J.M. Robinson, Notary Public, do hereby certify that MRS. CORNELIA ANGLIN (widow) and G. D. ROBERTSON, as OWNERS, and GUY McCURRY as LESSEE, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Mining Lease for all the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 30 day of March 1954.

J.M. Robinson
Notary Public

My commission expires 2/26/1955.

NORTH CAROLINA, Yancy County:
The foregoing certificate (s) of Sigrand F. Klein & L.M. Robinson, each a Notary Public of the County and State designated, duly authenticated by his official seal affixed, has (have) been duly examined and found to be in proper form according to law, and the execution of the said instrument is thereupon adjudged sufficiently proven. Let the instrument, with the certificates, be registered.

This 30 day of Mar, 1954.

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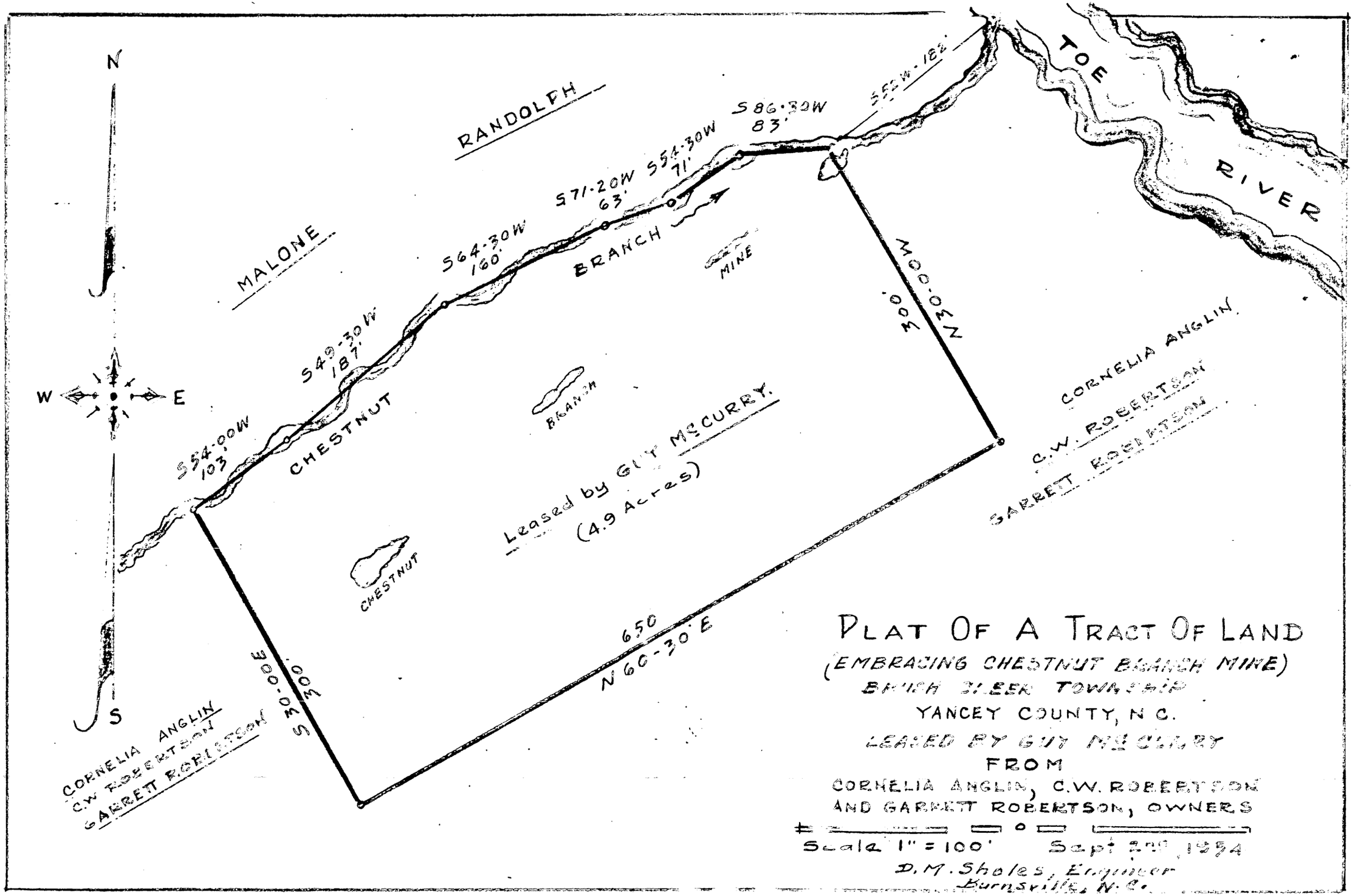

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(EMBRACING CHESTNUT BRANCH MINE)

BRUSH CREEK TOWNSHIP

YANCEY COUNTY, N.C.

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FROM

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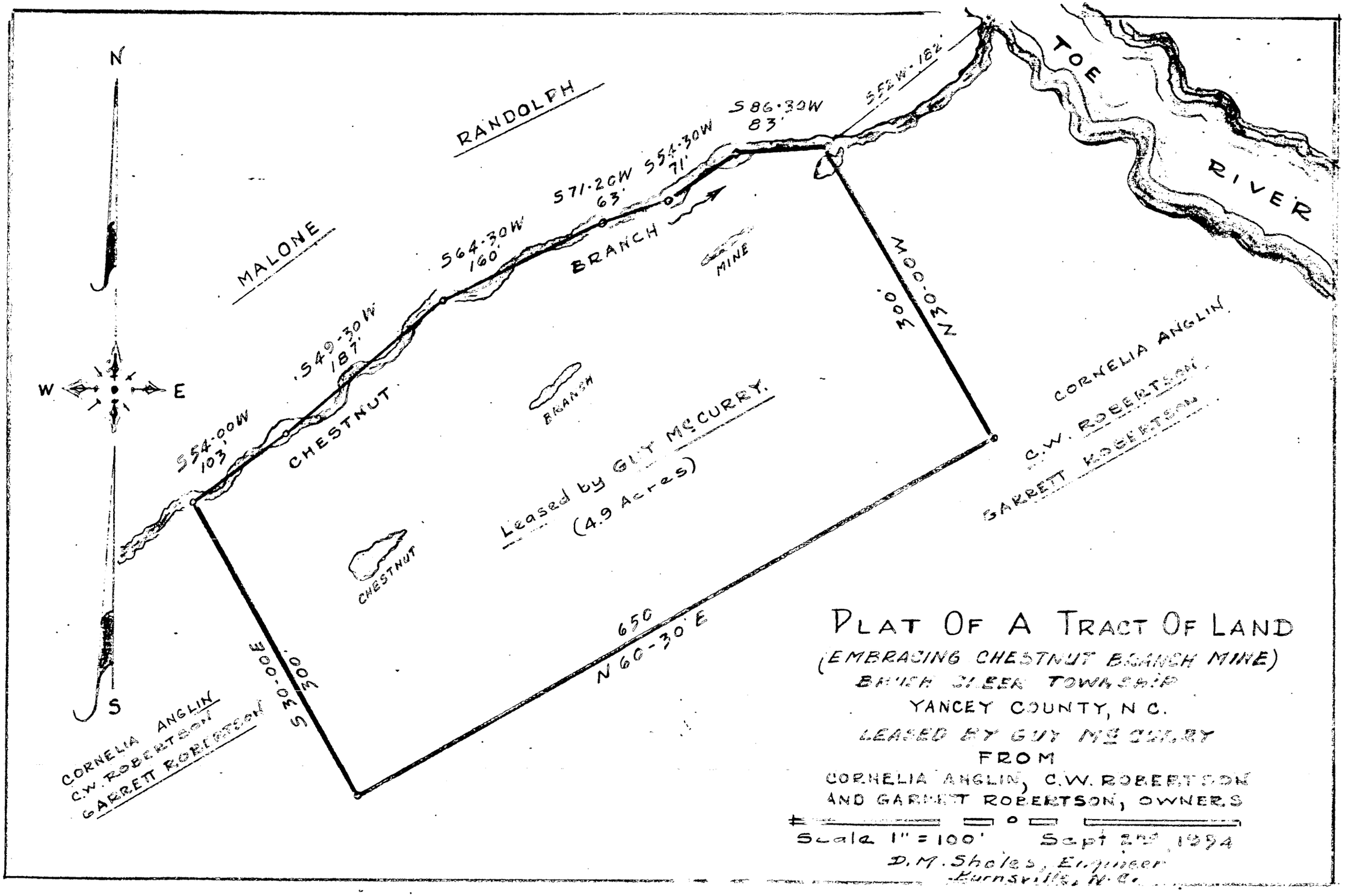
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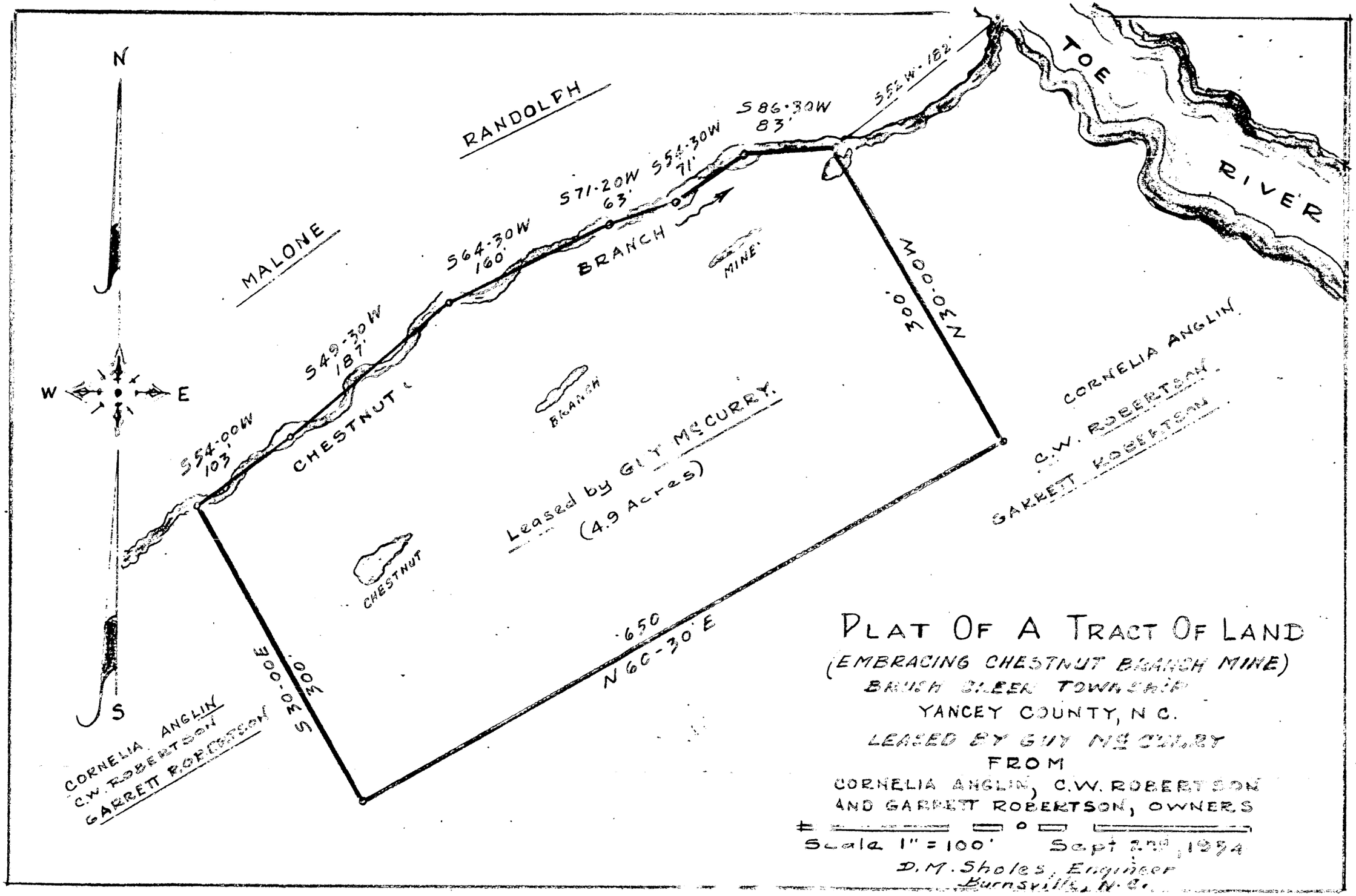
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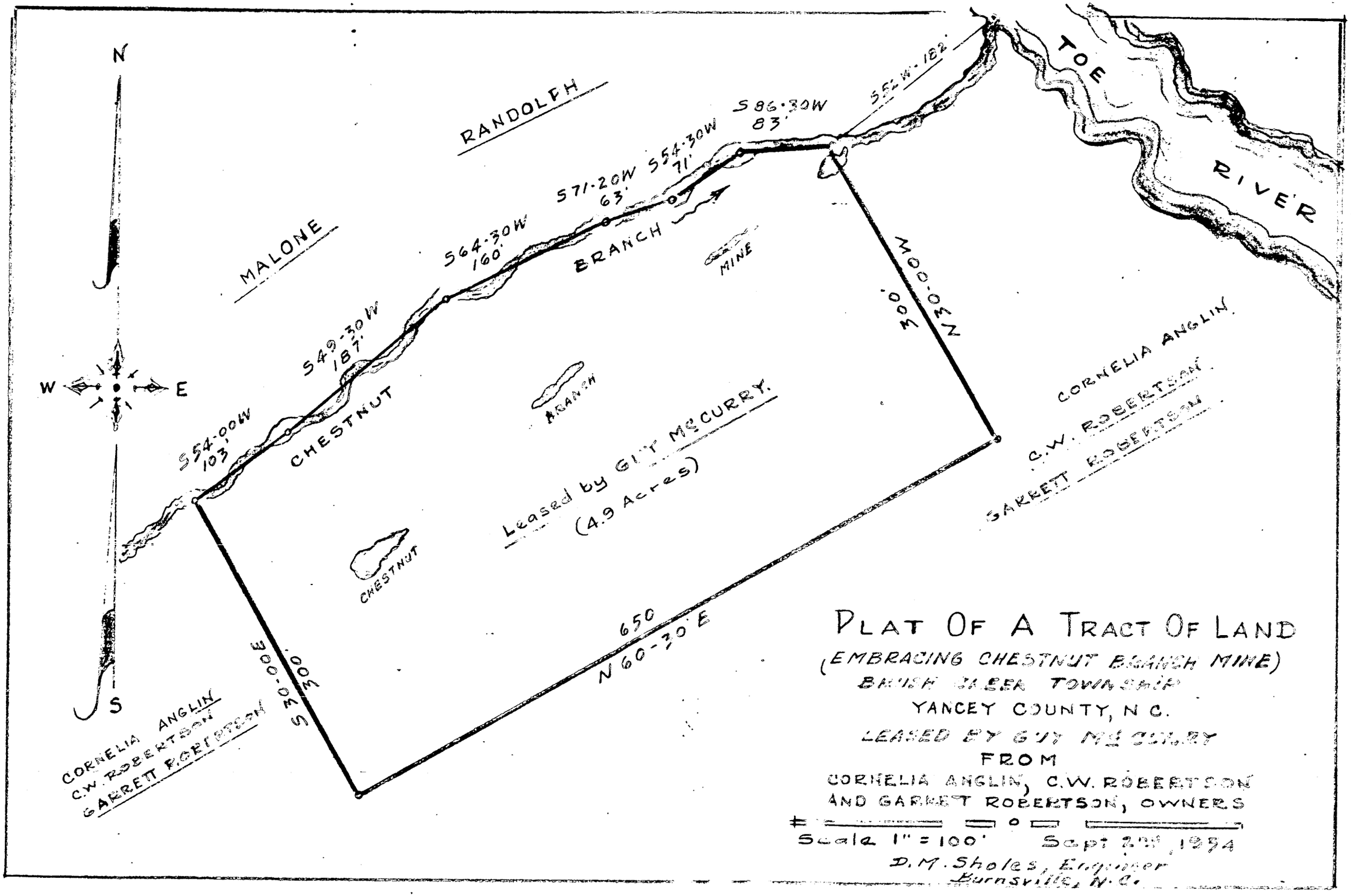
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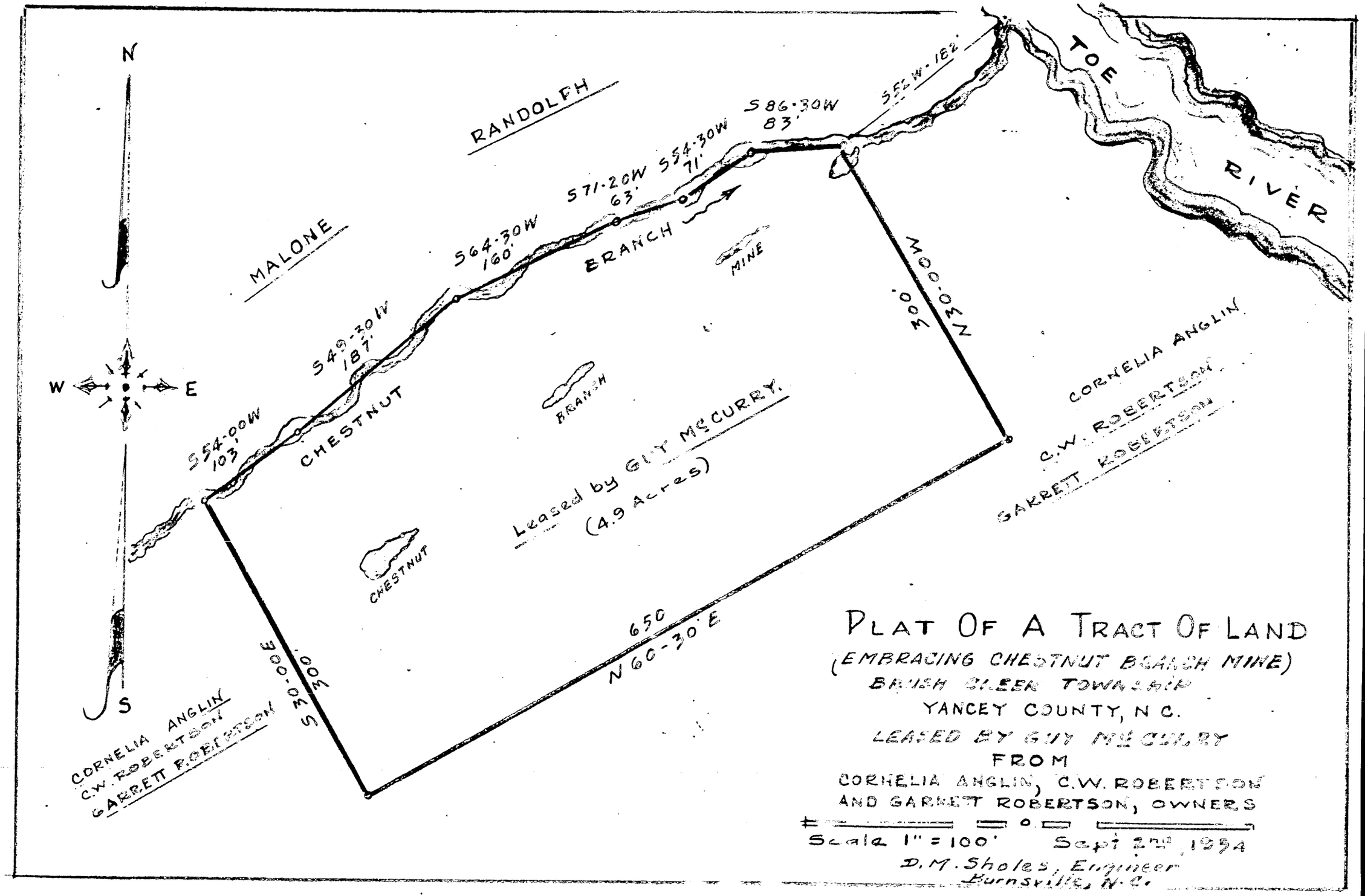
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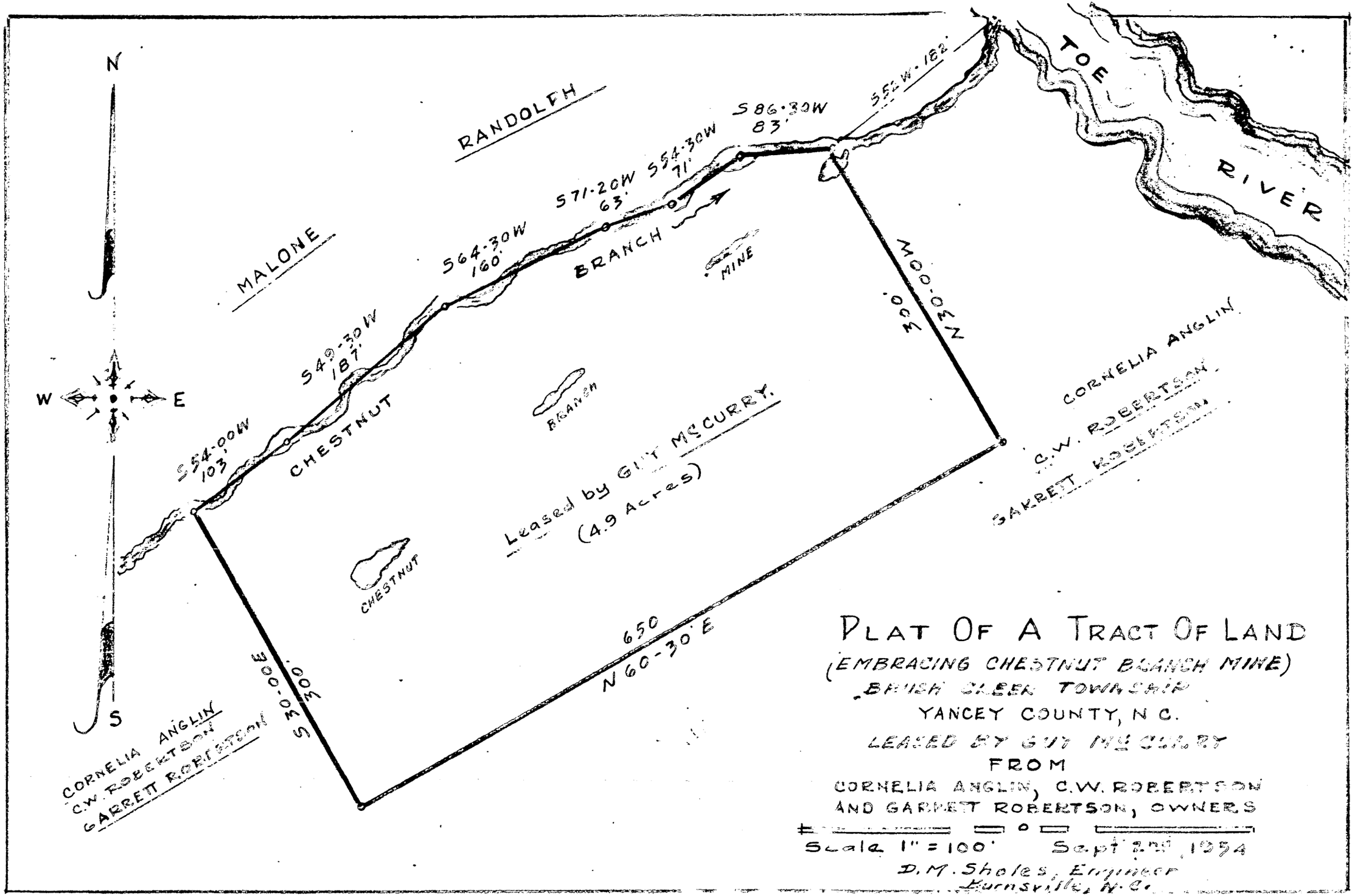
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to

GUY McCURRY

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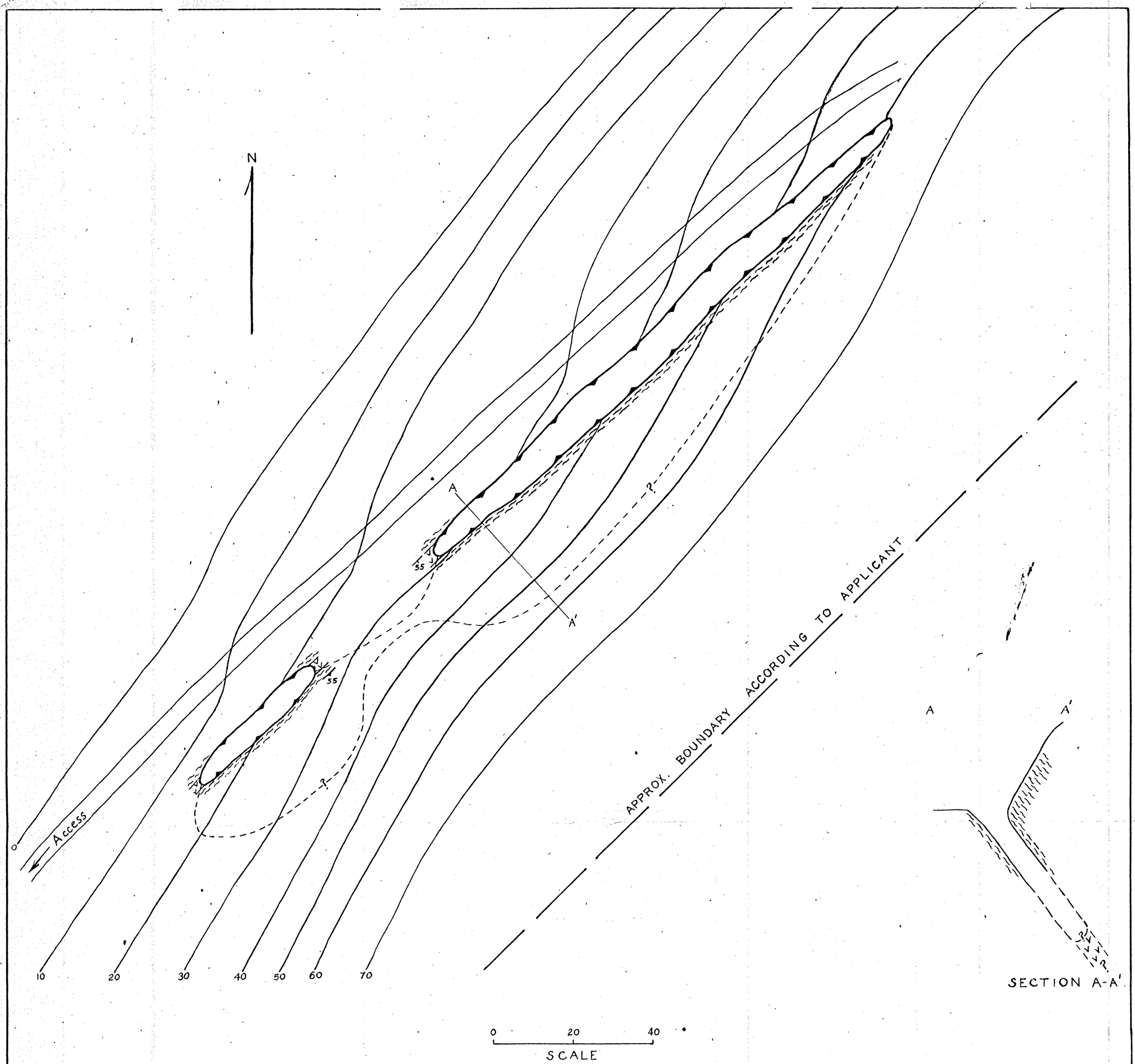

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