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Professional Staff
Committee on Interior and
Insular Affairs
United States Senate
Washington 25 D.C.

Dear Mr. Kastenmeier:

Reference is made to your letter of May 2, 1956 and ~~my~~ our reply dated May 4 1956 in regard to an application for exploration permits by Messrs Hiram Tolbert and Ralph Cunningham.

Formal action by the D. M. E. on the applications has been withheld pending a review of field examiner's report on this application. A copy of ~~my~~ (our) letter to Mr. Tolbert is enclosed herewith for Senator Kefauver's.

Sincerely Yours.

DOCKET COPY
SURNAME:

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

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JUL 6 - 1956

Baby Mica Mine
Route #3
Franklin, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4200-mica
Hiram Tallant and
Ralph Cunningham
Baby Mica Mine
Macon County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Your application for aid for an exploration project and other reports available to us in Washington relating to the subject property have been reviewed.

Projects approved by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding materials of acceptable grade in quantities that will significantly improve the mineral supply position for the National Defense Program.

Your property has been examined by our engineers and geologists on two separate occasions, the second examination having been made after you opened up some trenches at our suggestion. The results of both examinations indicated that sufficient mica-bearing pegmatite does not exist on your property to justify exploration.

Consequently, the probability of disclosing significant reserves of mica on your property is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. I regret to advise you, therefore, that your application for exploration assistance is denied.

We wish to thank you for your interest in the Defense Minerals Program and for bringing your property to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

JHopkins/FJohnson:ms 6/29/56

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Field Team, Region V
Mr. Kiilsgaard, 5222
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Mr. Houk
Admr. R. File

Copy to: Robert W. Redwine
for Senator Kerr Scott

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

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Mr. Robert W. Redwine
Professional Staff
Committee on Interior and
Insular Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Redwine:

Reference is made to your letter of May 2, 1956, and our reply dated May 4, 1956, in regard to an application for exploration assistance by Messrs. Hiram Tallent and Ralph Cunningham.

Formal action by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration has been taken on this application after a second field examination of the applicants' property. A copy of our self-explanatory letter to Mr. Tallent is enclosed herewith for Senator Kerr Scott.

Sincerely yours,

G. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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June 22, 1956

Re: DMEA 4200
H. Tallent and R. Cunningham,
Raby Mica Mine
Macon Co., N. C.
$8,500.00 - Mica

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of second Field Team report covering a re-examination of the property.

The applicants' claim that the bulldozing done by them had uncovered a mica-bearing pegmatite has not been verified, and the origin of the $1,800.00 worth of 'waste dump' mica said to have been sold is not suggested.

A goodly amount of stripping might help to answer some questions.

I concur with the recommendation for denial of the examiners and the Field Team.

N. E. Nelson

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

June 22, 1956

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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From: W. F. Dietrich, Chief
Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA-4200 (mica)

Applicant: Hiram Tallent and Ralph Cummingham

Name and Location of Property: Raby Mine, Macon County, N. C.

Date of Field Team Report: 6/14/56

Date Rec'd. by Br. of Ceramic & Fertilizer Materials: 6/21/56

Field Team Recommendation: That the application be denied, on the basis of a re-examination.

Comments:

1. The examiners and Field Team first recommended denial of this application on 3/16/56, on the basis that the pegmatite appeared to have been mined out, and showed little structural continuity along the strike.

2. The applicants were advised by the Administrator on 4/20/56 that if they cleaned out a muck-filled trench to expose the pegmatite, a re-examination of the property would be arranged.

3. Very little new work had been done since the first examination, and no pegmatite in place was uncovered by the new work.

Recommendation:
I concur with the field team's recommendation of denial.

W F Dietrich

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June 14, 1956

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA, Washington, D. C.

From: Field Team, DMEA, Region V, Knoxville, Tennessee

Subject: Re-examination of DMEA-4200 (Mica)
Hiram Tallent and Ralph Cunningham
Raby Mine (Mica), Macon County, North Carolina

Enclosed are four copies of the field examiners' Memorandum on the re-examination of the subject application, accompanied by maps made at both the original examination and the re-examination.

We agree with their recommendation for denial of the application.

Robert A. Laurence
Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer

V. J. Lynch
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Member, Bureau of Mines

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Reviewed by
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Memorandum

To: Field Team, DMEA, Region V, Knoxville, Tennessee

From: Field Examiners, Region V

Subject: DMEA-4200 (Mica)
Raby Mica Mine, Macon County, North Carolina
Re-examination

The Raby Mine was re-examined on June 5, 1956, in the company of Mr. H. Tallent, Mr. Ralph Cunningham, and Mr. V. J. Lynch, of the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Very little new work has been done since the original field examination. New work consists only of opening a shallow existing trench and two narrow trenches about 2 to 4 feet deep and 3 to 10 feet long.

No pegmatite exposed in these shallow trenches could be stated as "in place", although some kaolinized fine-grained pegmatite was exposed northwest of the applicant's proposed shaft site. Old, partially re-cemented muck exists in the new pits and old pit.

The applicant's proposed plan of exploration is wishful thinking that the pegmatite continues to a depth of 100 feet. Many old and different tales exist about the depth and extent of old works. Some state that the works went as deep as 80 or 90 feet, but the evidence doesn't support that.

It is recommended that the application be denied.

A. L. Peyton
for
L. E. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

A. R. Taylor
A. R. Taylor, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

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Mr. Robert W. Redwine
Professional Staff
Committee on Interior and
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United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

MAY 4 1956

Dear Mr. Redwine:

Reference is made to your letter of May 2, 1956, transmitting a letter of April 12, 1956, from Mr. Hiram Tallent to Honorable Kerr Scott.

An application was received from Mr. Hiram Tallent and Mr. Ralph Cunningham on February 27, 1956, and a field examination was made on March 16. The Applicants reported that there is a 4½ foot wide pegmatite exposed by a trench 210 feet long, 25 feet wide and 35 feet deep. The examining engineers were unable to verify the existence of the pegmatite because of mud and water in the bottom of the trench. On April 20, 1956, this office wrote Mr. Tallent suggesting that he clean out the trench to completely expose the pegmatite and then notify Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee, who would arrange for a re-examination of the property. Mr. Laurence has advised us that he received a copy of our letter to Mr. Tallent and he would be pleased to re-examine the property when the Applicants have cleaned out the old workings to permit a more thorough inspection.

There has been no formal action taken on this application. The statement that the application was turned down by the Bureau of Mines' field men is not correct as the Bureau of Mines' engineers and the Geological Survey's geologists do not have this authority. All applications received are given careful consideration by as many as 12 engineers and geologists. The field examining engineers present the facts and make recommendations to the Washington Office where a careful study is made by our staff of engineers and geologists and the decision relating to financial assistance is made by our DMEA staff. Mr. Tallent's implication of favoritism or criticism of the technical ability of the examining engineers is, in our opinion, unwarranted.

Mr. Tallent's letter to Senator Scott is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

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COMMITTEE ON
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May 2, 1956

Mr. C. O. Mittendorf
Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mittendorf:

Senator Scott of North Carolina has directed me to ascertain for him what the facts may be in respect to this letter from Mr. Hiram Tallent. Will you please look into it and furnish me with a memorandum on same.

It will also be appreciated if you will return Mr. Tallent's letter for Senator Scott's file.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Redwine
Professional Staff

Enclosure

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Franklin, N. C.
April 12, 1956

Hon. Kerr Scott

Dear Sir:

I would like to inform you about the mica Program. I own a mica mine which is located 5 miles north west of Franklin where all of Macon County's best mines are located. My mine known as the Raby mine has been a good producer of no. 1 ruby mica.

I applied for a loan and was turned down by the Bureau of mines field men. Something is wrong these men don't know mines or they are not doing the right thing, I don't know which.

Certain people don't have any trouble getting two or more loans where there has never been very much if any mica found, and in many cases this mica where they get these loans the mica dosen't even make good scrap.

I haven't got an answer from the Washington office: Burea of mines yet the examination was made about a month ago.

Mr. Scott I have told you the truth about this matter, and believe you will investigate it.

I will be glad to give you any information I can about this.

It isnt what you have it's who you are, at least this seems to be the case.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Hiram Tallent

This Raby mine is located about 1/4 mile from the Iotla mine which recently produced about 300,000 dollars worth of mica, it is about 1/2 mile from the Moody mine which was the worlds biggest producer during world war one.
It is also near Chalk Hill and almond cave mines.

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

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4200 - Mica
Hiram Tallent and
Ralph Cunningham
Raby Mica Mine
Macon County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Reference is made to our letter of April 20, 1956, in which we stated we enclosed copies of a letter to Mr. Hiram Tallent.

Inadvertently the letter was mailed directly to Mr. Tallent. We regret that this error has occurred.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (GCS)

Approved:

/s/ Robert W. Geehan (GCS)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (GCS)
Member, Geological Survey

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April 24, 1956

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: DMEA Field Team, Region V -Knoxville

Subject: DMEA-4200, Hiram Tallent and Ralph Cunningham, Franklin, N.C.
Raby Mica Mine, Macon County, N. C.

Reference is made to your letter of April 20.

We are in agreement with your letter of the same date to Mr. Tallent. However, only carbon copies were enclosed with your letter, so we assume that the original was mailed direct to Mr. Tallent.

We will, of course, be glad to re-examine the property if the applicants clean out the old workings to permit a more thorough inspection.

Robert A. Laurence
Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Region V

V. J. Lynch
V. J. Lynch, Member
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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region V
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville, 2, Tennessee

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4200-Mica
Hiram Tallent and
Ralph Cunningham
Baby Mica Mine
Macon County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Reference is made to our recent correspondence with the applicant on the subject property and the Field Examination Report dated March 16, 1956. Enclosed are copies of a second letter from Mr. Tallent in which no controversial issue is raised and information is confined to past mining operations and location of the Baby Mine in relation to other producers.

Since the existence of a reported pegmatite appears to be doubtful and could not be verified by the examiners, we have prepared and enclose a reply to the applicant suggesting that the trench be thoroughly cleaned to expose the bottom to permit a re-examination by the Field Engineers.

If you agree with this reply, please forward it to Mr. Tallent.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge
Chairman, Operating Committee (4/5)

Approved:

/s/ Robert W. Geehan (2/6)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (2/6)
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APR 20 1956

Mr. Hiram Tallent
Route #3
Franklin, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4200-Mica
Hiram Tallent and
Ralph Cunningham
Raby Mica Mine
Macon County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Tallent:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 12, 1956, giving a historical account of mining operation and mica production at the Raby Mine, and describing its location with reference to other mines in the area.

Since our letter to you dated April 9, 1956, we have received the report of the field examination of your property.

In this report we note that the examiners were told that a 4½-foot wide pegmatite exists in the trench which is 210 feet long by 25 feet wide by 35 feet deep. This pegmatite is not exposed at the ends of the trench and it was not seen in the bottom of the trench by the examiners, perhaps, because of mud and water in places.

If a pegmatite of this size exists in the trench, we believe it would warrant a re-examination. This can only be done by thoroughly cleaning out the mud and water in the trench.

We suggest that you clean out the trench to completely expose this pegmatite and then notify Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville, 2, Tennessee, who will arrange for a re-examination of your property.

Sincerely yours,
C. O. Mittendorf
Administrator

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April 18, 1956

Memorandum

To: Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Administrator

From: Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: A denial of exploration assistance and Summary Report

By: James Hopkins

1. Docket No. DMEA-4200-mica
Property: Raby Mica Mine located on a property known as Tallent Property.
Location: in Macon County, North Carolina
Applicants:
Hiram Tallent and Ralph Cunningham
Route #3
Franklin, North Carolina
Application:
received March 1, 1956
Proposed Work:

100 ft. of shaft @ $50.00/ft.	$5,000.00
100 ft. of drift @ $35.00/ft.	3,500.00
Total	$8,500.00

No contract - application denied

2. Comments:

Muscovite recovered has been ruby, flat, hard, free-splitting and up to 7" to 10" in width. Mica was reported as "abundant" but none was seen in place.

Pegmatite:

No mica-bearing pegmatite was exposed; only three widely scattered small (1 ft.) feldspar-quartz veins exist on north side of cut.

Applicants report a 4½ ft. pegmatite extending the length of the trench. This was not seen by the examiners, perhaps because of mud and water. Where foliation of country rock was seen, no pegmatite is present.

Old Workings:

Seven pits and shafts lie to the southwest along a line from the northwestern end of a trench 210'x25'x35' deep. Pits and shaft are 15 ft. apart, circular 6 ft. in diameter and range in depth from 3 feet to 20 feet. A caved adit 200 feet long "reportedly" exists down slope from the trench.

Economics:

Since April, 1955, the applicants report the following sales:

1.	17 tons scrap @ $30.00	$ 510.00(approx.)
2.	3 tons of "mine-run block"	604.75
3.	600# of block. 50.78# good stained or better, 8% recovery	655.80
	Approximate total	$1,770.55

Recommendations and Conclusions:

The examiners conclude that the mine has been explored sufficiently and apparently has been mined-out. No continuity can be inferred either vertically or horizontally. No mica-bearing pegmatite is exposed, only an "inferred" one.

No reserves can be inferred. No exploration is warranted.

The examiners recommend denial of the application.

The Nonmetallic Minerals Division and the Commodity Divisions of the Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines concur in the recommendation.

June 18, 1956

This property was re-examined at a later date after the applicant had opened a shallow trench and two narrow trenches 2 to 4 feet deep and 3 to 10 feet long.

No pegmatite exposed in these shallow trenches could be stated as "in place", although, some kaolinized, fine-grained pegmatite was exposed northwest of the proposed shaft site. Old, partially re-cemented muck exists in the new pits and old pit.

The Field Team re-affirms its recommendation of a denial for exploration assistance.

The Nonmetallic Minerals Division again concurs in the denial.

The Commodity Divisions of the Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines also concur.

James Hopkins
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: W. F. Dietrich, Chief
Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA-4200 (mica)

Applicant: H.V. Tallent, R. Cunningham

Name and Location of Property: Raby Mica Mine, Macon Co., N. C.

Date of Field Team Report: 3/16/56

Date Rec'd. by Br. of Ceramic & Fertilizer Materials: 4/12/56

Field Team Recommendation: Recommend denial of the application.

Comments:

1. About 17 tons of scrap mica and 3 tons of "mine-run-block" ruby mica have been sold recently.

2. The pegmatite appears to have been "mined-out" and exhibits little structural continuity along the strike.

Recommendation: I concur with the recommendation of the field team.

W. F. Dietrich

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Franklin, N.C.
april 12, 1956

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Gentlemen:

During the thirties C.D. Baird and Jamie Norton washed the dumps at the Raby mine they got about 100 tons of mica at this time. H.H. Raby told me before he died that after finding this mine he worked there seven (7) years. This was was 55 - 60 more years ago.

after reaching water at a depth of about 40 feet, he then drove a tunnell approximately 350 feet to drain the water in order to work about 15 or 18 feet deeper.

During 1937 or 38. Jim Roper and I sold about $160.00 worth of mica we had 100 lbs of 2 X 2 3/4 trim mica for which we got .50¢ per pound other mica we had I don't recall I do remember the above facts.

During 1954 Ralph cunningham

Austin Moshburn and I got about $400.00 worth of mica at this Raby mine.
During 1953 I got $400.00 or more mica here.
Practically all of this mica was reclaimed from old workings.
as you realize this mica was badly damaged by water, during this time.
The Raby mine located about 3/4 of one 1 mile from the moody mine which was the worlds biggest producer of mica during world war (I) one,.
It is about 3/8 mine from the Iotla or Bowers mine it goes by both names, this mine recently Produced about $250,000 worth of mica.
It is also about 1/4 mile from the Harris mine.
The chalk Hill mine is about 1 1/2 miles away this mine has produced lots of mica
almond cove mine is 2 miles from Raby mines
There has never been and work done where this mine crystalizes.

Sincerely yours
Hiram Talbert

Hiram Tallent
Route # 3
Franklin, N.C.

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April 9, 1956

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: Executive Officer, DMEA - Region V

Subject: DMEA-4200 (mica) Raby Mica Mine (Hiram Tallent and Ralph Cunningham, partners) Raby Mine, Macon County, N. C.

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The field examination report was reviewed here, and was then sent to you with the Field Team's endorsement. The available exposures and records do not indicate that this deposit merits exploration. We will be glad to re-examine the property if additional work done by the Operator provides any new exposures.

We have found, by experience, that it saves time and avoids misunderstandings if the field examiners discuss the results of the examination with the applicant, and suggest what their recommendations will be. They are careful to explain that neither the field examiners nor the Field Team has the authority to approve or deny an application, but it is only logical for the applicant to want to know what the field examiners propose to do.

I do not know the circumstances leading up to Mr. Tallent's letter. The field men are in North Carolina this week, but I will discuss it with them when they return. However, they mentioned no unpleasantness or objections on the Operator's part when their report was submitted to the Field Team.

The applicant is completely wrong in two statements. I know of no one who never had an application turned down, except some who have submitted only one application. Also, I know of no contracts with "street loafers" or other who "never mined a day in their lives." We have had

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Robert A. Laurence

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To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: Executive Officer, DMEA - Region V

Subject: DMEA-4200 (mica) Baby Miss Mine (Hiram Tallent and Ralph Cunningham, partners) Baby Mine, Macon County, N. C.

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Mr. Hiram Tallent
Route #3
Franklin, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4200 - Mica
Raby Mica Mine
(Hiram Tallent and
Ralph Cunningham, Partners)
Raby Mica Mine
Macon County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Tallent:

Reference is made to your letter of March 26, 1956, addressed to the Bureau of Mines and referred to the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration for reply.

The field examination report on the Raby Mica Mine has not been received in this office. The field men do not turn down or make loans. They present the facts in connection with the examination to the Washington Office where the decision is made whether to grant exploration assistance or deny it.

We would be pleased to receive any information you may have relative to the merits of this property. Be assured that when the field examination report is received in this office a careful study will be made of the facts and you will be apprised of our decision. It is not felt that a re-examination of the property is justified at this time.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Raby Mica Mine
Macon Co., N. C.
$8,500.00 - Mica

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of Field Team report.

The applicant requested assistance in exploring a now poorly exposed pegmatite from which mica probably was produced. Old cuts, pits and shallow shafts are probably more or less obliterated by recent bulldozing, in the course of which $1,770.55 worth of mica was recovered and sold. The mica, according to the application, occurs in dump material.

The bulldozing failed to reveal a mica-bearing pegmatite and the examiners conclude the pegmatite has been bottomed and as no 'open ends' were seen the deposit probably has been 'worked out'.

The examiners and Field Team recommend denial of the application. If the reported production came largely from waste dumps, the applicant was justified in hunting for the source of the waste. Perhaps further work will reveal mica-bearing pegmatite in place.

I recommend a denial without prejudice of the application.

N. E. Nelson

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April 3, 1956

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: DMEA Field Team, Region V - Knoxville, Tennessee

Subject: Examination Report - DMEA-4200, Raby Mine, Macon County, N. C.

There are enclosed four copies of the subject examination report.

The Field Team concurs with the examiners conclusions that this mine has been mined out and no reserves are inferred.

Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer
DMEA Region V

V. J. Lynch, Member
Bureau of Mines

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
4-9-56
(date)

FIELD EXAMINATION REPORT

On

DMEA-4200 (mica) RABY MICA MINE
Macon County, North Carolina

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APR 5 - 1956

Applicant: Raby Mica Mine, Route 3, Franklin, North Carolina
(Hiram Tallent and Ralph Cunningham)

Summary

About 17 tons of scrap mica and about 3 tons of "mine-run-block" ruby mica have been sold recently. The pegmatite appears to have been "mined-out", and exhibits little structural continuity along strike. The pegmatite has been thoroughly explored; no further exploration is warranted. It is recommended that the application be denied.

General

Location

It is 2.5 airline miles N. 52½° W. of the southern junction of highways 64 and 23 in Franklin, North Carolina, and 2,000 ft S. 50° W. of the Harris Mica Mine on a gently sloping, wooded hillside. (Franklin, N. C., Quadrangle, TVA 167-NW; 1/24,000, 1946).

History

The mine was worked by a Mr. H. H. Raby in the 1880's who sunk 7 pits and shafts down to the water table. The shafts were said to have cut through the pegmatite into country rock at the water table, or about 20 ft in depth.

Recent work by the applicants includes stripping of muck from the old works. No surface facilities exist.

Examination

The field examiners, in company with Mr. H. V. Tallent, and Mr. Ralph Cunningham visited the mine on March 16, 1956. One hour was spent on the examination.

Geology

Mine Workings

Seven pits and shafts lie to the southwest, along a S. 50° W. line from the northwestern end of a trench which is 25 ft. wide, 35 ft deep, and 210 ft long. The trench trends N. 60° W. The pits and shafts are about 15 ft apart, are circular, generally 6 ft in diameter, and untimbered. They range in depth from 3 ft to 20 ft. One caved adit "reportedly" exists down slope from the southeastern end of the cut for about 200 ft. It was entirely in country rock.

Pegmatite and Country-rock

No mica-bearing pegmatite was exposed; only 3 widely scattered small (1 ft) feldspar-quartz veins existed on the north side of the cut. One large (3 ft) ledge (boulder ?) of massive white quartz is exposed near the surface of the cut on the northern side.

The applicants report that there is a 4½ ft wide pegmatite, trending N. 60° W., and extending the length of the trench. This was not seen, perhaps because of mud and water in some places, but at the northwestern end where the foliation of the country rock could be seen, no pegmatite is present. They had sunk a shaft, from the surface, to a depth of 42 ft before the cut was made.

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FIELD EXAMINATION REPORT, REGION V

On

DMEA-4200, RABY MICA MINE
(mica)
Macon County, North Carolina

By

S. C. Bergman and A. R. Taylor, Geologists
Geological Survey

and

A. L. Peyton, Mining Engineer
Bureau of Mines

March 16, 1956

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
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(date)

The foliation of the highly weathered schist on both sides and ends of the cut strikes N. 60° W. and dips 75° NE. Strikes and dips of the two veins on the north wall of the cut are about N. 65° W., and 45° NE. and 30° NE.

The bottom of the pegmatite from all indications has just about been reached. The lateral extensions have pinched out or narrowed to stringers.

Muscovite

Muscovite recovered has been ruby, flat, hard, free-splitting, and up to 7" x 10" in width. The applicants have specimens for examination, but although muscovite has been "reported" as "abundant", none was seen in place.

Since April 1955, the applicants have made sales as follows*:

1.	17 tons of scrap mica @ $30.00/ton	$510.00 (approx.)
2.	3 tons of "mine-run-block" mica (May 6, 1955)	604.75
3.	600 lbs of block 50.78 lb. good stained or better 8% recovery	655.80
	Approximate Total	$1,770.55

*These figures were furnished by the applicants.

Recommendations and Conclusions

The mine has been explored sufficiently and apparently been mined-out. No continuity can be inferred in either a vertical or a horizontal plane. No muscovite-bearing pegmatite is exposed, only an "inferred" one.

No exploration is warranted. No reserves can be inferred. The examiners recommend that the application be denied.

Examined: March 16, 1956.

S. C. Bergman and A. R. Taylor, Geologists
Geological Survey

A. L. Peyton, Mining Engineer
Bureau of Mines

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APR 5 1956

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

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4200 - Mica
Raby Mica Mine
(Hiram Tallent and
Ralph Cunningham, Partners)
Raby Mica Mine
Macon County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Reference is made to the enclosed two copies of a letter dated March 26, 1956, from the subject applicant indicating his displeasure with the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration.

We realize that the applicant may have presented the facts in the wrong light, but we wish you to caution the Examining Engineer to make no remarks that could be construed for or against the relative merits of the property. The field men should point out to the applicant that they are in the employ of the Government and do not evaluate properties for individuals. When the Examining Engineers are queried by the applicant as to what their recommendation is going to be they should be as non-committal as possible stating that the decision is made in Washington and that they present only the facts that can be seen on the ground. Please comment on the competency and reputation of the applicant in order that we may ultimately answer his questions.

A copy of a memorandum, dated March 22, 1956, from Mr. W. M. Traver, Executive Officer, Region III, to the field engineers is enclosed for your information and guidance.

We suggest you forward the enclosed letter to the applicant if you are in agreement.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

/s/ Robert W. Geehan

Member, Bureau of Mines

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Sincerely yours,

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Administrator

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Raby Mica Mine
Route #3
Franklin, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4200-Mica
Raby Mica Mine
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Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

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Member, Bureau of Mines

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Gentlemen:

your field men turned down my application for a loan.
This mine known as the Raby mine is one of Macon County's biggest mines located north west of Franklin, where the best grade of Ruby mica is produced your office has the data on this mine.
I would appreciate very much if your office would send someone who has some knowledge of mines to look this mine over.
Some people have never had an application turned down. getting 2 or 3 loans many of them have never mined a day in their lives some of them professional men and street loafers.
you can do as you like about this letter

over

I don't intend to give up the fight
If you don't give this matter
your immediate attention I will
be forced to take other action
no wonder the program is lagging
many of the loans have been given
where mica has never been found
or where it won't make decent scrap.
I only want a square deal on this
matter. I can further prove this
mine is a producer of the highest
grade No. 1 Ruby mica. It also
produces big blocks or books.

Yours truly
Hiram Tallent

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Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA-4200 (mica)

Applicant: H. Tallent & R. Cunningham

Name and Location of Property: Raby Mica Mine, Macon Co., N. C.

Date Application Rec'd. by Br. of Ceramic & Fertilizer Materials: 3/7/56

Comments:

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Re: DMEA 4200
Raby Mica Mine per Hiram Tallent
Macon County, North Carolina
$8,500 - Mica

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of application.

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The application says mica to the value of $1,400 was recovered in the recent stripping operation.

Referral to the Field Team for appropriate action is recommended.

N. E. Nelson

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Raby Mica Mine
Route #3
Franklin, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4200-Mica
Hiram Tallent and
Ralph Cunningham
Raby Mica Mine
Macon County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your undated application for exploration assistance on the subject property, that has been signed by Hiram Tallent and Ralph Cunningham.

Please advise us if the Raby Mica Mine is a Corporation or partnership composed of these two individuals, doing business as the Raby Mica Mine.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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March 7, 1956
Subject: DMEA-4200
Re: Exploration Assistance

Raby Mica Mine
Route #3
Franklin, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

The receipt of your application dated (not given) for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4200 and referred to the Nonmetallic Minerals Division.

Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Adams, Chief
Operations Control and
Statistics Division

March 7, 1956

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V

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 V.

DMEA - 4200 Raby Mica Mine

Robert E. Adams
Chief, Operation's Control
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February 27, 1956

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA, Washington, D. C.

From: Field Team, DMEA, Region V, Knoxville, Tennessee

Subject: Application from Hiram Tallent and Ralph Cunningham
Raby Mica Mine, Franklin, North Carolina (Mica)

Enclosed are three copies of the subject application, received in this office, with six copies of the Consent to Lien, a copy of the lease and two copies of an agreement between the lessors.

We are keeping the fourth copy of the application for our use.

Robert A. Laurence
Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region V

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

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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. DMEA-4200
Metal or Mineral Mica
Date Received 3-1-56
Estimated Cost $8,500.00
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

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U. S. Geological Survey
Knoxville, Tenn.

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you wish to contract, and your mailing address: Raby Mica Mine
Route # 3,
Franklin, North Carolina

(*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 Being the same land described in a deed from Nannie Raby, Widow, to Amy Reeves, Hiram Tallent, Clyde Tallent, Annalois Tallent and Darrell Tallent, dated June 5, 1928, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina in Deed Book R-4, at page 456. (See exhibit "A" for description.)

(*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 Lessee (six copies of owners consent to Lein Attached)

(*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. (copy of lease attached)

(*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. See Exhibit "B"

(*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. 4½ miles from town of Franklin, N.C., near good gravel road

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

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Manpower fair, materials & supplies good, electricity near property water on property, equipment can be obtained from Atlanta, Ga.

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

(*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 ....30.... days and be completed within ....18.... 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: Attached.

(*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...

.....
(Applicant)

By Hiram J. Albert

Ralph Cunningham

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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.

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Exhibit "A"

Beginning at a Spanish Oak in or near Jacob Collins' and H.H. Raby's Line, runs an E. Direction 142 rods to a hickory in or near Geo. Jacob's line; then S.W. with or near Geo. Jacob's line 48 poles to a Spanish Oak near Geo. Jacob's line; then a W. Direction 58 rods to a black oak, A.D. Tallent's and Geo. Jacob's corner; then a N.W. Direction with A.D. Tal lent's line 28 rods and 8 feet to a stake near the branch; then a N.E. Direction with A.D. Tallent's line 6 rods to a stake, then N.W. Direction with A.D. Tallent 's line 67 rods and 9 feet to a chestnut, A.D. Tal lent's corner; then N. with A.D. Tallent's line 10 rods and 14 feet to a rock, A.D. Tallent's corner; then W. With Ad.D. Tallent's line 5 rods and 4 feet to a stake on top of a ridge, A.D. Tallent's and Jacob Collins' corner, then E. 24 rods and 4 feet to the BEGINNING, and being the same land described in a deed from Nannie Raby, Widown, to Amy Reeves, Hiram Tallent, Clyde Tallent, Annalois Tallent and Darrell Tallent, dated June 5, 1928, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Deed Book B-4, at page 456.

Exhibit "B"

4. A. The Raby Mica mine was first worked by H.H. Raby on or about 1880. The workings consist of several small pits and a shaft down to water, which was around 40 feet. There was also a drift from the stream which they drained the workings with. At present the shafts are filled with muck which was done by recent dozing stripping and exposing the peg.

b. The recent mine stripping by the applicant recovered $1800.00 worth of mica. Most of this was from the muck from old workings. This mica was sold to the government depot in Spruce Pine, N.C.

c. Rocks of the area are the typical gneisses and the pegmatite was decomposed near the surface where exposed. Kaoline, clay, massive quartz, muscovite, and biotite, constituted the major portion of the pegmatite.

5. b. The applicant proposes to put down a shaft 5' x 7', one hundred feet deep near the center of the strike. This proposed shaft will be divided into two compartments by a partion and approved staggered ladder in the manway compartment. From on or about the 95 foot point in the shaft we plan to drive a 100' cross and/or drift. The drift to be 6' x 6' in the cross section.

d. We have been mining mica off and on for the passed 10 years, and have held down tunnel jobs in New York state, T.V.A. and other places.

Hiram Tallent, one of the applicants will supervise the operation. Ralph Cunningham the other applicant will assist in every way possible and is qualified to b e a consultant, as he has had much experience in hard rock mining.

6. Extimate of Cost.

100' shaft @ 50.00 per foot	$5,000.00
100' drift @ 35.00 per foot	3,500.00
Mine Tool Shed	150.00
Dozing	100.00
Power Line	150.00
Magazine for Dynamite	25.00
" " Exploders	13.00
Labor: Foreman 12.00	150
Driller 10.00	120
Mucker 8.00	100
Hoist Opr. 8.00	100
38.00	
38 dollars per day for 20 days per mo is $760 per mo, and 6 mo	4560.00
Dynamite	575.00
Exploders	300.00
Timber for Mine	350.00
Drill Steel	278.40
Gas & Oil	300.00
Rental on Compressor	1200.00
Rental on Hoist	300.00
Rental on jack-hammer, hose pipe, hand tools, wheel barrow & etc.	198. 60
Total	$ 8500.00

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NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this 15th day of August, 1955, by and between DARRELL TALLENT, Single, and HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT, of Macon County, North Carolina, parties of the first part, hereinafter designated as lessors, and RALPH CUNNINGHAM, of Macon County, North Carolina, party of the second part, hereinafter designated as lessee,

WITNESSETH:

That the said parties of the first part do hereby lease unto the party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, an undivided one-half interest in and to the mica and mica mining privileges upon a certain tract of land in Macon County, North Carolina, consisting of approximately twenty-five (25) acres more or less, and being more particularly described as follows:

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This lease shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Lessee agrees to pay to DARRELL TALLENT, one of the lessors, a royalty of six and one-fourth ($6\frac{1}{4}$) percent of the gross selling price of all mica recovered from said property, and all such royalty payments shall be due and payable within ten (10) days from the date of sale.

2. Lessee agrees that HIRAM TALLENT, one of the lessors, shall

retain, as royalty, six and one-fourth ($6\frac{1}{4}$) percent of the gross selling price of all mica recovered from said property.

3. The duration of this lease shall be thirty-six (36) months from the date hereof, unless sooner terminated by mutual agreement of all the parties hereto, given in writing, at least thirty days prior to such termination date.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said undivided one-half interest in and to the said mica and mica mining privileges according to the terms hereof, unto the said RALPH CUNNINGHAM, his heirs and assigns, to his own use and behoof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the said DARRELL TALLENT, Single, and HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT, lessors, and RALPH CUNNINGHAM, lessee, have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals upon duplicate copies, the day and year first above written.

Darrell Tallent (SEAL)

Hiram Tallent (SEAL)

Gladys E. Tallent (SEAL)

WITNESS:

Ralph Cunningham (SEAL)

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

I, CECILE GIBSON, a Notary Public of the aforesaid County of Macon, State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that personally appeared before me DARRELL TALLENT, Single, HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT, and RALPH CUNNINGHAM, the parties to the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged the due execution of the same for the purposes therein expressed. Let the same with this certificate be registered.

This 15th day of August, 1955.

Cecile Gibson
Notary Public, Macon County, N. C.

My commission expires December 22, 1955.

NORTH CAROLINA

MACON COUNTY ASSIGNMENT

For full value received, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, DARRELL TALLENT, Single, of Macon County, North Carolina, do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT, of Macon County, North Carolina, and their heirs and assigns, all of my right, title and interest in and to a certain lease, dated August 15, 1955, from DARRELL TALLENT, Single, and HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT to RALPH CUNNINGHAM, which lease conveys an undivided one-half interest in and to the mica and mica mining privileges upon a certain twenty-five acre tract in Macon County, North Carolina, under certain terms and conditions therein set forth.

And for the consideration herein, I hereby assign all royalty payments under the above lease to the said HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of ~~November~~ December, 1955.

Darrell Tallent
DARRELL TALLENT

STATE OF North Carolina

COUNTY OF Macon

I, Lucile Gibson, a Notary Public of the aforesaid State and County, do hereby certify that personally appeared before me DARRELL TALLENT, Single, the assignor in the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged the due execution of the same for the purposes therein expressed.

This, the 10th day of ~~November~~ December, 1955.

Lucile Gibson
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12/22/55

NORTH CAROLINA, Macon County.

The foregoing certificate of
Cecile Gibson
Notary Public of Macon County,
State of N. C.,
attested by his/her notarial seal, is adjudged to be correct.

Let the instrument, with the certificates, be registered.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 24 day of Jan.,
1956
Edith C. Byrd
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT
Asst.

LEASE AGREEMENT

DARRELL TALLENT, Single, HIRAM TALLENT
and wife GLADYS TALLENT

TO

RALPH CUNNINGHAM

ASSIGNMENT OF INTEREST IN LEASE
DARRELL TALLENT

TO

HIRAM TALLENT and wife

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NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and executed this 10th day of December, 1955, by and between DARRELL TALLENT, Single, Party of the First Part, and HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT, Parties of the Second Part, all of Macon County, North Carolina;

WITNESSETH:

That the parties hereto have heretofore executed a lease of certain mineral interests and mining privileges to RALPH CUNNINGHAM, of Macon County, North Carolina, which lease is dated August 15, 1955, and under the terms of which each of the parties hereto will be entitled to receive royalty payments in the amount of six and one-fourth ($6\frac{1}{4}$) per centum of the gross selling price of all mica recovered from the property leased as aforesaid;

That the parties hereto have entered an agreement between themselves whereby all of the above royalty payments will be paid to the aforesaid HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT, and the aforesaid DARRELL TALLENT has assigned to them his right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid lease;

That the aforesaid agreement and assignment was made for the mutual best interests of each of the parties hereto, and for reasons best known to each of them, but that at the execution of said assignment this agreement was made and entered into for the retention of royalty payments for the benefit of the aforesaid DARRELL TALLENT;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the second part agree that from all royalty payments received by them under the terms of the above lease, they will pay to the said party of the first part one-half, or six and one-fourth ($6\frac{1}{4}$) per cent of the gross selling price of all mica recovered from the lands leased, in accordance with the original terms of said lease.

It is further agreed by the parties of the second part that they will maintain accurate books and records showing the total of such gross amounts received under the terms of the aforesaid lease, and will account to the said party of the first part for all royalty monies received by them within ten days from the date of each such receipt.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, this ____ day of December, 1955.

Darrell Tallent (SEAL)

Hiram Tallent (SEAL)

Gladys E Tallent (SEAL)

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public of Macon County, North Carolina, HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT, and DARRELL TALLENT, the parties hereto, who acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 3rd day of ~~December~~ January, 1956.

Cecile Gibson
Notary Public, Macon County, N. C.

My commission expires: Dec. 22, 1957

NORTH CAROLINA, Macon County.

The foregoing certificate of Cecile Gibson Notary Public of Macon County, State of N. C., attested by his/her notarial seal, is adjudged to be correct.

Let the instrument, with the certificates, be registered.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 24 day of Jan. 1956

Edith C. Byrd
Asst. CLERK SUPERIOR COURT.

Ralph Cunningham

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NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

AGREEMENT

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That the parties hereto have entered an agreement between themselves whereby all of the above royalty payments will be paid to the aforesaid HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT, and the aforesaid DARRELL TALLENT has assigned to them his right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid lease;

That the aforesaid agreement and assignment was made for the mutual best interests of each of the parties hereto, and for reasons best known to each of them, but that at the execution of said assignment this agreement was made and entered into for the retention of royalty payments for the benefit of the aforesaid DARRELL TALLENT;

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It is further agreed by the parties of the second part that they will maintain accurate books and records showing the total of such gross amounts received under the terms of the aforesaid lease, and will account to the said party of the first part for all royalty monies received by them within ten days from the date of each such receipt.

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Darrell Tallent (SEAL)

Hiram Tallent (SEAL)

Gladys E. Tallent (SEAL)

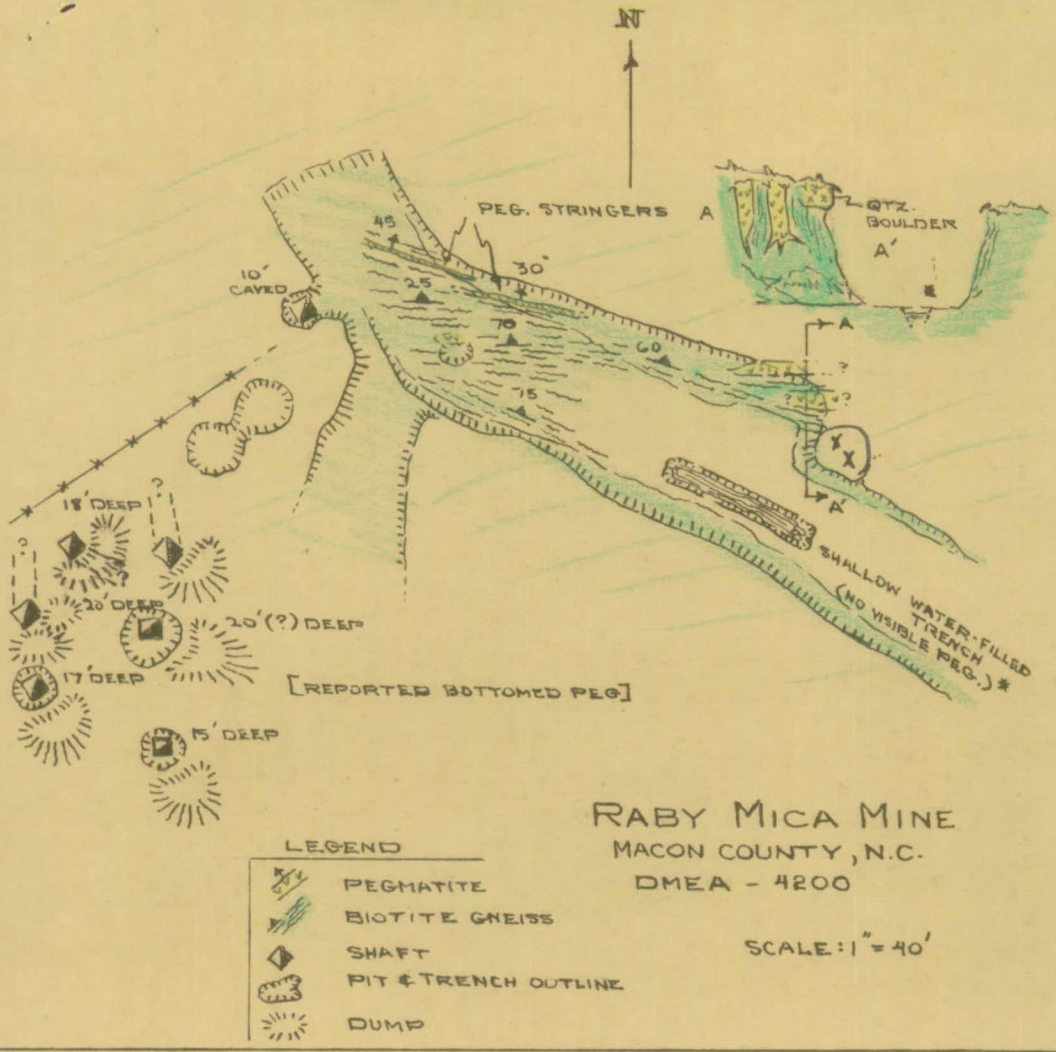
NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public of Macon County, North Carolina, HIRAM TALLENT and wife GLADYS TALLENT, and DARRELL TALLENT, the parties hereto, who acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 3rd day of ~~December~~ January, 1956.

Cecile Gibson
Notary Public, Macon County, N. C.

My commission expires: Dec. 23, 1957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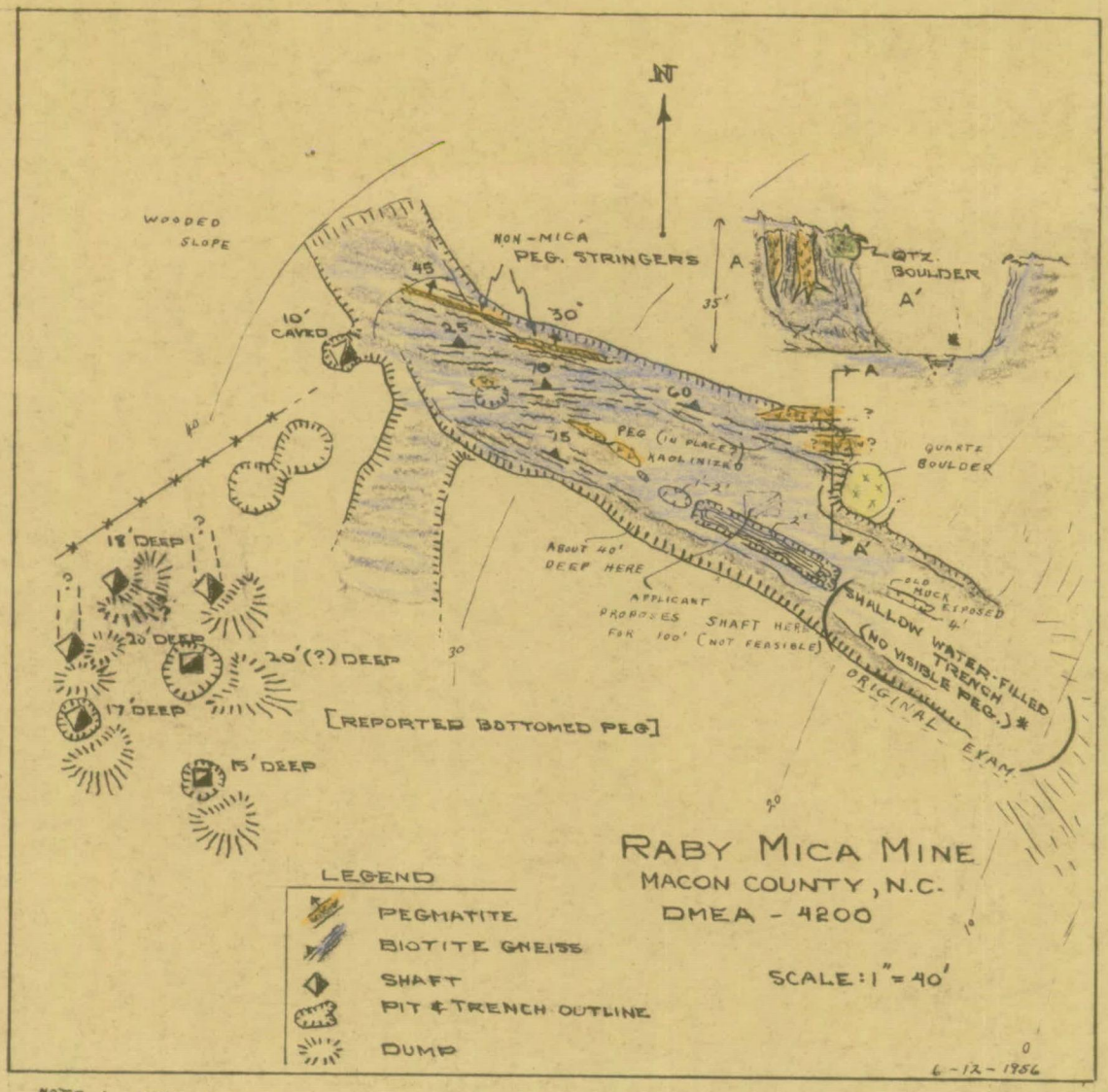

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