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This is a mining lease between E. L. Williams, the lessee, and Harriet E. Etheridge, the lessor, for property in Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri. The ten-year lease stipulated a 10% royalty on the value of lead and zinc mined from the site.

On 4 December 1912 Harriet E. Etheridge, a “single and unmarried” woman in Chicago, Illinois, leased property at the southwest corner of Limestone and Parsons streets in northern Carthage to E. L. Williams of Carthage. The agreement was for “mining and prospecting purposes only,” with work to commence “within ninety days.” Thereafter on a monthly basis the lessee was to render “a correct statement of the kinds and weights of all minerals mined and the price received,” upon which a 10% royalty would be paid to the lessor. The term of the lease was ten years.

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