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

SEP 30 1952

Hon. Howard H. Baker
313 Post Office Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Re: Dockets DMEA-2311 and DMEA-2326
(Copper and sulphur)
T. J. McDonald
Monroe County, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Baker:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of September 25 inquiring about the results of the exploration work of the Tennessee Copper Company in relation to the captioned applications. At the time our letter of denial was written to Mr. T. J. McDonald, it had been thought that the results of this drilling might be made available to us. Drilling was started last April, and we note from your letter that it is discontinued.

Since the Tennessee Copper Company is doing this work at their own expense it is unfortunate that we cannot depend on getting any of the results.

We do know that their drilling was done as a result of considerable geophysical and geological work made some years ago, with the drill holes scientifically directed on definitely located structures. There is also one consideration in their exploration work which is not applicable to other copper prospectors, namely the value of the mineral pyrrhotite associated with these ores, which is devoid of copper but is of value in making sulphuric acid in the Tennessee Company plant.

We regret that to date there is no new information since writing the letter of denial to Mr. McDonald on March 20, which would throw any more favorable light on these applications.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

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Mr. Ellis

Mr. Schmidt
DMEA Field Team, Region VII (2)

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

September 25, 1952

313 Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville, Tennessee

Mr. Frank E. Johnson
Acting Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Admn.
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Re: Docket No. DMEA-2311 (Copper-Sulphur)
Docket No. DMEA-2326 (Copper-Sulphur)
T. J. McDonald
Monroe County, Tennessee

Referring further to your letter to me under date of July 23, 1952 relative to the above captioned matter. Mr. T. J. McDonald is in my office now. He informs me that as he understands it, this drilling program has now been completed, and if in keeping with your policies he would like to have the information obtained as a result of the drilling as suggested in your letter to Mr. McDonald under date of May 1, 1952.

I will appreciate being further advised as to the situation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Howard H. Baker

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DMEA 2326
DMEA-2311 (Copper and Sulphur)

Application 12/27/51 by T.J.McDonald Amount $4,950.00

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Letter from Laurence 3/7/52

States that Tennessee Copper Company has recently applied to Bureau of Land Management for prospecting permits on a block of National Forest land, adjoining and surrounding McDonalds tracts.

There has never been any application by Tennessee Copper to DMPA or DMEA for drilling project. Hence they are doing or planning to do this drilling on their own.

Letter from Laurence 3/10/52

Tennessee Copper will soon begin drilling specific anomalies located by magnetometer surveys made some years ago. This information may be of interest in considering the subject applications.

Note the post script - This information supplied confidentially by the company, and of course should not be revealed to the applicant-RAL.

March 17, 1952 - Acting Administrator Mittendorf to Mr. McDonald denial of application.

April 15, 1952 - Tennessee Copper moved a core drill rig on land adjoining (McDonald 4/18/52).

May 1, 1952 - Letter from Ellis to McDonald.

"The diamond drill program that has now been started by the Tennessee Copper Company in the Beaver Dam Bald area should add materially to our knowledge of the geology of that area. If the exploration program now initiated by that company results in the finding of copper ore deposits near or adjacent to your leases, that information should be of value not only to you but also to the Government in a re-

evaluation of your applications. If after the completion of the present drilling program of the Tennessee Copper Company you have reason to believe that ore was discovered near your property we shall be pleased to have you file a new application."

May 8, 1952 - Letter from Mr. Mittendorf to Sen. Kefauver quotes the foregoing and adds.

"We have taken this stand, in the belief that both the Government and the applicant will be benefited by the information obtained by the Tennessee Copper Company in diamond drilling this area."

July 23, 1952 - Letter from Acting Administrator to Congressman Baker quotes the foregoing.

Sept. 22, 1952- Letter from Congressman Baker to Frank Johnson asks "I should like to know what the Tennessee Copper Company found during their exploration.

CONCLUSION

It is only natural for Congressman Baker or Sen. Kefauver or McDonald to assume from the correspondence that the Government would know the results of the drilling of the Tennessee Company. Just how the information gained by Tennessee "should be of value to the Government" I do not see, unless this private Company doing this work at their own expense, wants to make the results available to the Government fore re-use. This would be unlikely if they wanted to acquire the surrounding area which their drilling proved to be valuable.

The whole idea underlying these letters is that the Government will know better how to evaluate this application as a result of Tennessee drilling and this idea has been impressed on McDonald etal so that their inquiry as to what these results have been in quite natural.

We are now placed in the position of having to tell them that we know nothing about the results of Tennessee drilling, and that they can probably find out more about it locally than we can.

Alternative - That before we answer this letter we inquire of Mr. Laurence whether he knows anything about these results that we could divulge.

These big companies drill these wild cat areas to buy them up themselves, and not to benefit local leasers, so I doubt whether Tennessee will divulge any results if they are indicative of values.

Recommend letter to the inquirers explaining that Tennessee is doing their work at their own expense that the results are not available to us at present, but that as soon as they are, we will be guided in a reappraisal of the merits of the application.

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Hon. Howard H. Baker
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-2311 (Copper-Sulphur)
Docket No. DMEA-2326 (Copper-Sulphur)
T. J. McDonald
Monroe County, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Baker:

We have your inquiry of July 17, 1952, concerning the captioned applications of Mr. T. J. McDonald of the McDonald Drilling Co. of Middlesboro, Kentucky.

We advised Mr. McDonald in our letter of March 20, 1952, that his applications had been denied on the following basis: "The engineers who have studied the subject applications and others who have examined the geology and mineralization of the Beaverdam Bald and Little Bald areas are of the general opinion that although the area shows disseminated pyritic mineralization, the possibility of encountering favorable copper mineralization is rather limited, especially as there are no surface indications of such occurrences."

On April 18, 1952, Mr. McDonald wrote this agency requesting that his applications be reconsidered on the basis that the Tennessee Copper Company was starting a diamond drilling program in the Beaverdam Bald area, which is the district in which the Applicant's properties are located.

On May 1, 1952, we wrote Mr. McDonald the following: "The diamond drill program that has now been started, by the Tennessee Copper Company in the Beaverdam Bald area, should add materially to our knowledge of the geology of that area. If the exploration program now initiated by that company results in the finding of copper ore deposits near or adjacent to your leases, that information should be of value not only to you but also to the Government in a re-evaluation of your applications."

We have taken this stand, in the belief that both the Government and the Applicant will be benefited by the information obtained by the Tennessee Copper Company, in diamond drilling this area.

I trust this information will reveal to you the present status of these applications.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON (B.J.H.)

Acting Administrator

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UNITED STATES
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Hon. Estes Kefauver
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. [illegible]-231 (Copper-[illegible])
Docket No. [illegible]-232 (Copper-[illegible])
Monroe County, Tennessee

Dear Senator Kefauver:

We have your letter of May 5, 1952, concerning the mentioned applications of Mr. T. J. McDonald of the McDonald Drilling Co. of Madisonboro, Kentucky.

We advised Mr. McDonald in our letter of March 20, 1952, that his applications had been denied on the following basis: "The engineers who have studied the subject applications and others who have examined the geology and mineralization of the Greenville and adjacent areas are of the general opinion that although the area does show disseminated pyritic mineralization, the possibility of encountering favorable copper mineralization is rather limited, especially as there are no surface indications of such occurrences."

On April 10, 1952, Mr. McDonald wrote to the Agency requesting that his applications be reconsidered on the basis that the Tennessee Copper Company was starting a diamond drilling program in the Greenville area, which is the district in which the applicant's properties are located.

On May 1, 1952, we wrote Mr. McDonald the following: "The diamond drill program that has now been started by the Tennessee Copper Company in the Greenville Valley area, should add materially to our knowledge of the geology of that area. If the exploration program now initiated by the company results in the finding of copper ore deposits near or adjacent to your leases, that information should be of value not only to you but also to the Government in a re-evaluation of your applications."

We have to rest on this stand, in the belief that both the Government and the applicant will be benefited by the information obtained by the Tennessee Copper Company, in diamond drilling this area.

I trust this information will reveal to you the present status of this application.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (fw)
Acting Administrator
Defense Mineral Exploration Administration

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May 5, 1952

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Hon. C. O. Mittendorf
Acting Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mittendorf:

Mr. T. J. McDonald, McDonald Drilling Co., Middlesboro, Kentucky, or Box 573, Maryville, Tennessee, has written to me regarding his application with the Defense Minerals Administration for a loan to drill four holes on Beaver Dam Bald and Rough Ridge, Tennessee. The Docket No. of these applications are as follows: Docket No. DMEA-2311 (Copper-Sulphur), Docket No. DMEA-2326 (Copper-Sulphur, Monroe County, Tennessee.

I would greatly appreciate every consideration given Mr. McDonald's application and would be grateful for a report in duplicate of the status of his application.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Estes Kefauver

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Mr. T. J. McDonald
Box 640
Middlesboro, Kentucky

Re: Docket No. DMEA-2311 (Copper-Sulphur)
Docket No. DMEA-2326 (Copper-Sulphur)
Monroe County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We have your letter of April 14, 1952, concerning the captioned applications and have noted the additional information that you have furnished us in regard to them.

The diamond drill program that has now been started by the Tennessee Copper Company in the Beaver Dam Bald area, should add materially to our knowledge of the geology of that area. If the exploration program now initiated by that company results in the finding of copper ore deposits near or adjacent to your leases, that information should be of value not only to you but also to the Government in a re-evaluation of your applications.

If after the completion of the present drilling program of the Tennessee Copper Company, you have reason to believe that ore was discovered near your property, we shall be pleased to have you file a new application.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Ernest Wm. Ellis, Chief
Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Div.
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

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AIR MAIL

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Mr. T. J. McDonald
Box 640
Middlebore, Kentucky

Re: Docket No. DMRA-2311 (Copper-Sulphur)
Docket No. DMRA-2326 (" ")
Monroe County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McDonald:

After a careful study of the data you furnished in your applications and subsequent correspondence, and the additional data available to this agency, we regret to advise you that your applications have been denied.

The engineers who have studied the subject applications and others who have examined the geology and mineralization of the Benverdam Bald and Little Bald areas are of the general opinion that although the area shows disseminated pyritic mineralization, the possibility of encountering favorable copper mineralization is rather limited, especially as there are no surface indications of such occurrences.

If at any time in the future you obtain additional information that might alter our decision we would be pleased to have you submit it to this agency.

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

APPROVED:

For Bureau of Mines

For Geologic Survey

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March 10, 1952

Memorandum

To: Mr. Frank E. Johnson, Chairman, Operating Committee

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region VII

Subject: Docket DMEA-2311 (copper)
Docket DMEA-2326 (copper) T. J. McDonald, Monroe County Tennessee

After writing you on March 7, concerning the subject applications, we have learned that Tennessee Copper Co. will soon begin drilling in the Beaverdam Bald area, adjacent to the applicant's tracts. It should be noted that the company is drilling specific anomalies located by magnetometer surveys made some years ago. This information may be of interest in considering the subject applications.

Robert A. Laurence

Robert A. Laurence

P.S.: This information supplied confidentially by the company, & of course should not be revealed to the applicant.
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March 7, 1952

Memorandum

To: Frank E. Johnson, Chairman, Operating Committee, DMEA

From: Field Team, Region VII

Subject: DMEA-2311, 2326 (copper). T. J. McDonald

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In reply to your letter of February 29.

Mr. McDonald's proposal to drill two holes in an area where sulphides and gossan occur, without supporting geological or geophysical evidence, is wildcatting, in an area where there may be some promise of possible sulphide ores. If DMEA policy includes assistance of this type, this would be one of the better wildcatting localities, but two holes under these conditions will neither prove nor disprove the possibilities.

It may be worth noting that Tennessee Copper Company has recently applied to the Bureau of Land Management for prospecting permits on a block of National Forest land adjoining and surrounding Mr. McDonald's tracts. We believe the statement that the district has been rather thoroughly prospected by Tennessee Copper Company is incorrect, as we have no information that much work has been done in this particular area.

In May 1943, G. H. Espenshade of the Geological Survey, and H. B. Ewoldt and C. J. Cohen of the Bureau of Mines, examined these prospects. The following is quoted from a memorandum submitted by Mr. Espenshade after that examination:

" Conclusions: The slabby blocks of gossan on Beaverdam Bald and Little Bald are thought to have formed from the weathering of disseminations and thin seams of iron sulphides in black slates. These two knobs at elevations of 4276 and 4,000 feet are remnants of an old erosion surface, and it is believed that gossan would be far more abundant if the source had been a body of massive sulphide minerals.

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE

3-10-52
(date) (HB)

" The reported dip needle anomalies were perhaps due to the pyrrhotite disseminations in the slate. Mineralization in the region appears to have been dissipated throughout the country rocks, instead of being localized. There are no signs of copper among the weathered material or the fresh sulphides.

Recommendations: Additional work on these prospects by the Geological Survey or the Bureau of Mines is not recommended."

We believe the applicant is capable of doing the drilling as set up in the proposal, but he is neither a geologist nor a mining engineer. He has previously drilled deposits in similar terrain for private clients, apparently satisfactorily. His recent unfortunate experience on DMEA-1665X (mica) was due to attempting to drill NX holes with inadequate equipment, and unfamiliarity with drilling pegmatites. We believe he could successfully complete AX holes in the subject area at the proposed cost. It should be noted, however, that his schedule for rental of his own drill rig is far above the usual depreciation allowance.

If it is decided that wildcatting will be approved, we believe a field examination might result in improvement of the drill hole locations, or at least in approval of the proposed locations.

The applications are returned herewith.

Robert A. Laurence

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

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

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Mr. T. [illegible]
Box 640
Middlesboro, Kentucky

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

Re: Docket No. A-7311 (Lessor)
Docket No. A-2376 (Lessor)
Harrison County, Tennessee

Reference is made to your applications for assistance in exploring the properties located in Harrison County, Tennessee, Docket Nos. DMA-7311 and DMA-2376.

We have requested further information concerning your applications from Mr. Robert S. Lawrence, Exploration Officer, DMA Field Team, Region VII, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville, Ohio, Tennessee. On receipt of this information we will advise you of our decisions with respect to your two applications.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Acting Administrator

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DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
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FEB 29 1952

AIR MAIL

Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, Region VII
DMEA Field Team
Room 13
Post Office Building
Knoxville, 01, Tennessee

Re: Docket DMEA-2311 (Copper)
Docket DMEA-2326 (Copper)
A. J. McDonald
Monroe County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Laurence:

We are enclosing one copy each of the subject applications and the supporting evidence.

From correspondence with the applicant it is quite evident that he would be unable to furnish the technical data that we would need to be able to decide on the merits of either application. We believe that one of your field engineers may have definite information concerning not only the area that the applicant proposes to prospect but also the applicant himself, which might influence our decision on the applications. We do not believe that a Field Team examination is warranted.

From the information at our disposal it appears that the applicant has no definite objective, other than to drill a formation containing disseminated iron sulphides in a district which has been rather thoroughly prospected by the Tennessee Copper Company.

We do not believe that either of these applications should be approved but before informing the applicant of our decision we wish to obtain any additional information that is pertinent to the subject which you might have at your disposal.

Sincerely yours,

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(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON
(Ch)

Chairman, Operating Committee
Defense Minerals Exploration
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APPROVED: W. E. Hedges (Ch)
Member, Bureau of Mines

L P Shazer (Ch)
Member, Geological Survey

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Mr. T. J. McDonald
Box 640
Middlesboro, Kentucky

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Re: Docket DMEA-2311 (Copper)
Docket DMEA-2326 (Copper)
Monroe County, Tennessee

Reference is made to your applications for assistance in exploring the properties located in Monroe County, Tennessee, Docket Nos. DMEA-2311 and DMEA-2326.

We have requested further information concerning your applications from Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region VII, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville, 01, Tennessee. On receipt of this information we will advise you of our decisions with respect to your two applications.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittenderf (for) 2/29

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AIR MAIL

JAN 15 1952

Mr. T. J. McDonald
Box 640
Middlesboro, Kentucky

Re: Docket DMA-2311
(Copper & Sulphur)
Monroe County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Your subject application for aid on an exploration project to the amount of $4,950.00 has been reviewed.

To permit us to decide on the merits of your application, please furnish us with the following information:

1. Amount and location of any recent exploration work.

2. Assays of any samples taken along the vein or in the exploration work.

3. Detailed plan showing the location, strike, and dip of the proposed diamond drill holes.

4. Show on this plan the geological data that would influence the selection of the diamond drill sites.

When we have received this information we assure we will give your application further study.

Sincerely yours,

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Ernest B. Ellis, Acting Chief
Rare & Rare Metals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

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DMEA-2326

Mineral Prospecting *Assaying* *Geological Reports*

McDONALD DRILLING COMPANY, INC.

Diamond Core Drilling

MIDDLESBORO, KY.

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January 10, 1952

P. O. Box 640
Middlesboro, Kentucky

Re: T. J. McDonald
DMEA-2311

Defense Minerals Administration
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing as application for a loan to prospect for copper by Diamond core drilling on 2 tracts of land located at the head waters of Tellico River in Monroe County, Tennessee.

These tracts lie along the Tennessee state line and are in the same locality as the tracts on which we filed an application for a loan on December 27, 1951 (see above file number). These tracts are crossed by what is locally known as the Fontana Lead. I have no geological map of the Murphy Sheet available, however, I have traced on a topographic map this lead in blue. I am enclosing this map with the application, also a copy of the lease. There has been considerable surface prospecting done on this lead between Beaver Dam Bald and the head waters of Rough Creek. Gossan and Pyrite has been found in many places on these tracts.

The map which I mailed you when I made the former application shows the location of Block #1 and Block #4.

I trust that you will give my application favorable consideration. I am

Yours very truly,

T. J. McDonald

T. J. McDonald

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McDONALD DRILLING COMPANY, INC.

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January 10th 1952

Defence Minerals Administration,
U. S. Dept. of the Interior,
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen; I have been in doubt of the advisiability of executing the subordination of agreement inasmuch as the land is owned by the U. S. Government, being a part of the Cherokee National Forest, in which these tracts are located, however I am enclosing the agreement from the Lessors, if you desire additional copies of this agreement, please advise.

Your's Very Truly,

T. J. McDonald

T. J. McDonald

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

January 7, 1952

Memorandum

To: Mr. E. Wm. Ellis

From: Mr. N. E. Nelson

Subject: DMEA 2311, T. J. McDonald. Copper and Sulphur, Monroe County, Tennessee.

Summary This application should be referred to the field team unless information from the applicant confirms Mr. Espenshade's recommendation, viz: "Additional work on these prospects by the Geological Survey or Bureau of Mines is not recommended". May 28, 1943.

Comment Writing of this general area in a report dated May 28, 1943, Mr. G. H. Espenshade said:

Preliminary Report

Beaverdam Bald Prospect, Tennessee - North Carolina

"Some prospects for copper on Beaverdam Bald and nearby Little Bald were visited on May 20, 1943, by the writer in company with H. B. Ewoldt and C. J. Cohen of the Bureau of Mines. The prospects lie in the Cherokee National Forest, along the ridge which forms the boundary between Cherokee County, N. C. and Monroe County, Tenn. Beaverday Bald is situated on the south edge of the Haw Knob quadrangle. The mineral rights to the prospects are said to be held by T. J. McDonald, Coker Creek, Tenn.(who has done much of the prospecting), C. H. Sterling, Marysville, Tenn., and D. B. Burns, Asheville, N. C.

"On Beaverdam Bald a prospect pit 6 feet deep has been sunk by the side of the road 100 yards northeast of the lookout tower. Fine grained pyrite or marcasite with a porous concretionary structure occurs abundantly in sandy layers in the slate. Blocks of reddish-orange to yellow-brown gossan with a platy structure and thickness of no more than several inches are scattered along the road. No malachite stains were observed in the pit and no chalcopyrite or other copper minerals were seen among the fresh sulphide minerals.

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McDONALD DRILLING COMPANY
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Diamond Core Drilling

MIDDLESBORO, KY.

February 11, 1952

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Defense Minerals Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket DMEA-2311
(Copper & Sulphur)
Monroe County, Tenn.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of January 15, 1952, on my return to Middlesboro after an absence of over thirty days. In reference to the questions in which you ask, relative to the tracts on which I made application for the loan:

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4. I have been guided principally in the selection of these sites by the presence of Gossan, also by magnetometer readings.

If I can give you any further information relative to this matter, please advise me. I am

Yours very truly,

T. J. McDonald

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

January 9, 1952

Memorandum

To: E. W. Ellis, Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Branch, DMEA

From: C. H. Johnson

Subject: DMEA 2311 - T. J. McDonald

This applicant has furnished no description whatsoever of the prospect itself. I believe he should be asked to give you a description of it in terms of length and width of the mineralized outcrop, together with analyses of samples. He should also state what, if any work, such as trenching or test fitting has been done to determine the surface extent of the oreshoot or gossan.

C. H. Johnson
C. H. Johnson, Chief
Base Metals Branch

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Copy to: Mr. Nelson, Rm.4216 GSA Bldg.
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Base Metals Branch
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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

January 7, 1952

Memorandum

To: Mr. E. Wm. Ellis

From: Mr. N. E. Nelson

Subject: DMEA 2311, T. J. McDonald. Copper and Sulphur, Monroe County, Tennessee.

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DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
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Mr. T. J. McDonald
Box 640
Middlesboro, Kentucky

Re: Docket DMA-2311
(Copper & Sulphur)
Monroe County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Your subject application for aid on an exploration project to the amount of $4,950.00 has been reviewed.

To permit us to decide on the merits of your application, please furnish us with the following information:

1. Amount and location of any recent exploration work.

2. Assays of any samples taken along the vein or in the exploration work.

3. Detailed plan showing the location, strike, and dip of the proposed diamond drill holes.

4. Show on this plan the geological data that would influence the selection of the diamond drill sites.

When we have received this information be assured we will give your application further study.

Sincerely yours,

Signed S.N. 1-15-52

Ernest M. Ellis, Acting Chief
Rare & Rec. Metals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

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cc to: Adm. Reading File
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Messrs. Johnson, C.H. Rm. 3621
Nelson, Ned Rm. 4216 G.S.
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Field Team, Reg. VII (2)

Subject: DMEA-2311
Re: Exploration Loan

Mr. T. J. McDonald
Box 640,
Middlesboro, Kentucky

This will acknowledge receipt of your application dated December 27, 1951 for a loan under the Defense Production Act of 1950.

Your application was assigned Docket Number DMEA-2311 and referred to the Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Division.

Kindly refer to DMEA-2311 in any future correspondence relating to your application.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Adams,
Acting Administrative Officer

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McDONALD DRILLING COMPANY
INCORPORATED
Diamond Core Drilling
MIDDLESBORO, KY.

P.O. Box 640
Middlesboro, Kentucky
December 27, 1951

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Defence Minerals Administration
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing an application for a loan to prospect for copper, 3 tracts of land located at the head waters of Tellico River in Monroe County, Tennessee.

These tracts are located on what is commonly known as the Fontana Lead running from Ducktown Basin to Fontana, North Carolina. There has been more or less surface prospecting done in this section for the past several years. Gossan and Pyrite have been found in many places between Beaver Dam Bald and Grassy Top. I have made magnetometer surveys of this section. These surveys indicate that there is considerable mineralization in this section.

I trust that you will give my application favorable consideration. I am

Yours very truly,

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Form MF-103
(April 1951)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.
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APPLICATION FOR AID FOR AN EXPLORATION PROJECT PURSUANT TO MINERAL ORDER 5, UNDER DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950

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T. J. McDonald
Box 640
Middlesboro, Kentucky

Name and address of applicant

Date Dec. 27, 1951

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Date of application 12/27/51

Estimated cost $1950.00

Mineral or metal Copper & Sulphur

Percentage of Government participation 50%

Location of mine Head of Tellico River
Monroe County, Tennessee

Date of filing MF-100

DMA Docket Number, if available

INSTRUCTIONS

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

(Name of company)

By T. J. McDonald
(Signature of authorized official)

Sept. 27 - 1951
(Date)

(Title)

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.

*Same as footnote on page 1.

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Questions: Form MF-103 U. S. DEPT OF INTERIOR, Defense Minerals Adm.
Re: T. J. McDonald

1. Individual

2. Not applicable

3. Not applicable

4. (a) I have been doing contract core drilling for the past 15 years in many different sections of the south. Have been doing prospecting work, surface exploration, such as tunnelling, cross-cutting etc. since 1930 mostly in the southern Applachains. In the early 20's I did considerable prospecting in South America, San Juan River in Columbia, as well as Panama.

5. Lessee

6. None

7. See attached lease.

8. Financial Statement of

T. J. McDonald

Dec. 1st 1951	Cash on hand and in Banks,	$ 5,000.00
	Drilling Equipment, Including tools, & etc.	10,000.00
	Real Estate	750.00
	Liabilities	none

9. Will use my own drilling equipment which will cover my share of cost. Will be my own driller.

10. (a) (b) refer to map and attached description.

11. Cherokee National Forest, upper Tellico River

12. 25 miles east of Tellico Plains, Tenn.

13. Springs and streams within 1,000 feet of drilling sites. no power to be used.

14. None

15. Plant would have to be erected on site to concentrate material. Concentrates to be trucked to Ducktown, Tennessee, approximately 60 miles.

16. (a) There has been more or less surface prospecting on this Fontana Lead between Beaver Dam Bald and Grassy Top for the past 25 years. Magnetometer surveys have been made

of this section many times by different geologists and engineers. These surveys indicate favorable conditions for deposits of copper. The Civilian Conservation Corps built a road from Tellico River to Beaver Dam Bald using Bull-dozer equipment. This operation uncovered more or less copper in the slate wherever the road crossed the Fontana Lead. It also uncovered some Gossan in many places. There was a pit or shaft sunk close to Beaver Dam Bald many years ago showing a deposit of Pyrite.

(b) No development near this section
(c) Have no private reports on this particular section.

17. No production.

18. No operating.

19.

20. Copper and Iron sulphites (Ducktown Type Ore Body)

21. 3 AX diamond drill holes to a depth of 300 feet each, a total of 900 feet.
It is estimated that this work can be completed within six months. This length of time may be necessary due to the rugged terrian, altitude, and probably bad winter weather.

22. See map Murphy Quadrangle, also Murphy folio. Some of the slate veins have been traced on the enclosed map from the Murphy Folio. Magnatomitor surveys indicate that this is the most favorable section for locating copper between Ducktown and Fontana, North Carolina. I have made a curvey personally of this Lead or vein all the way from Ducktown to Fontana.

23.

(a)	1 drill helper @ $10.00 per day 60 days	$600.00
(b)	1 supervisor who will do the drilling (applicant) @ $16.00 per day	960.00
(c)	None	
(d)	1 Tool House	300.00
(e)	None	
(f)	None)	
(g)	Diamond drill & 2 pumps @ 25.00 per day for 60 days	1500.00
(h)	Drill bits, core boxes, drilling, accessories, etc.	840.00
(i)	Drill Transportation, gas & oil, analysis	300.00
	1- Road Building	300.00
	2- Depreciation on Equipment	150.00
		$ 4950.00

24. Drilling can be started within 2 weeks after contract is approved and it is estimated that 300 feet of drilling can be done per month unless delayed by inclement weather during the winter months.

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(Name of company)

By J. J. McDonald
(Signature of authorized official)

Sept 27th 1951
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Form MF-103
(April 1951)

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Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.
Approval expires 6-30-51.

APPLICATION FOR AID FOR AN EXPLORATION PROJECT PURSUANT TO MINERAL ORDER 5, UNDER DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950

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Date received 1/2/52

Participation

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T. J. McDonald
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Name and address of applicant

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Date of application 12/27/51

Estimated cost $4950.00

Mineral or metal Copper & Sulphur

Percentage of Government participation 50%

Location of mine Head of Tellico River
Monroe County, Tennessee

Date of filing MF-100

DMA Docket Number, if available

INSTRUCTIONS

Read Mineral Order 5, Regulations Governing Government Aid in Defense Projects, before completing this application. Submit four signed copies of the application to Defense Minerals Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or to the nearest field executive officer thereof, with your name and address on each sheet of the application and all accompanying papers. If any question is inapplicable, or if you cannot answer it, so state on the form. Where the space provided for answer is insufficient, answer on a separate sheet, annex it to the application form, and refer to it in space for answer. If the application is approved, you will be presented with an exploration project contract on Form MF-200, for your signature.

THE APPLICANT

*1. Is applicant an individual, partnership, or corporation?
*2. If a partnership, state names and addresses of partners.
*3. If a corporation, state names and addresses of officers, directors, and five largest stockholders.
*4. Describe the mining and general business experience of (*a*) the applicant, and (*b*) the person or persons who will manage the project.
*5. Are you the owner or the lessee of the property?
6. If owner, state what claims, liens, or encumbrances, if any, are against the property.
7. If lessee, attach a copy of the lease and state if it is in good standing.

NOTE.—It will be necessary to procure and attach to the exploration project contract agreements of claimants, lienors, encumbrances and lessors subordinating their interests in the property to the interest of the Government under the contract.

8. Furnish current financial statement, showing assets and liabilities, and a profit and loss statement.
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*If you have already answered these questions on MF-100, you are not required to answer the questions for this application.

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THE PROPERTY

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    (*b*) Give the legal description of the exact parcel, plot, or area upon which the exploration is to be conducted.

    NOTE.—If both areas are the same, so state. The only obligation to repay the Government is from the net earnings from any commercial discovery made in the area specified in (*b*) above in which the exploration is to be conducted, and the expenditure of funds which may be charged as costs of the project must be limited to that area or to work necessary to perform the exploration in that area.

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State amount of power to be used, rate per hour or other cost, and source.

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(3) Shipped or sold				

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W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the parties of the first part are the owners of mineral rights & mining privileges on a certain tract of land located and situated in the ..... Civil District of Monroe County, State of Tennessee, containing approximately 500 acres, more or less, and more particularly described as follows:

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And, WHEREAS, the parties of the first part and the party of the second part have reason to believe that the above described lands contain copper and oher associated minerals.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One ($1.00) Dollar in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part hereby grant, convey and ransfer unto the party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, the following sole and exclusive rights, privileges and options, for a term of 3 years from the date hereof, as follows:

FIRST: The rights and privileges to enter upon the above described lands and explore thereon for any copper and all associate minerals, together with the rights and privileges to dig or excavate pits, mine or drill holes thereon and or therein, together with the right to erect or place on said lands such structures, machinery and equipment as the party of the second part may deem necessary to effectively carry on said operations, together with all necessary rights-of-way for ingress and egress; and

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The parties of the first part, if requested by the party of the second part within 180 days from the date hereof, will execute a formal option to the party of the second part containing the same provisions as herein incorporated.

The parties of the first part for themselves, their heirs and assigns, covenant with the party of the second part that they are the true and lawful owners of said real estate, and that the same is free from all encumbrances, and that they will forever warrant and defend the title thereto against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands on this the day and date first above written.

Mrs H. M. Boyd

Dana B. Burns

WITNESSES TO ABOVE SIGNATURES:

George L. Dempster
Witness

J. Royce Dodge
Witness

Re: T. J. McDonald, Box 640, Middlesboro, Kentucky

DESCRIPTION OF TRACTS #3, #4, and #5

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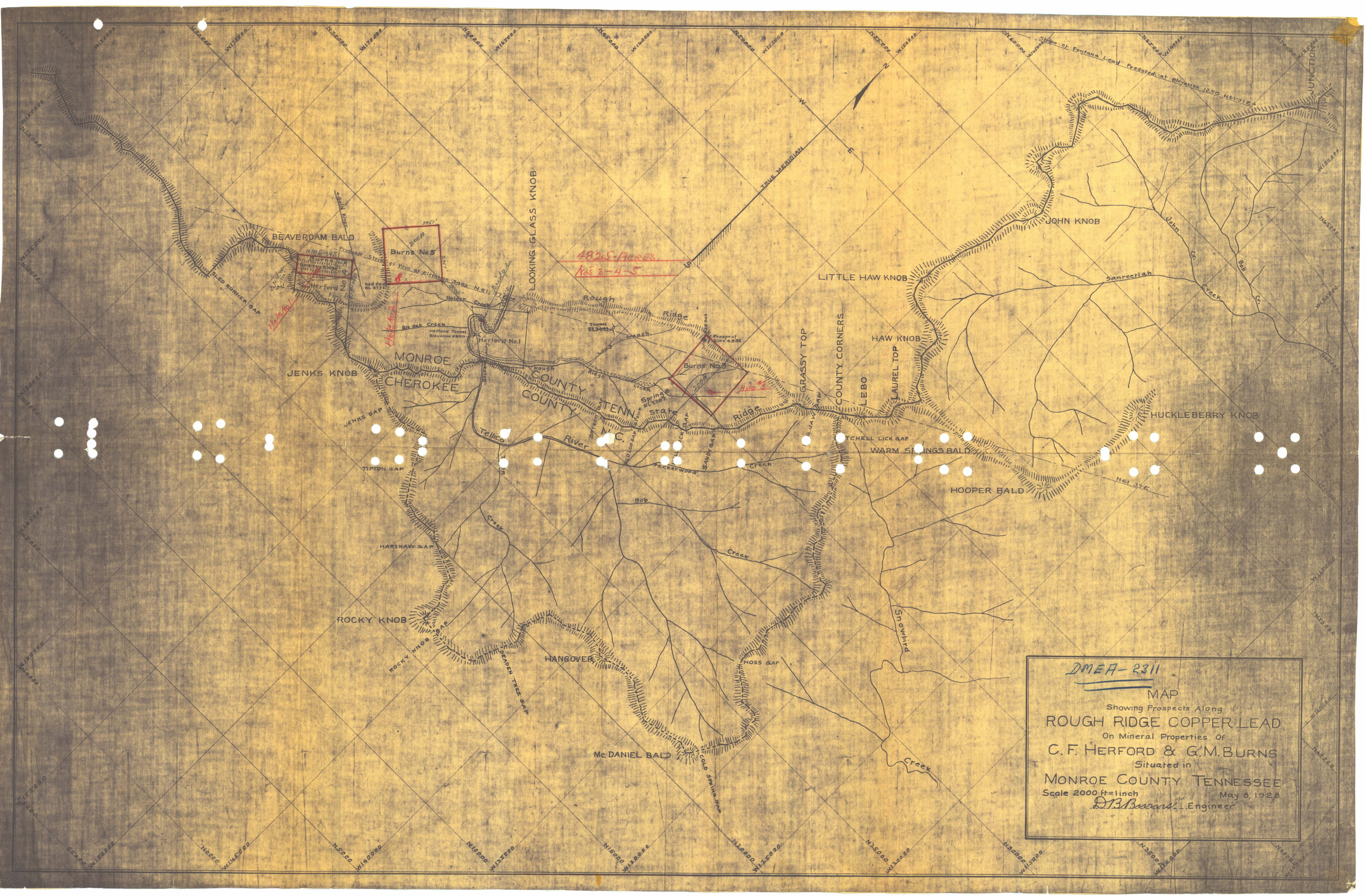
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Tellico
Tennessee
State
Line
BEAVERDAM BALD
LOOKING GLASS KNOB
JOHN KNOB
LITTLE HAW KNOB
HAW KNOB
GRASSY TOP
COUNTY CORNERS
LEBO
LAUREL TOP
HUCKLEBERRY KNOB
WARM SPRINGS BALD
HOOPER BALD
MONROE
CHEROKEE
JENKS KNOB
JENKS GAP
TIPTON GAP
HARSHAW GAP
ROCKY KNOB
ROCKY KNOB GAP
HANGOVER
GARDEN TREE GAP
HOSS GAP
Mc. DANIEL BALD
COLD SPRING GAP
SANDY GAP
MITCHELL LICK GAP
SINGLED RUNNER GAP
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TENNESSEE – NORTH CAROLINA
MURPHY QUADRANGLE
(THIRTY MINUTE)

Belcher Gap
Acorn
Kittie
Guide Mtn
Belltown
McKinney Gap
Mt Vernon
Bullet Mtn
Rafter
Tellico Plains
Groundhog Mtn
Jalapa
White Cliff Springs
Crow Mtn
Peaky Top
Rural Vale
Henderson Top
Sugar Mtn
Coker Creek
Hazel Knob
Tipton Knob
Rocky Knob
Jenks Knob
McDaniel Bald
Grassytop
Haw Knob
Laurel Top
Johns Knob
Brush Mtn
Rockstack
Big Fodderstack
Little Fodderstack
Pine Ridge
Saltspring Mtn
Stillhouse Top
Sassafras Ridge
Stone Mtn
Flats Mtn
Unaka
Grandview
Farner
Apalachia Sta
Hiwassee
Tomotla
Vestal
Postell
Suit
Persimmon Creek
Murphy
Panther Knob
Halls Knob
Letitia
Kimsey
Danger
Sheep Knob
Fains Knob
Grape Creek
Bearpaw
Oak Park
Tarletown
Jenkins Grave Gap
Sassafras Knob
Stansbury
Stansbury Gap
Pack Gap
Boomville
Postelle
Ducktown
Isabella
Indian Grave Gap
Angelico Gap
Franklin Gap
Hothouse
Neely Gap
Vance Mtn
Hyatt
Coletown
McHang
Gay
Wolf Creek
Nottely
Hiwassee River
Valley River
Tellico River
Little Tellico River
Notchy Creek
Big Laurel Creek
Regan Cr
Bullet Fork
Sinkhole
Smoky Run
Cowcamp Cr
Rattlesnake Cr
Turkey Creek
Stone Mtn
Sassafras Ridge
Brushy Ridge
Hemlock Cr
McNabb Cr
Laurel Fork
Sugar Cove Cr
Meadow Cr
Roaring Bk
Swannanoa Creek
Rough Ridge
State Line
Buckeywood Cr
Snowbird Cr
Cow Camp Ridge
Double Camp Branch
Little Citico Cr
Citico Cr
Tellico Plains
Tellico River
Tellico Cr
Tellico Road
Tellico Plains Br
Mocking Bird Cr
Rocky Fork
Pine Mountain
Steer Cr
Yellow Creek
Bullet Falls
Dry Cr
Spring Creek
Gassaway Cr
Rock Cr
Brush Cr
Thumbling Cr
Lost Cr
Duckett Mtn
Black Mtn
Coker Creek
Fulton Br
Slate Cr
Elbow Cr
Wolf Creek
Hothouse Cr
Nottely River
Hiwassee River
Sulphur Spring Cr
Beaverdam Cr
Chambers Cr
Persimmon Creek
Bell Pen Cr
Wood Cr
Beech Cr
Cane Cr
Murrain Cr
Marble Cr
Bates Cr
Grape Creek
Barnard Cr
Dog Cr
Owl Cr
Cane Cr
Bone Cr
Sugar Cr
Chatters Cr
Tobe Cr
Smith Cr
Smith Mountain
Lost Cr
Gobeth Cr
Gassaway Cr
Rock Cr
Brush Cr
Thumbling Cr
Potato Cr
Nottely River
Valley River
Tellico Plains Br
Tellico Road
Tellico Cr

THE TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS OF THE UNITED STATES

The United States Geological Survey is making a series of standard topographic maps to cover the United States. This work has been in progress since 1882, and the published maps cover more than 47 percent of the country, exclusive of outlying possessions.

The maps are published on sheets that measure about 16½ by 20 inches. Under the general plan adopted the country is divided into quadrangles bounded by parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude. These quadrangles are mapped on different scales, the scale selected for each map being that which is best adapted to general use in the development of the country, and consequently, though the standard maps are of nearly uniform size, the areas that they represent are of different sizes. On the lower margin of each map are printed graphic scales showing distances in feet, meters, miles, and kilometers. In addition, the scale of the map is shown by a fraction expressing a fixed ratio between linear measurements on the map and corresponding distances on the ground. For example, the scale $\frac{1}{62,500}$ means that 1 unit on the map (such as 1 inch, 1 foot, or 1 meter) represents 62,500 of the same units on the earth's surface.

Although some areas are surveyed and some maps are compiled and published on special scales for special purposes, the standard topographic surveys and the resulting maps have for many years been of three types, differentiated as follows:

1. Surveys of areas in which there are problems of great public importance—relating, for example, to mineral development, irrigation, or reclamation of swamp areas—are made with sufficient detail to be used in the publication of maps on a scale of $\frac{1}{31,680}$ (1 inch = one-half mile) or $\frac{1}{24,000}$ (1 inch = 2,000 feet), with a contour interval of 1 to 100 feet, according to the relief of the particular area mapped.

2. Surveys of areas in which there are problems of average public importance, such as most of the basin of the Mississippi and its tributaries, are made with sufficient detail to be used in the publication of maps on a scale of $\frac{1}{62,500}$ (1 inch = nearly 1 mile), with a contour interval of 10 to 100 feet.

3. Surveys of areas in which the problems are of minor public importance, such as much of the mountain or desert region of Arizona or New Mexico, and the high mountain area of the northwest, are made with sufficient detail to be used in the publication of maps on a scale of $\frac{1}{125,000}$ (1 inch = nearly 2 miles) or $\frac{1}{250,000}$ (1 inch = nearly 4 miles), with a contour interval of 20 to 250 feet.

The aerial camera is now being used in mapping. From the information recorded on the photographs, planimetric maps, which show only drainage and culture, have been made for some areas in the United States. By the use of stereoscopic plotting apparatus, aerial photographs are utilized also in the making of the regular topographic maps, which show relief as well as drainage and culture.

A topographic survey of Alaska has been in progress since 1898, and nearly 44 percent of its area has now been mapped. About 15 percent of the Territory has been covered by maps on a scale of $\frac{1}{500,000}$ (1 inch = nearly 8 miles). For most of the remainder of the area surveyed the maps published are on a scale of $\frac{1}{250,000}$ (1 inch = nearly 4 miles). For some areas of particular economic importance, covering about 4,300 square miles, the maps published are on a scale of $\frac{1}{62,500}$ (1 inch = nearly 1 mile) or larger. In addition to the area covered by topographic maps, about 11,300 square miles of southeastern Alaska has been covered by planimetric maps on scales of $\frac{1}{125,000}$ and $\frac{1}{250,000}$.

The Hawaiian Islands have been surveyed, and the resulting maps are published on a scale of $\frac{1}{62,500}$.

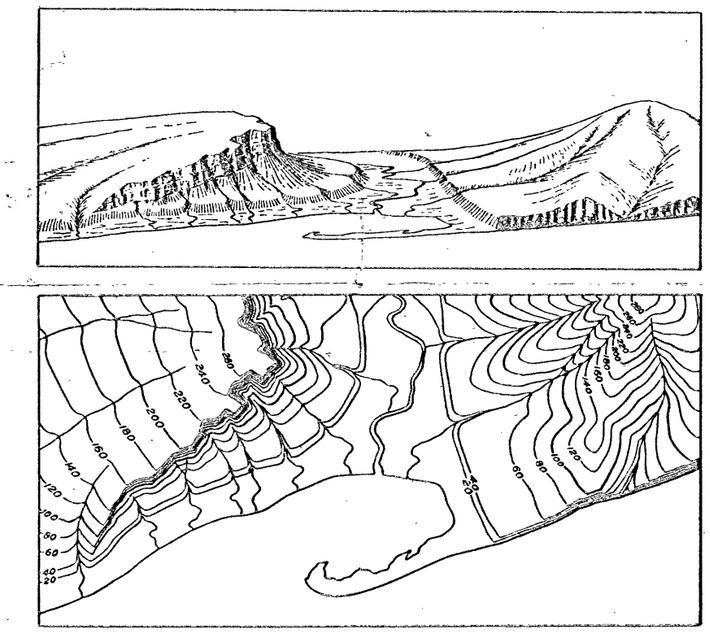
A survey of Puerto Rico is now in progress. The scale of the published maps is $\frac{1}{30,000}$.

The features shown on topographic maps may be arranged in three groups—(1) water, including seas, lakes, rivers, canals, swamps, and other bodies of water; (2) relief, including mountains, hills, valleys, and other features of the land surface; (3) culture (works of man), such as towns, cities, roads, railroads, and boundaries. The symbols used to represent these features are shown and explained below. Variations appear on some earlier maps, and additional features are represented on some special maps.

All the water features are represented in blue, the smaller streams and canals by single blue lines and the larger streams by double lines. The larger streams, lakes, and the sea are accentuated by blue water lining or blue tint. Intermittent streams—those whose beds are dry for a large part of the year—are shown by lines of blue dots and dashes.

Relief is shown by contour lines in brown, which on a few maps are supplemented by shading showing the effect of light thrown from the northwest across the area represented, for the purpose of giving the appearance of relief and thus aiding in the interpretation of the contour lines. A contour line represents an imaginary line on the ground (a contour) every part of which is at the same altitude above sea level. Such a line could be drawn at any altitude, but in practice only the contours at certain regular intervals of altitude are shown. The datum or zero of altitude of the Geological Survey maps is mean sea level. The 20-foot contour would be the shore line if the sea should rise 20 feet above mean sea level. Contour lines show the shape of the hills, mountains, and valleys, as well as their altitude. Successive contour lines that are far apart on the map indicate a gentle slope, lines that are close together indicate a steep slope, and lines that run together indicate a cliff.

The manner in which contour lines express altitude, form, and grade is shown in the figure below.



The sketch represents a river valley that lies between two hills. In the foreground is the sea, with a bay that is partly enclosed by a hooked sand bar. On each side of the valley is a terrace into which small streams have cut narrow gullies. The hill on the right has a rounded summit and gently sloping spurs separated by ravines. The spurs are truncated at their lower ends by a sea cliff. The hill at the left terminates abruptly at the valley in a steep scarp, from which it slopes gradually away and forms an inclined tableland that is traversed by a few shallow gullies. On the map each of these features is represented, directly beneath its position in the sketch, by contour lines.

The contour interval, or the vertical distance in feet between one contour and the next, is stated at the bottom of each map. This interval differs according to the topography of the area mapped: in a flat country it may be as small as 1 foot; in a mountainous region it may be as great as 250 feet. In order that the contours may be read more easily certain contour lines, every fourth or fifth, are made heavier than the others and are accompanied by figures showing altitude. The heights of many points—such as road intersections, summits, surfaces of lakes, and benchmarks—are also given on the map in figures, which show altitudes to the nearest foot only. More precise figures for the altitudes of benchmarks are given in the Geological Survey's bulletins on spirit leveling. The geodetic coordinates of triangulation and transit-traverse stations are also published in bulletins.

Lettering and the works of man are shown in black. Boundaries, such as those of a State, county, city, land grant, township, or reservation, are shown by continuous or broken lines of different kinds and weights. Public roads suitable for motor travel the greater part of the year are shown by solid double lines; poor public roads and private roads by dashed double lines; trails by dashed single lines. Additional public road classification if available is shown by red overprint.

Each quadrangle is designated by the name of a city, town, or prominent natural feature within it, and on the margins of the map are printed the names of adjoining quadrangles of which maps have been published. More than 4,100 quadrangles in the United States have been surveyed, and maps of them similar to the one on the other side of this sheet have been published.

Geologic maps of some of the areas shown on the topographic maps have been published in the form of folios. Each folio includes maps showing the topography, geology, underground structure, and mineral deposits of the area mapped, and several pages of descriptive text. The text explains the maps and describes the topographic and geologic features of the country and its mineral products. Two hundred twenty-five folios have been published.

Index maps of each State and of Alaska and Hawaii showing the areas covered by topographic maps and geologic folios published by the United States Geological Survey may be obtained free. Copies of the standard topographic maps may be obtained for 10 cents each; some special maps are sold at different prices. A discount of 40 percent is allowed on an order amounting to $5 or more at the retail price. The discount is allowed on an order for maps alone, either of one kind or in any assortment, or for maps together with geologic folios. The geologic folios are sold for 25 cents or more each, the price depending on the size of the folio. A circular describing the folios will be sent on request.

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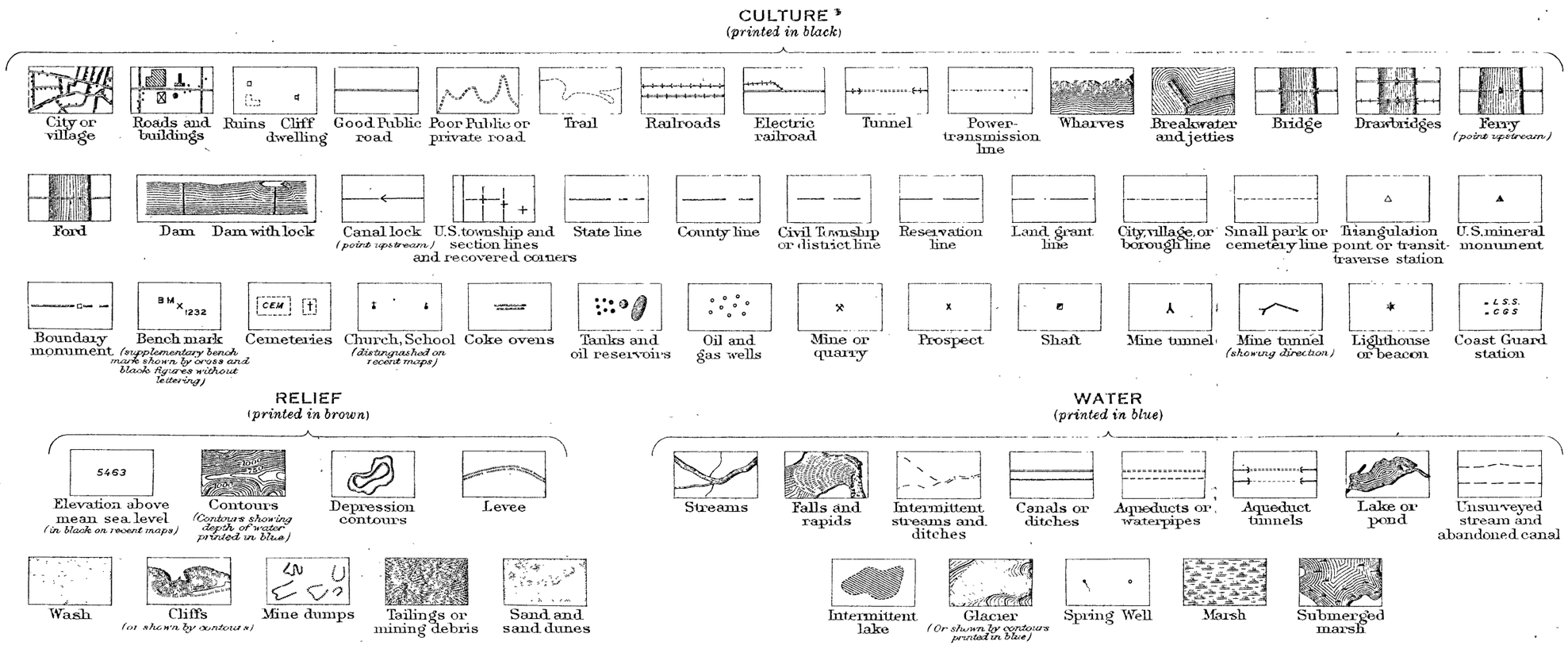
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