These Articles of Agreement made on the twenty fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty by and between Edward C. Ropes and Benjamin F Dalton, both of Lawrence, Douglas County, and State of Kansas - Witnesseth

Whereas it is the intention of said parties, to enter, and form, a copartnership, for the purpose of carrying on the business of Gold mining, in the region of the newly discovered mines in the Western part of Kansas and Nebraska, Territories, and more particularly of working by machinery or otherwise, certain mining claims purchased and obtained by said Ropes, ten in number, for which purpose the parties hereto have agreed, to carry on said business, on the following terms and agreements, -

Said Ropes, in consideration of the covenants and agreements, hereinafter expressed, to be performed by said Dalton, doth hereby transfer, set over and assign unto said Dalton, and his assigns, one undivided half of all his interest in and to all of said claims certificates of of which are held by said Ropes and which are numbered 2, - 3 - 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, respectively, on the Pisko Lead so called, North East of the discovery claim said certificates being duly recorded, and hereby agreed to for greater certainty and made part and parcel of this agreement, as if more particularly here in set forth, to have and to hold said undivided half of said claims to said Dalton and his legal representatives, together with all the privileges thereto appurtenant, and subject to all the liabilities thereto belonging, but without any warranty, as to title or otherwise, except that the certificates thereof, are duly

B. F. Dalton