

Guide to the UNLV University Libraries Collection on Nevada Mining

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Contributor:	O'Brien, James D.
Contributor:	Eberhardt and Aurora Mining Company
Contributor:	Nevada-Utah Mines and Smelters Corporation
Contributor:	Tonopah Mining Company
Contributor:	Florence-Goldfield Mining Company
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Abstract:	The Nevada Mining Collection is comprised of records that document mining and mines in Nevada from 1842 to 1966. The majority of the collection includes records of various mines and mining companies located in the Esmeralda, Lincoln, Clark, White Pine, and Nye counties, dating from 1900 to 1928. The collection includes financial, administrative, and business related records; photographs of miners, mining camps, and towns; correspondence; maps; newspaper clippings, pamphlets, newsletters, and booklets.

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Historical Note on Mining in Nevada

In 1859 a party of prospectors on their way to the California Gold Rush discovered a large deposit of silver ore near Virginia City, Nevada that was later named the Comstock Lode. This discovery spurred the "rush to Washoe" in 1860. The lode extended down the side of Mount Davidson and miners engineered a new way to remove the precious silver and gold from less valuable base metals. The miners in Northern Nevada developed the Washoe pan process which mechanically agitated the unrefined ore with wood, water, and machinery. This new technology required large sums of money and pushed out small-time miners, paving the way for financiers from California to establish mining corporations. From 1860 to 1861 the population of Nevada nearly tripled and this economic growth contributed to Nevada attaining statehood in 1864. This prosperous mining industry in Nevada lasted until roughly 1878 and helped shape the state, pushing the borders east and south. Discoveries of gold and silver in Belmont and Eureka in Nye County, Hamilton in White Pine County, and Pioche in Lincoln County initiated smaller mining rushes into eastern and central Nevada. However, a drop in silver prices, the boom and bust economy, skewed gender ratio, and fluidity of the immigrant population led to social instability and the mines began to steadily decline in the 1880s.

Mining in Nevada experienced a second precious metal boom just after the turn of the twentieth century when miners discovered silver and gold in Tonopah and Goldfield, and later in the Bullfrog District, in central Nevada. This second mining boom, lasting from 1900 until 1923, differed from the first in a few key ways. Rather than the chaos of hundreds of individual mining stakes, mines, and mining companies that characterized the earlier Comstock period, mining enterprises in Goldfield and Tonopah were consolidated into nationally financed corporate mining conglomerates such as Tonopah Mining Company and Goldfield Consolidated Mining Company which controlled mines, mills, and railroads. The invention of the automobile connected isolated mining sites, mining technology advanced, and a better functioning system of local and state governance helped control lawlessness. However, miners of this time period often suffered from silicosis, a type of lung disease triggered by the inhalation of silica or quartzite dust. For example, Nevadans referred to the Delamar gold mine, located in Lincoln County, as the "widow-maker" due to the prevalence of silicosis during the mine's active years (1896 to 1902).

The most successful mining during this period was executed in central Nevada, in Nye and Esmeralda counties. Prospectors unearthed gold in Goldfield in 1902 and continued to excavate gold until approximately 1923. Violent incidents of labor unrest attributed to the Western Federation of Miners and the International Workers of the World (Wobblies), and the equally violent union busting by the mine owners, disrupted the mining activities in Goldfield to the point that President Theodore Roosevelt reluctantly sent Federal troops to Goldfield at the request of the Governor Denver S. Dickerson to assure public peace in 1907. Miners established smaller mining camps in Southern Nevada, in Searchlight for example, and miners discovered large deposits of copper in Northern Nevada in White Pine and Lyon counties. The second mining boom ended around 1923 when the Federal Government terminated the Pittman Act, a government subsidy that guaranteed the price of silver during the First World War.

Copper surpassed silver and gold as the top exported mineral in Nevada after the 1920s. The federal government's need for copper during World War I caused a growth in the copper mining industry in Northern Nevada. This demand for base metals like copper for industrial production marked another shift in

the mining industry in Nevada. Similarly, the Federal Government required Nevada's great mineral wealth during World War II. One of Southern Nevada's largest exports during World War II was magnesium, used in the production of aluminum alloy munitions casings and airplane parts. Basic Magnesium Incorporated established magnesium ore mining operations in Nye County, constructed a refining plant in Clark County, Nevada, and operated from 1941 to 1944.

During the post-war period, Nevada mining companies continued extracting base metals used in industrial production (like magnesium and copper) and expanded these operations, mining minerals like gypsum in Clark and Washoe counties; diatomite in Pershing and Storey counties; iron, tungsten, zinc, lead, barite, borax, scoria, limestone, silica, sand, perlite, and fluorspar. During the Korean War (1950-1953), war production again required these minerals and metals for use in weapons and machinery construction. After many successful years of production, the copper mining industry declined and eventually collapsed by the 1970s.

In the late 1970s, prospectors, with the help of geologists, discovered a large amount of gold, though microscopic and mixed with undesirable elements, in Ely, Nevada. The nature of the gold deposit required modern excavation machinery and refining technology to extract the gold from open-pit mines. This gold rush lasted from the 1980s through the 1990s. The mining industry continues steadily into present day, with mines across the state removing minerals, base metals, precious metals, and semi-precious gemstones from the Nevada landscape.

Sources: Driesner, Doug and Alan Coyner. *Major Mines of Nevada 2009: Mineral Industries in Nevada's Economy*. Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology Special Publication P-21. 2010.

Elliott, Russell R. *History of Nevada*. Lincoln: University of Nevada, 1973.

Hulse, James W. *The Silver State: Nevada's Heritage Reinterpreted*. Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2004.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Nevada Mining Collection is comprised of records that document mining and mines in Nevada from 1842 to 1966. The majority of the collection includes records of various mines and mining companies located in the Esmeralda, Lincoln, Clark, White Pine, and Nye counties dating from 1900 to 1928. The collection includes records: financial, administrative, and business related; photographs of miners, mining camps, and towns; correspondence; maps; and publications: newspaper clippings, pamphlets, newsletters, and booklets.

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Arrangement

Material is divided into seven series. The general mining series is first, followed by series on specific mines arranged roughly in chronological order:

Series I. Mines and mining in Nevada, 1866-1961;

Series II. Eberhardt and Aurora Mining Company, 1842-1877;

Series III. James D. O'Brien photographs, 1901-1929;

Series IV. Nevada-Utah Mines and Smelters Corporation, 1905-1937;

Series V. Tonopah Mining Company, 1907-1928;

Series VI. Florence-Goldfield Mining Company, 1912-1918;

Series VII. Techatticup Mine, 1914-1923.

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Administrative Information

Access

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Acquisition Note

This is an artificial collection. Materials were gathered or purchased by the Director of Special Collections starting in the late 1970s; accession numbers MS11, MS11A, MS11B, MS11C, MS11D, and MS11E.

Additions

Further accruals are anticipated.

Processing Note

Material was processed by Kelli Luchs in 2008. Su Kim Chung revised the finding aid in 2012. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hannah Robinson brought a number of small collections together and re-wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards. In 2016, Joyce Moore completed the collection and entered it into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Materials Note

Mines and Mining Photograph Collection. PH-00361. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Southern Nevada: The Boomtown Years Digital Exhibit includes digitized material from MS-00011. Southern Nevada: The Boomtown Years. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. See [Southern Nevada: The Boomtown Years](#) on the UNLV Special Collections website.

Goldfield, Nevada, 1904-1923. MS-00010. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tonopah Goldfield Photograph Collection, 1901-1904. PH-00023. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

United States Bureau of Mines Photograph Collection, 1936-1980. PH-00276. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ronald and Rosemary Thome Collection of Goldfield, Nevada Postcards, 1950s-1970s. PH-00209. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Mining districts, Nevada, history
- Mines and mineral resources -- Nevada

Collection Inventory

Mines and Mining in Nevada, 1866-1961 (1900-1928)

Physical Description: 16.5 Linear Feet (8 boxes, 1 oversize box, 2 items, 1 flat file)

Scope and Contents Note: The Mines and Mining Series comprises business and legal materials that document the history of mining in Nevada from 1866 to 1961. The majority of the series includes records of various mines and mining companies located in Lincoln, Clark, Esmeralda, White Pine, and Nye counties dating from 1900 to 1928. Materials include financial records, business records, prospectuses, brochures, stock certificates, correspondence, invoices,

employee lists, maps, newspaper clippings, purchasing records and mill foreman reports. The series also documents the construction of infrastructure in mining towns including railroad engineering, booster development, and business records.

Arrangement: Material is arranged alphabetically by record type and then alphabetically by name of the mine, or by the county in which the mine is located.

Title/Description	Containers
Mine records	
Amalgamated Pioche Mines and Smelters Corporation records, Pioche, Nevada, 1935-1948	box 01
Azurite-Arrowhead Syndicate records, Goodsprings, Nevada, 1927	box 01
Baldy Sour Mining Company prospectus, White Pine County, Nevada, 1879	box 01
Brown Bonanza Mining Company prospectus, Goldfield, Nevada, 1907	box 01
Bulen Mining Company records, Nevada, 1925-1927	box 01
Bullfrog Goldfield Railroad Company lease, Rhyolite and Goldfield, Nevada, 1913	box 01
Bullfrog-Red Oak Mining Company reports, Nye County, Nevada, 1907	box 01
Colman Mining Company logbook, Elko County, Nevada, 1908-1909	box 01
Colorado-Nevada Smelting and Refining Company prospectus, Humboldt County, Nevada, undated	box 01
Crown Queen record book, El Dorado Canyon, Nevada, 1919-1920	box 01
Desert Chief Mining Company advertisement, Goldfield, Nevada, undated	box 01
Eagle Valley Mining District record book, Lincoln County, Nevada, 1897-1899	box 01
Eden Mining Company report, White Pine County, Nevada, 1920	box 01
El Dorado Canyon Mining District photograph, Lincoln County, Nevada, undated	box 01
Eureka Mining District contracts, Eureka, Nevada, 1898	box 01
Gilbert Mines Company advertisements, Tonopah, Nevada, undated	box 01
Gold Circle Mining Company correspondence, Midas, Nevada, 1909	box 01
Goldfield-Lincoln Mining Company correspondence, Goldfield, Nevada, 1907	box 01
Goldfield Mascot Mining Company prospectus, Goldfield, Nevada, 1904	box 01
Goldfield Quartz Mining Company records, Goldfield, Nevada, 1921-1922	box 01
Granite Contract Mining Company rubber stamp, Nevada, undated	box 01
Great Western Smelting and Refining Company correspondence, Tonopah, Nevada, 1912	box 01
Greenwater Red Boy Copper Company correspondence, Goldfield, Nevada, 1906	box 01

International Mines Company correspondence, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1931-1932	box 01
Kewanas Mining Company records, Goldfield, Nevada, 1924-1925	box 01
Kewana-Mohawk Leasing and Mining Company advertisement, Goldfield, Nevada, undated	box 01
Kennedy Mining District: records, book, and map, Winnemucca, Nevada, 1891-1893	box 01
Kennedy Mining District: records and book, Winnemucca, Nevada, 1893-1894	box 01
Las Vegas Mining District record book, Lincoln County Nevada, 1908	box 01
London-Nevada Gold report and map, Esmeralda County, Nevada, 1906	box 01
McCarthy Brothers Mines and Mining correspondence, Tonopah, Nevada, 1916	box 01
Mexican Gold and Silver Mining Company stock certificate, Storey County, Nevada, 1907	box 01
Monitor Mining Company Quarterly Assessment, White Pine County, Nevada, 1889	box 01
Montana-Tonopah Mining Company report, Tonopah, Nevada, 1909-1910	box 01
Montgomery Mountain Mining Company of Bullfrog stock certificate, Bullfrog, Nevada, 1908	box 01
Nevada Massachusetts Company report, Pershing County, Nevada, 1934	box 01
Pioche Last Chance Mining Company stock certificates, Pioche, Nevada, 1915	box 01
Pioche Mines Company records, Pioche, Nevada, 1935-1953	box 01
Potosi Zinc Company bylaws and minutes ledger, Goodsprings, Nevada, 1907-1910	box 01
Rawhide Coalition Mines Company records, Rawhide, Nevada, 1908	box 01
Red Star Mines Company prospectus, Nevada, 1908	box 01
Santa Fe Mining Company record book, Searchlight, Nevada, 1903-1936	box 01
Seven Troughs Gold Mines Company annual report, Seven Troughs, Nevada, 1930	box 01
Solid Gold Mining and Leasing Company advertisement, Round Mountain, Nevada, 1908	box 02
Swanhilda Gold Mining Company stock certificates, Nye County, Nevada, 1907	box 02
Tonopah Belmont Development Company annual report, Tonopah, Nevada, 1916-1917	box 02
Tonopah Extension Mining Company annual reports, Tonopah, Nevada, 1909-1925	box 02
Tonopah and Goldfield Railroad Company records, Nevada, 1909, 1913	box 02

Tonopah, Gold Silver, Copper, Water, and Milling Company stock certificates, Tonopah, Nevada, 1906	box 02
Tonopah Home Consolidated Mines and Exploration Company correspondence, Tonopah, Nevada, 1905	box 02
Tonopah Midway Mining Company annual report, Tonopah, Nevada, 1908-1909	box 02
Tonopah North Star Tunnel and Development Company records, Tonopah, Nevada, 1927-1930	box 02
United Randolph Mining and Milling Company prospectus, Tonopah, Nevada, 1901	box 02
Walker Lake Copper Mining and Smelting Company prospectus, Mineral County, Nevada, undated	box 02
War Dance Mining Company contract, Blaine County, Idaho, 1917	box 02
Weepah Hill Mining Company stock certificate, Weepah, Nevada, 1927	box 02
Westend Consolidated Mining Company records, Tonopah, Nevada, 1913-1927	box 02
Westend Consolidated Mining Company records, Tonopah, Nevada, 1912-1949	box 02
Yellow Pine Mining Company list of employees, Clark County, Nevada, 1930-1931	box 02
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Assessment List, Churchill County, Nevada, 1919-1920	box 02
Assessment List, Clark County, Nevada, 1918, 1921-1925	box 02
Assessment List, Humboldt County, Nevada, 1919-1924	box 02
Assessment List, Lander County, Nevada, 1918-1925	box 02
Assessment List, Nye County, Nevada, 1915-1918	box 02
Bank Statements and Order Slips, Various Nevada Companies, 1866-1906	box 02
Clark County Tax List, 1909	box 02
Not inventoried, undated	box 02
General: Folder is missing.	
Not inventoried, undated	box 02
General: Folder is missing.	
Money Orders, Arizona, 1910	box 02
Money Orders, California, 1914-1924	box 02
Money Orders, Colorado, 1910-1921	box 02
Money Orders, Connecticut, undated	box 02

Money Orders, Delaware, 1910	box 02
Money Orders, Goldfield, Nevada, 1910-1928	box 02
Money Orders, Illinois, 1910-1928	box 02
Money Orders, Indiana, 1910, 1914	box 02
Money Orders, International, 1910-1914	box 02
Money Orders, Kansas, 1910	box 02
Money Orders, Louisiana, 1910	box 02
Money Orders, Maryland, 1910	box 02
Money Orders, Massachusetts, 1914	box 02
Money Orders, Michigan, 1910-1914	box 02
Money Orders, Minnesota, 1910-1919	box 02
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Money Orders, Montana, 1910, 1914	box 02
Money Orders, Nevada, 1910-1922	box 02
Money Orders, New York, 1910-1920	box 02
Money Orders, Oregon, 1910, 1914	box 02
Money Orders, Pennsylvania, 1914	box 02
Money Orders, Pioneer, Nevada, 1919-1929	box 02
Money Orders, Rhyolite, Nevada, 1914-1924	box 02
Money Orders, Tennessee, 1914	box 02
Money Orders, Texas, 1910	box 02
Money Orders, Tonopah, Nevada, 1910-1928	box 02
Money Orders, Utah, 1910-1924	box 02
Money Orders, Vermont, undated	box 02
Money Orders, Washington, 1910-1914	box 02
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Various print material from businesses and organizations	
Brissell's Photo Studio, Tonopah, Nevada, undated	box 02
Business cards, undated	box 02
Democratic Central Committee flyer, Nye County, Nevada, undated	box 02
Esmeralda Lodge dance card, Hawthorne, Nevada, 1904	box 02
Esmeralda Power Company, 1907	box 02

Northern Incorporated Investment Company, The Numbers Game, Rawhide, Nevada, undated	box 02
Patrick Investment Company, The Collective Prospectus, Denver, Colorado and Goldfield, Nevada, 1907	box 02
Ramona Hotel gaming license, Nye County, Nevada, 1943	box 02
Sullivan Trust Company, Goldfield, Nevada, 1907	box 02
Tonopah Lodge booklet, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Officers, Tonopah, Nevada, 1905	box 02
Wells Fargo and Company Express contract, 1903	box 02
Forward Mining Development Company Goldfield mascot, undated	box 02
Nevada Consolidated Copper Company reports, 1914-1915	box 02
Silver Hills Nevada Mines Company sample and assay reports, 1920-1921	box 02
Investment and market reports and prospectuses, 1906-1918	box 02
Pioche Mines Company and Commercial Club; Mining and other resources of Eureka County, Nevada, undated	box 02
Publications	
Newspapers	
Broadside showing various mines in Tonopah, Nevada, 1914	oversized box 03
Broadside: Tonopah and Goldfield Railroad Company, undated	oversized box 03
Newspaper clipping with stocks for Southern Nevada mines advertised, undated	oversized box 03
The Goldfield Daily Tribune, 1907 March 20	oversized box 03
The Pioche Daily Record-Supplement, 1872 October 26	oversized box 03
Virginia City News, 1933 January 13	oversized box 03
The Walker Bulletin, 1903 May 01	oversized box 03
The Ward Miner, 1877 January 15	oversized box 03
The Daily Independent-Supplement, 1874 October 31	oversized box 03
Manhattan-Goldfield Brokerage Company, 1906 April 28	oversized box 03
The Las Vegas Review Journal, "Mine Letters of 70s Furnish Tale of Financial Problems", 1961 January 08	oversized box 03

Booklets			
Tonopah Photo Album, undated	oversized box 03		
"Window Registration Book" from Eureka Post Office Eureka, Nevada, 1919	oversized box 03		
"How to Attain Success", 1904 November 26	oversized box 03	folder 02	
"Humphrey's Specific Manual" by Frederick Humphreys M.D., 1900	oversized box 03	folder 03	
"The Miner's Stope Jack", undated	oversized box 03	folder 04	
"Nevada at the World's Fair", 1893	oversized box 03	folder 05	
"Nevada: Fifty Years Asleep! Awakening 1915", 1915	oversized box 03	folder 06	
"Private Codebook and Rules for Trading" Charles Stoneham and Company, 1909	oversized box 03	folder 07	
"Riley Grannan: Adventurer, Gambler, Plunger, He Lived and Died a Part of the Turba-Lent times of Gold," a eulogy given for Grannan by W. H. Knickerbocker, Rawhide, Nevada, 1908	oversized box 03	folder 08	
"Tahoe Tattler", 1881 July 11	oversized box 03	folder 09	
"Tonopah and her Mines", undated	oversized box 03	folder 10	
"Tungsten Mineralization at Oreana, Nevada" report, 1938 June-July	oversized box 03	folder 11	
Newsletters			
"D. MacKenzie and Company Incorporated" Nevada Mining and Market Review, 1906 October 01	oversized box 03	folder 12	
"J. E. Kerr Stocks and Mines", 1909 February 25	oversized box 03	folder 13	
"Press Clippings: Latest News from the Land of Gold," D. MacKenzie and Company Incorporated, 1906 October 01	oversized box 03	folder 14	
"W. F. Bond and Company", 1906 November 26	oversized box 03	folder 15	
Papers			
Eloise T. Hill property case transcripts and information, Esmeralda County, Nevada, 1910 June	oversized box 03		
Amendment to Nevada state law about the disposal of litter, undated			

	oversized box 03
"Resources Report-White Pine County Nevada-1958" published by the office of George W. Malone, 1958	oversized box 03
"The Story of Mining in White Pine County" by Raymond Hood, 1936	oversized box 03
"A Technical Review of Early Comstock Mining Methods," compiled by Max Crowell; "Report on Mining Properties of the Nevada Mining Reduction and Power Company Silver City, Nevada" by Sidney H. Ball; "Mining Districts and Mineral Resources of Nevada" by Francis Church Lincoln, 1904, 1920s, and 1941	oversized box 03
"Yeoman Briggs Manuscripts," a history of El Dorado Canyon, Nevada, 1934	oversized box 03
Correspondence	
Correspondence from multiple companies concerning property and legal matters; also a political cartoon, 1891-1956	oversized box 03
Postcard advertisement with pictures and explanations of mining equipment produced by Quincy, Manchester, Sargent Company of Chicago, Illinois, 1907	oversized box 03
Maps	
Maps of Humboldt County, Nevada copper mining labeled with leading claims, direction of copper vein, major ranches, and location of towns in the county, undated Physical Description: 4 Sheets	oversized box 03
Fairday Mine (Cactus Range, Nye County, Nevada): Property Map Showing Vein Outcrops and Under Ground, undated	flat file 01
Ledgers, Letter Books, Record Books	
Stock Ledger: Nevada Gold Circle Mining Company, William A. Clark, undated	box 04
Letters: bound book; goods and renovations to federal buildings in Nevada, 1907-1911	box 04
Bound book, 1908-1909	box 04
Daybook: Fairplay Mining District, Nye County, Nevada, 1905	box 04
Copying paper book: letters, Candalaria, 1883-1886	box 04
Charles A. Stoneham and Company: book of telegram codes, 1910	box 04
Fides Non Timet book of notes, undated	box 04
Southwestern Mining Company, Book of Carbon Letter Copies, point of interest, letter to Helen Stewart, El Dorado Canyon, Nevada, 1891	box 04
Ledger, miscellaneous, undated	box 04
Ledger, Personal, A. L. Myers, undated	box 04

Esmeralda County Index to Assessment Roll: lists individuals and businesses names, 1916	oversized box 05
"Journal" of the E. V. Hatch and Company, Goldfield, Nevada, Volume 1: hardware, plumbing, general supplies, installation, and repair: sales records with personal names and items bought, 1910-1912	oversized box 06
"Journal" of the E. V. Hatch and Company, Goldfield, Nevada, Volume 2: hardware, plumbing, general supplies, installation, and repair: sales records with personal names and items bought, 1912-1914	oversized box 07
Keystone Mine, Goodsprings Mining District, Nevada Photo Album: Nevada Keystone Mining Company stock shares certificate made out to M. H. Volkmann; photographs of tools; mining processes; miners in mines and posing outside of mines; engineers; landscapes; camps; horse drawn wagons, 1903-1910	oversized box 08
Midway Mining Company Ledger, Tonopah, Nevada: financial ledger, 1913-1914	item 33
Round Mountain, Nevada, C. E. Johnson: miners, landscapes, women, business fronts, 1906-1916	oversized box 09

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Eberhardt and Aurora Mining Company, 1872-1877

Physical Description: 0.42 Linear Feet (1 box)

Scope and Contents Note: The Eberhardt and Aurora Mining Company Series comprises the administrative records and financial documents of the company dating from 1872 to 1877. The majority of the collection contains correspondence. There are also several documents that pertain to the mining company's finances such as bills, receipts, cancelled checks, statements, and financial notes.

Arrangement: Material is arranged alphabetically by material type.

Historical Note on the Eberhardt and Aurora Mining Company: The Eberhardt and Aurora Mining Company was located in White Pine County outside of the city of Hamilton in Central Nevada. The British-owned Eberhardt and Aurora Mining Company, founded in 1869, was one of the primary silver mines in Nevada. In 1871, the owner of the mine began the extensive construction of the camp. The mining company built a post office, saloons, wagon shop, carpenter shop, blacksmith stores, and several other buildings and businesses. By 1885, however, the company shut down after irregular operations.

Title/Description	Containers
Bills and receipts, 1871-1877	box 10
Cancelled checks, 1873-1876	box 10
Certificates of assay, undated	box 10
Correspondence, 1869-1875 Physical Description: 5 Files	box 10
Correspondence, undated	box 10
Correspondence regarding the construction of a mine shaft, 1876	box 10

Correspondence regarding financial accounts, 1870-1875	box 10
Financial notes and statements, 1872-1877	box 10
Financial notes, undated	box 10
Copies of letters; mainly concerning business operations and finances, 1842-1875	box 10
Copies of letters; mainly concerning business operations and finances, 1870	box 10
Copies of letters; mainly concerning business operations and finances, undated	box 10

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James D. O'Brien photographs, 1901-1929

Physical Description: 6.75 Linear Feet (7 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: The James D. O'Brien Series comprises photo albums and scrapbooks created by James D. O'Brien, surveyor, mining engineer and sometime prospector, from 1901 to 1929. O'Brien's photographs feature locales in Central and Southern Nevada and Death Valley, California. Photos depict life and work in mining camps; miners and their families, including Shoshone Indians; mining company financiers; landscape and town shots; and photos of O'Brien and his family. Locations include Pahrump, Nevada; Pioneer, Nevada; Rhyolite, Nevada; Wahmonie, Nevada; and Death Valley, California.

Arrangement: Material is arranged by geographic location.

Title/Description	Containers
Nevada Mines Photo Album 1: Pahrump, Nevada, mining site landscape shots, carbonite vein at the Pahruneah Mine, mining camps, prospectors, Shoshone Indian workers, Butte site near Bare Mountains, owned by Pacific Quarries Incorporated, 1920s	box 11
Nevada Mines Photo Album 2: Nevada Mines: Sierra Blanca, Yellow Jacket, and Liberator; mining engineering works, mining claim owners and workers, landscape shots, 1910s	box 11
Pioneer, Nevada Photo Album 1: mostly pictures of James D. O'Brien and family, some landscape and mining shots, 1910s	box 12
Pioneer, Nevada Photo Album 2: pictures of James D. O'Brien and family in various California locations, Shoshone Indian camp, Yellow Jacket mine engineering, Holland Hotel staff, family in automobiles in California, hot springs near Pioneer, 1910s	box 13
Pioneer, Nevada Photo Album 3: aerial views of towns and mining sites, Yellow Jacket mine, women and girls, Mayflower mine, Shoshone mine in Rhyolite, Nevada, James D. O'Brien, Cresone, Colorado, Virginia City, families, ranches, 1900-1910	box 14
Wahmonie, Nevada Photo Album: Death Valley, California, people, mineral veins, Beatty, Nevada, Wahmonie financiers and miners, 1910s-1920s	box 15
Wahmonie, Nevada Scrapbook: newspaper articles and a small amount of photos about the Wahmonie gold rush, 1920s	box 16

Death Valley, California Photo Album 1: Scotty's Camp site; Pioneer, Nevada; Shoshone miners and Shoshone families; Death Valley crater "tumbite-a-mosa", 1910s box 17

Death Valley, California Photo Album 2: Death Valley; Carrara, Nevada; Rawhide, Nevada; American Indian families, families of miners; miners; landscapes; mining camps; towns, 1910s-1920s box 17

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Nevada-Utah Mines and Smelters Corporation, 1905-1949

Physical Description: 0.42 Linear Feet (1 box)

Scope and Contents Note: The Nevada-Utah Mines and Smelters Corporation Series comprises the financial records of the company dating from 1889 to 1949 with the majority of the materials dating from 1905 to 1915. The series contains bank records, accounts, and some correspondence, which is generally related to the company's financial activities. It also includes company vouchers, bills, receipts, and checks.

Arrangement: Material is arranged alphabetically by item type.

Historical Note on the Nevada-Utah Mines and Smelters Corporation: The Nevada-Utah Mines and Smelters Corporation purchased the Manhattan mine in Pioche, Lincoln County, Nevada in 1907. The Nevada-Utah Mines and Smelters Corporation participated in the second gold and silver mining boom in Lincoln County made possible by the construction of the Union Pacific transcontinental railroad through Lincoln County, with a branch line connecting to Pioche. The company sold their assets and stopped mining production in 1912 due to bankruptcy.

Title/Description	Containers
Accounts and bills, 1908-1915 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 18
Bank records, 1905-1949	box 18
Bills, 1905-1907	box 18
Bills, 1906, 1934	box 18
Cancelled checks, 1921-1937	box 18
Company vouchers, 1906-1911	box 18
Correspondence, 1889-1918	box 18
Miscellaneous financial information, 1907-1937	box 18
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Florence-Goldfield Mining Company, 1912-1918

Physical Description: 0.42 Linear Feet (1 box)

Scope and Contents Note: The Florence-Goldfield Mining Company Series comprises the financial records of the company dating from 1912 to 1918. The series contains primarily bills and receipts associated with purchases from various businesses located in Goldfield and elsewhere including: Nevada-California Power, Al Mills-General

Blacksmithing, Wood and Sullivan Hardware, Verdi Lumber Company, Ferry's Transfer Company, and the Union Drayage Company.

Arrangement: Material is arranged chronologically.

Historical Note on the Florence-Goldfield Mining Company: The Florence-Goldfield Mining Company produced gold in the Goldfield mining district in Esmeralda County, Nevada. The company built a gold mine on Malpais Mesa, and a mill on the outskirts of the town of Goldfield. Prospectors discovered gold in 1902, and by 1904 the city of Goldfield developed into a camp of several thousand people. By 1905 the Florence-Goldfield Mining Company's total gross output was valued at \$1.5 million. By 1909 the company's principal mine was Florence located east of Goldfield. The company also owned the Red King, Cornishman, Firelight, and Emma claims and leased the Sweeney, Reilly, Little Florence, Florence Annex, Rogers, and Engineers' claims.

Source: Ransome, Frederick Leslie. "Detailed Description of the Mines of the Florence-Goldfield Mining Company." In *The Geology and Ore Deposits of Goldfield, Nevada*. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1909.

Title/Description	Containers
Bills and receipts, 1912-1918	box 19
Physical Description: 7 Files	

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Techatticup Mine, 1914-1923

Physical Description: 0.85 Linear Feet (2 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: The Techatticup Mine Series comprises administrative and financial records associated with the Techatticup Mine, located in Clark County, Nevada, dating from 1914 to 1923. The administrative documents include business reports, prospectuses, and assays. Administrative documents also include foreman reports, insurance records, warehouse inventories, correspondence, and notes relating to equipment, food, employment, and taxes. Financial records include account balances, payroll, purchasing records, statements, bills, receipts, and company vouchers.

Arrangement: Material is arranged by item type.

Historical Note on the Techatticup Mine: The Techatticup Mine is located thirty-nine miles southeast of Las Vegas in Eldorado Canyon, Clark County, Nevada. Prospectors discovered gold in the Eldorado Canyon, then part of the Colorado Mining District, in 1861. The mine's name was derived from the Paiute word for "hungry." During its heyday, it produced millions of dollars in gold, silver, copper, and lead which steamboats transported south on the Colorado River to Yuma, Arizona. Although George Hearst (father of newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst) held some interest in the mine in its early years, the Techatticup Mine was owned primarily by the El Dorado Mining Company until 1879. At that time it was purchased by the Southwestern Mining Company (SMC), which later sold it to Barker Brothers of Philadelphia, an international mining firm. Barker Brothers mortgaged the SMC to fund a foreign mining venture, and this foreign venture failed, leading to the sale of the SMC to Joseph Wharton at a sheriff's sale in 1895. A second period of mining at the Techatticup Mine occurred from 1914 to 1918.

Source: Townley, John M. "Early Development of El Dorado Canyon and Searchlight Mining Districts." *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly*. Spring 1968. 11(1).

Title/Description	Containers
Reports, prospectuses, and assays	
Assay, 1918 June 29	box 20
Foreman's Reports, 1917-1920	box 20

Physical Description: 2 Files

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Foreman's Report, 1917 September-October	box 20
Foreman's Report, 1917 November-December	box 20
Foreman's Report, 1918 January-February	box 20
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Physical Description: 2 Files	
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Vouchers: Medical Service, 1916	box 21
Vouchers, 1917-1923 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 21
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