

Arizona Historical Society - Library and Archives

The Arizona Historical Society's (AHS) Libraries & Archives Division collects, preserves, and makes available written, graphic and other material concerning Arizona's history that is of enduring historical and research value. The Libraries & Archives collection is comprised of Manuscript collections, Photographic collections, Oral History collections, and Ephemera collections. The above collections are supplemented by over 30,000 books; 20,000 architectural drawings; 4,000 maps; 1,000 reels of microfilm; in addition, to thousands of items of radio, television and film media.

Notable Arizona Historical Society Mining Archival Collections

H. Mason Coggin Mining Collection (1880's – 1999)

FM MSS #126

This collection highlights the career and research of H. Mason Coggin, a professional engineer and land surveyor and expert in gold placer mining. Although the collection's main focus is on gold placer mining, all aspects and types of mining are represented.

This collection may be the most comprehensive contemporary mining collection available.

Orrell Mining Collection (1880 – 1999)

FM MSS #133

This collection contains records on various mining projects and research done by F. Lewis Orrell. The collection focuses on primarily tungsten, copper and calcite mining. Orrell traces the history of mining companies such as the Arizona & Michigan Mining Company and the Superior & Boston Copper Company. Also included are Orrell's writings from various journal articles, book chapters and conferences.

Other notable AHS Archives collections include:

Grace Sparkes Collection; the DeKalb Papers; Banner Mining (unprocessed, 59 linear ft.); Eagle-Picher (Ruby, AZ) unprocessed, 27 linear ft.; Campbell Mining Cyanotypes (photograph collection); Chloride Mine in Mohave (photograph collection); Charles Allen Photo Collection; the Chillson Scrapbook; Fortuna Mine-Lancaster-Enderton Collection; Picacho Mine - Subject Photo Collection; King of Arizona - Photos and print; "Places", "Geology" and "Mining" subject photograph collections; Inspiration Copper Company; Vulture Mine Records; Citizens Protective League and Loyalty League Papers (*Bisbee Deportation*)

For more information and to search our holdings, visit
<http://www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org/library-and-archives/>

Other Arizona Repositories with Mining Related Archival Collections

Arizona Geological Survey – Document Repository

<http://repository.azgs.az.gov/>

The Arizona Geological Survey (AZGS) Document Repository serves the Arizona public, mining and aggregate industry, environmental groups, water managers, and local, state and federal government by providing geologic information on the nature and geologic setting of Arizona. This repository comprises a suite of 15 collections hosting geologic bulletins, reports and maps published by the Arizona Geological Survey and its predecessor agencies: Arizona Bureau of Geology and Mineral Technology (1977-1988), Arizona Bureau of Mines (1915-1977), and The University of Arizona Bureau of Mines (1893-1915).

Arizona State Library and Archives

<http://www.azlibrary.gov/>

The Arizona History and Archives Division identifies, collects, preserves and provides access to the historical manuscripts, government records, books and photographs of Arizona and its peoples.

Sharlot Hall Museum

<http://www.sharlot.org/library-archives/>

Mining collections include but are not limited to Bagdad Copper Company Records (1921-1939), Bagdad Copper Mines-Cypress Mining Records (1927-1964), Black Pearl Mine Collection, McCabe Mine Records, and various photograph collections.

Northern Arizona University – Cline Library

<http://library.nau.edu/>

Mining collections include but are not limited to the Apache County Mines Record Book Collection: 1879-1881, Phelps Dodge Corporation - United Verde Branch records: 1900-1952, Mining Map Collection: 1900-1990m, Navajo Environmental Issues Collection: 1978-1994, and General Land Office Map Collection: 1866-1969.

University of Arizona Libraries – Special Collections

Mining collection include but are not limited to the Mines and Mining Companies In Arizona and the Southwest Collection: 1855-1934, Worlds Fair Mining Company Accounting Books: 1989-1901,1912, Southwest Environment Service records: 1975-1988.

Also see:

Arizona Memory Project

<http://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/>

Arizona Archives Online

<http://www.azarchivesonline.org>