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**MS 1236
King of Arizona Mine
Papers, 1899-1925**

DESCRIPTION

Ledgers of payroll records, voucher register and miscellaneous other financial records of the King of Arizona Mine.

3 Boxes, 3 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

This collection came in through several donations. Part of the collection was donated by Bill Cox in 1962; the large ledgers were donated by Lee Silva in 1998.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

Riva Dean processed this collection in June 2002.

ARRANGEMENT

By Format

HISTORICAL NOTE

The King of Arizona Mine (known as KOFA) was the largest gold producer in the Lower Colorado Basin. Charles Eichelberger discovered the mine in 1895. To develop the mine, Eichelberger formed the King of Arizona Mining and Milling Company along with Henry Gleason, Epes Randolph (Superintendent of the Southern Pacific Railroad) R. J. Duncan (mayor of Yuma) and Eugene Ives. The town that developed around the mine was named Kofa and had a hundred residents by 1897. The mine operated until 1910 when ore values decreased so much as to make it unprofitable. The town became a ghost town.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is in no way a complete record of the King of Arizona Mine. All the records in the collection were found in different locations and do not add up to a complete collection. The payroll records are the most complete part of the collection, showing the names of the miners from 1908 until 1912. The voucher ledger shows the names of businesses which the Kofa did business. The minute book is not complete, but does show the minutes for the board of directors. The remainder of the collection consists of miscellaneous materials primarily having to do with the value of the ore.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

- f. 1 Minute book (partial), 1907-1909
- f. 2 Misc. agreements & receipts, 1899-1906
- f. 3 Correspondence, 1925
- f. 4-5 Mint settlement sheets, 1899-1910

Box 2

Payroll ledger, 1908-1912

Box 3

Voucher Register, 1907-1910