DESCRIPTION

Clifton James Sarle taught geology at the University of Arizona from 1918 to 1924; he also conducted geological surveys reporting on mining and water supplies for owners of properties as well as potential investors. His work was largely in Arizona, although he did some consulting in California, Colorado, New Mexico and Mexico as well. This collection contains Sarle's reports, manuscripts and publications, maps, and photographs (predominantly panoramas) pertaining to the sites he studied. The collection contains a bare minimum of personal papers.

8 boxes, 6 folios, 9.5 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

This collection was donated to the Arizona Historical Society by Muriel Sarle Troy (daughter) in 1983, 1986, and 1995, and by Allan Sarle Troy (grandson) in 2001.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dena McDuffie in August 2001.

ARRANGEMENT

The collection is arranged topically and divided into six series: 1) Biographical materials; 2) Reports; 3) Manuscripts and Publications; 4) Photographs; 5) Maps and Atlases; and 6) Oversize.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Clifton James Sarle, geologist, mining engineer, and educator, was born in New Berlin, New York on October 1, 1875. The members of his family, whose descendents arrived in the U.S. on the Mayflower, were educated farmers. His father owned a large dairy farm and was a doctor. Sarle's father welcomed the Onadaga Indians who held ceremonies on the farm; Sarle became interested in
the artifacts surrounding those ceremonies. Then, around the turn of the last century, during the widening and deepening of the Erie Canal, Sarle discovered a suite of shale-dolomite fossils \textit{(eurypter-}ids \textit{pittfordensis)} in an area just southeast of the city of Rochester. He earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from University of Rochester in 1902 and 1903, and a Ph.D. from Yale in 1906. Although his father wanted him to become an oil geologist, Sarle was fascinated with paleontology and wanted to be a mining geologist. Father and son fought bitterly over Sarle's choice and it eventually encouraged Sarle's move West.

After graduation from Yale, Sarle taught for a year at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro. He married Catherine Elizabeth Allan, a teacher, in 1906 in Bernalillo, New Mexico. Following a Niagara Falls honeymoon, Sarle taught briefly at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. But the cold weather bothered his joints and the Sarles returned to the West. They had one daughter, Muriel Elizabeth, born in El Paso in 1911 while Sarle was teaching at the Texas State School of Mines and Metallurgy.

In 1918, the Sarles moved to Tucson, Arizona, where he was professor of geology at the University of Arizona until 1924 when he quit to pursue private work as a mining engineer. Sadly, the Depression hit soon after and, although he worked for short periods of time for various government and private entities, Sarle's career was spotty thereafter. Sarle's wife Catherine, who had long suffered from cancer, died in 1934 in Tucson.

Sarle's daughter Muriel and grandson Allan lived close by and spent a great deal of time with him. Allan remembers visiting mining sites with his grandfather, sitting around a campfire while listening to the old-timers tell scary tales of Apache attacks. He remembers his grandfather as a tall, rugged, charismatic figure with a dry sense of humor.

Clifton James Sarle died in Tucson after suffering a heart attack in 1960; he was 85.

\textbf{SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE}

The papers of Clifton J. Sarle span the period of approximately 1920 to 1940. The papers include reports, publications and photographs documenting Sarle's involvement with mining and geology in Arizona.

Biographical materials in this collection are sparse. It is the archivist's assumption that this is reflective of Sarle himself. Described by his grandson as a "private person," there is very little in the collection to inform the researcher about Sarle's family or his personal life.

Reports and photographs made by Sarle in the course of his work as a mining geologist make up the bulk of this collection. After leaving the University of Arizona in 1924, Sarle supported his family by conducting geological surveys for owners or potential owners of land where they hoped mining deposits would be found. Sarle used a panorama camera to document the areas he studied. These images provide an excellent geological history of many areas of the Southwest.

Publications of Sarle's work are also slim. Most of his later work was in the form of reports; very little of it was actually published. The published works in this collection include three works, all published in New York in the early 1900s, based largely on Sarle's dissertation research. Two unbound, hand-written manuscripts are also included in the collection.

The Maps and Atlases Series contains USGS bound maps as well as numerous hand-drawn maps—made by Sarle and others—defining the sites Sarle studied. Many of the hand-drawn maps are original pencil and/or ink drawings; many are blueprints of the originals. There are duplicates of some of the maps in order to show Sarle's notations as well as the original format. The hand-drawn maps are stored in folios, separate from the remainder of the collection.

The Oversize Series contains Sarle's diplomas from University of Rochester and Yale University. This series is stored in a folio, separate from the remainder of the collection.
SERIES NOTES

Series 1: Biographical Materials. The biographical materials and personal papers of Clifton Sarle are quite sparse; included are genealogical charts created by Sarle's grandson, Allan Sarle Troy.

Series 2: Reports. Sarle conducted geological surveys for owners and potential investors of properties, reporting on geology and water supplies. These reports are arranged in the following categories: 1) Mines in Arizona; 2) Mines outside Arizona; and 3) Water Supplies in Arizona. Within those categories, the reports are arranged alphabetically by county; within each county, they are arranged chronologically.

Series 3: Manuscripts and Publications. There are two unbound manuscripts in this series. Both are severely water-stained, wrinkled, and messy. Some of the text is typewritten, some is scribbled in pencil. Although some of the pages are numbered, many are not and the text is, in many instances, illegible and/or incomplete. Because of this, these papers have been left in the order in which they were found. The publications are nicely bound, academic copies of studies; they are arranged chronologically.

Series 4: Photographs. The photographs in this collection are predominantly panoramic views of landscapes (mostly mountains), roughly 5x14 inches, made by Sarle in the course of his geological studies of potential mining sites. The photographs are arranged topically. [Note: The bracketed comments on the backs of panoramas identified with the initials T.K. were made by Ted Knipe; the bracketed comments on the backs of panoramas identified with the initials A.H. were made by Alden Hayes].

Series 5: Maps and Atlases. Five oversize folios contain hand-drawn maps and blueprints made by Sarle and others. Some duplication of these maps occurs because different copies contain notations (presumably Sarle's) that may be helpful to the researcher.

Series 6: Oversize. One folio contains Sarle's diplomas from University of Rochester and Yale University.
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Series 1: Biographical Materials
F. 1 Biographical information (see also Oversize)
F. 2 Correspondence, 1916-1929
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Series 2: Reports
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F. 4 "Report on Black Diamond Mine, December 15, 1936"; and hand-drawn map of claims, 1913-1947
F. 5 "Ainsworth Copper Company Prospectus" (previously King Copper Company) written by unknown author; and "Geological report on the properties of the King Copper Company located near Rodeo, Cochise County, Arizona" written by C.W. Botsford, 1919-1924
F. 6 "The San Juan Mines" written by J. Gordon; and maps, 1923-1928
F. 7 "Report on the Mellgren Mines, Tombstone Mining District. Cochise County, Arizona" written by Sarle with contributions by V.G. Mellgren, 1928; correspondence dated 1934; and maps (See Box 7, F. 112)
F. 8 "Report on Alpha Copper Mining Company" written by W. Tovote; correspondence, 1929-1933
F. 9 "Geologic reconnaissance of the Lucky Strike-Home Scheelite property in the Cochise Mining District, Cochise County, Arizona" written by Sarle, 1929-1933
F. 9a "The Conlig-Tungsten Mines" written by J. Gordon, Tombstone, Arizona, 1930
F. 10 "Report from a reconnaissance of the Leadville Group of Lode Mining Claims, Cochise County, Arizona" written by Sarle; Prospectus of the Holmes Copper Company; correspondence dated 1935-1936
F. 11 "Geologic reconnaissance of the Arizona-Klondike group of Gold Lode mining claims and contiguous holdings, Dos Cabezas Mining District, Cochise County, Arizona" written by Sarle, 1948

Gila County
F. 12 "Report of C.E. Blount, Mineral Creek Consolidated Copper Company"; and Prospectus, n.d.

Graham County
F. 13 Letter report regarding the "Brushey-Group" of eight unpatented, lode, mining claims in Aravaipa Mining District, Graham County, Arizona written by Sarle, 1948

Greenlee County
F. 14 Letter report regarding the Mammoth Consolation, Last Chance, Exposition and Native Copper Groups written by A.C. James; Report of the Bureau of Mines to Hon. Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, Last Chance, Pinal County, Arizona; correspondence; and maps, 1924-1943

Maricopa County
F. 15 "Reconnaissance report on the Pump-Gold and United-Gold Properties located in the Big Horn Mountains, Maricopa County, Ariz." written by Sarle, 1925
F. 16 "Report of the Ballad Mine" written by C.E. Blount, 1928
F. 17 Report written by J.C. Anderson on Christmann Barite Property; and correspondence dated 1936
Mojave County
F. 18  Letter report written by R.C. Jacobson; Letter report written by M.S. Rogers on Silverado Group mining claims; correspondence; ore testing reports and assay certificates; and hand-drawn maps, 1926-1929
F. 19  "Report on the Burro Creek Mine" written by C.E. Blount; Sarle's handwritten notes and map on the mine, n.d.

Navajo County

Pima County
F. 22  Report on Old Hat Mine written by W. Foster; report written by J.W. Daily; "Supplemental information concerning the syndicated properties, with outline of plans for their development and operating costs and profits," written by Sarle and J.W.; and subscription agreement between Sarle and J.W. Daily, 1903-1925
F. 23  "Notes on the geology and ore deposits of the San Xavier-Mineral Hill District, Pima County, Arizona" written by J.C. Anderson; "Field Trip #4 (1921) class in physical geology-U of A, Mineral Hill-San Xavier Mining District-Sierrita uplift"; "Report on the San Xavier Mine, Pima County, Arizona," author unknown; "Report on the property of Swastika Copper and Silver Mining Company, Olive Camp, Pima County, Arizona" written by J.C. Anderson; and maps, 1920-1927
F. 24  "Report on the property at the Helmet Peak Mining and Milling District, Pima Mining District, Pima County, Arizona" written by Sarle; and maps, 1926
F. 25  "Report on the Catalina Mine, Old Hat Mining District, Pima County, Arizona" written by Sarle; and maps, 1928

Box 2, F. 26-51
F. 26  "Geologic reconnaissance of the Vulcan Mining Property, Pima Mining District, Pima County, Arizona" written by Sarle (2 copies); "Report on the Vulcan Mine, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona" written by W.M. Snow; and maps, 1928
F. 27  Letter report to the Palo Verde Mining Group written by Sarle, 1929
F. 28  "Report on the Silver Hill Mines Company's property" and "Silver Hill Mine, Waterman Mountains, Silver Bell Mining District" both written by Sarle; photographs; maps, 1929-1945 (See Box 6, F. 96)
F. 29  "Pre-summary of the results of an examination of the Old Yuma Mine" written by Sarle; panoramic photographs; maps, 1930 (See Box 7, F. 112)
F. 30  Letter report to the Dove Group written by Sarle, 1934
F. 31  "Report of a reconnaissance of the New Year's Eve Lode claims" and letter report on New Year's Eve Mine both written by Sarle; and maps, 1939 (See Box 7, F. 112)
F. 32  "The Amargosa Group of Molybdenite copper lode claims, Pima Mining District," written by Sarle, 1942
F. 33  "Notes from a geologic reconnaissance of the Pinacal-Group of Gold-Silver, lode mining claims, Baboquivari Mining District" written by Sarle; correspondence; maps; panoramic photograph, 1949 (See Box 7, F. 112)
F. 34  "Reconnaissance report on the properties of the El Cajon Mines Company, Rincon Mining District, Pima County, Ariz." written by Sarle, n.d.
F. 35  "Engineers report on the Lone Cabin Group of claims" written by B.C. Granville, n.d.
F. 36  "The red carbonate group of mines" author unknown; and maps, n.d.
Pinal County
F. 38  "Copper Giant Exploration (Calumet and Arizona Mining Company)" written by Sarle; panoramic photographs, 1926 (See Box 7, F. 112)

Santa Cruz County
F. 40  "Report of examination of Tres de Mayo Group of mines in the Palmetto Mining District, situated in Santa Cruz County, Arizona, 1919
F. 41  "Geological report on the Montana and Rough and Ready Mining Properties, Santa Cruz County, Arizona" written by Sarle and drawings, 1927
F. 42  "Report on Gold Hill mining claims in Oro Blanco Mining District, Santa Cruz County, Arizona" written by E.D. Smith; agreement for sale between Rita M. Sheehy and Elzo D. Smith, 1935

Yavapai County
F. 43  "Owner's description of the Copper Dyke Group of copper mines" unknown author, 1929
F. 44  "Report on the Oro Grande Consolidated Mines" written by J.C. Bray, 1931
F. 45  "Report of the Diamond Joe Mine, Wickenburg, Arizona" written by W.B. Gohring; agreement and option to purchase between Nell Koyk and Diamond Joe Mining Company and Ida Craven and Raymond Dick; and correspondence, 1934-1935
F. 46  "Advanced information concerning large molybdenite occurrence in Arizona" written by Sarle; information sheet about Loma Prieta Group; maps; panoramic photographs, 1935 (See Box 7, F. 112)
F. 47  Silver-Lead Property: "Silver-lead property, large tonnage developed–fine modern mill and power-plant (a summarization written by Sarle)," 1935 (See Box 7, F. 112)
F. 48  "Owner's description of Fairview and Fairview Extension gold mines" author unknown; letterhead for Ed. Block, n.d.
F. 49  "Reports on the First Home Group of mining claims, Big Bug District, Yavapai County, Arizona" written by E.E. Wann; "The First Home Group of Mines" written by H. Blauvelt, n.d.

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F. 51  Letter report regarding mining property in Yuma County, Arizona, written by H. McDaniel, 1938

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F. 52  "Geology of the Ashford Golden Treasure Mines: Black Mountains, Eastern Inyo County, California" written by Sarle, 1924
F. 53  "Bonanza Mines Report" written by A.W. Hollingsworth, 1924
F. 54  "Geologic report on the Taylor Borax lease, Shoshone, Inyo Co., California" written by Sarle, 1924

Colorado
F. 55  "Preliminary report on Fluorspar properties, El Paso County, Colorado" written by Kinsley; and map, 1920

Mexico
F. 56  Letter report regarding the Ures Mining District, State of Sonora, Mexico written by J.M. Libbey, 1929

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F. 57  "Report on the property of the Bonney Mining Company, Lordsburg, New Mexico" written by J.P. Porteus; "Notes on the Bonney Mine" written by M.M. Carpenter; letter report written by Sarle; panoramic photographs of the property; and correspondence, 1919-1928

Water Supplies in Arizona
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Navajo County

Series 3: Manuscripts and Publications
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F. 61  "Study of Medina fossils" written by Sarle, n.d.
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Series 5: Maps and Atlases
Atlases in Arizona, bound
Geologic Atlas of the United States, Bisbee Folio, Arizona, 1904
Geologic Atlas of the United States, Bradshaw Mountains Folio, Arizona, 1905
Geologic Atlas of the United States, Clifton Folio, Arizona, 1905
Geologic Atlas of the United States, Globe Folio, Arizona, 1904

Atlases outside Arizona, bound
Geologic Atlas of the United States, La Plata Folio, Colorado, 1899
Geologic Atlas of the United States, Telluride Folio, Colorado, 1899
Geologic Atlas of the United States, Deming Folio, New Mexico, 1917
USGS Atlas to Accompany Monograph XXXI on the Geology of the Aspen District, Colorado, by Josiah Edward Spurr, 1898

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  Plan of Workings, Side Show & Valentine Claims, San Juan Group,
  Tombstone Mining District, 1926
D - San Juan Mines, 1928
E - Assay Plan Main Workings of San Juan Mines, Tombstone Mining District,
  1930
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G - Topographic and Geological Claim Map of Arizona Klondike Gold Lode
  Mining Camp, 1948
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  Arizona, n.d.
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N - Map of a Group of Mining Claims Located in Aravaipa Mining District,
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A - Coyote Mountains Mines, 1923
B - Map of Copper Properties Proposed to Consolidate Under Security Mines
  Syndicate, Old Hat Mining District, 1925
C - Map Showing Property of Allison Mining Co, 1926
D - Helmet Peak Mines: Property of Helmet Peak Mining and Milling Co.;
  Geologic Sketch Map of Helmet Peak Mining & Milling Co.; (2) Geologic Map
  Showing Development of Helmet Peak Mining and Milling Co.; Elevation
Normal to Strike of Shear Zone; Assay Plan of Developed Ore Deposits; Assay Plan of 250 ft. Level; Showing Development as of July 1, 1927; (10) Miscellaneous sketches/maps/notes about the mine; all 1927

G - Old Yuma Mines: (6) Map of the Old Yuma Group of Mines; Assay Plan; Underground Workings, all 1930

H - (4) Betty Lee Shaft, 1931

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J - New Year's Eve Mine: (2) No. 1 Reconnaissance Map of the New Year's Eve Lode Claims; (2) Map of New Year's Eve Mine-Workings except Inner, Upper-Levles; and No. 3 Assay Map of Workings in Quartz-Displacement in the New Year's Eve Mine, all 1939

K - (2) Sketch Maps of "St Louis" Mine Shaft...Greaterville, Arizona, 1943

Silver Hill Mine: (7) Claim and Areal Geologic Map; Vertical Cross Section through Allison Workings; (3) Assay Plan of the Silver Hill Shaft; Silver Hill Mine;

(2) Central Fault-Fissure, or Vein System and Position of Development Tunnel, 1929-1945

M - Arizona Copper Bell Mines Co., 1945

Folio 3: Arizona (Pinal-Yavapai counties) − hand-drawn maps and blueprints (Located on Level A Oversize Shelves)

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A - Copper Giant and Associated Group of Mining Claims of Copper Creek Mining District: Claim Map, Survey No. 3118, 1930; Assay Map Copper Giant Explorations Globe Mine, n.d.; (2) Assay Map Copper Giant Explorations Copper Prince Mine, 95 foot level, n.d.; (2) Assay Map Copper Giant Explorations Copper Prince Mine, 200 foot scale, n.d.

B - Mammoth Mine

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C - Tres de Mayo Group of Mines: (2) Plan & Survey

D - (5) Rough & Ready and Montana Groups and Idaho Groups

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E - Golden Aster Mines, 1929

F - (2) Westerner Vein; Map of Mining Property Belonging to Westerner Gold-Lead Mines, 1931

G - (2) Advanced Information on Large Molybdenite Property, n.d.

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H - (2) San Luis Mines, Inc.

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A - Pacific Copper Co, Virginia Mining District, Hidalgo County: Map of the Workings of the Pacific Copper Co.; (2) Stereogram Showing Relation of Vein System to Proposed Cross-cut from #3 Shaft; (2) Property of the Pacific Copper Co.; Showing Portion of Vein System Adjacent to #3 Shaft & Position of Proposed Alternative Cross-cuts "A" and "B"; Vertical Projection of No. 4 Shaft and Workings; (2) Sketch Map of Virginia Mining District, Grant County
(2) Bonney Mining Company, Virginia Mining District, Lordsburg: Sur. No. 1591; Assay and Ore Estimate, 1927; Vertical Projection and Cross-sections, 1919; Sur. No. 1913, Manilla Group, Virginia Mining District, Hidalgo County Plat of the Claim . . . known as the Chance Mine, Virginia Mining District, Hidalgo County, 1925
Hand-drawn topo map of portion of the state

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B - Bosquejo Geologico del e. de Sonora

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- Windsor Claim: Windsor Ore Shoot; Ore Chart of Windsor Claim; (2) 200 Foot Level
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- 8 Sheets of Information on Geology
- (4) Unidentified
- Southern Pacific Lines Common Standard Distance Warning Sign Specs

**Series 6: Oversize (Located on Level A Oversize shelves)**
**Folio 6:** Diplomas awarded to Clifton J. Sarle: Bachelor's degree, University of Rochester, New York, 1902; Master's degree, University of Rochester, New York, 1903; Doctor of Philosophy, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 1906.