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Monarch Lead Company
1921 - 1930****DESCRIPTION**

This small collection consists of correspondence to stockholders from the company vice-president, E. K. Martin and cancelled checks associated with operations of the Monarch Lead Company in 1921, 1926, 1929 and 1930. Stockholder correspondence contains reports on current operations of the company in 1929 and 1930. In addition a four-page question and answer sheet provides information on areas of concern voiced by stockholders to the company. Cancelled checks were drawn on the Arizona Central Bank of Kingman and the Arizona Central Bank of Chloride, Arizona in 1921, 1926, and 1929.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Monarch Lead Company was a Nevada based corporation with company offices located in Chloride, Arizona. Chloride is in the Wallapai Mining District in Mohave County and about 20 miles north of Kingman. The mining area was one of the earliest in the Arizona area with chloride silver ore discovered in the early 1860s. By 1900 Chloride had a population of over 2,000 but declined sharply after the 1940s and the closing of many of the mines in the area. The cover letter to the question and answer sheet to stockholder in the collection indicates that the company owned both a lead mill (approaching completion) and a mine. The concentrator at the mill was scheduled to commence operations on New Year's Day. An early letter refers to the lead mine on the property as currently operating only pump water from the mine at the present time. Another letter sites the depressed stock prices for all metals and the company stock selling at 20 cents per share. The company letter states how they look forward in the near future to the rise of metal prices and the reopening of operations at the company property [as America enters the Great Depression period].

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