DESCRIPTION

Collection consists of business and personal correspondence, financial documents and ledgers of and relating to the Octave Mining Company and its subsidiary, the Central Arizona Electric Company. The collection includes correspondence with Arizona state officials and regulators as well as engineers, banks and company shareholders and investors regarding mine business. In addition, there are many legal and financial documents and letters related to the Octave Mining Company's bankruptcy and its aftermath.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The Octave Mining Company was chartered on November 28, 1906, by the Charles E. Miesse Company of Chicago after favorable gold and ore deposits were located near Wickenburg. Octave Mining Company property encompassed some 380 acres and six patented lode claims as well as six side claims. The company’s operations were financed by the sale of its stocks and bonds and at one time Octave Mining Co. was worth approximately $1,750,000. In February of 1909, the company expanded its operations to include the Central Arizona Electric Company and its power plant located in Wickenburg. The Central Arizona Electric Company provided power both to the mine itself and local business and residential consumers. After mining nearly two million dollars worth of gold and ore the Octave Mining Company declared bankruptcy in October 1910. Following a failed reorganizing effort on behalf of its shareholders, the mine and equipment were sold in 1912 for $35,000 at a total loss to investors.

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