

**TITLE:** Miami Copper Company photograph collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1917-1933

**CALL NUMBER:** PC 146

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear ft. (2 boxes)

**PROVENANCE:** This collection of prints from original glass plates came to the Center for Creative Photography (CCP), University of Arizona, from Special Collections, date unknown (with the exception of approximately 400 prints processed in house at AHS/SAD). In 1975 Ross McGlaughin acquired the collection and with the assistance of Sharon Womack, then Librarian at the Miami Public Library, two complete sets of prints were made from the glass negatives. There are complete sets at the Miami Public Library and at Special Collections. The glass plate images were duplicated onto safety film negatives and Special Collections maintains the negative files. The glass plates were then transferred to CCP, then from CCP to the Arizona Historical Society in 1978.

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**CREDIT LINE:** Miami Copper Company photograph collection, PC 146, Arizona Historical Society-Tucson

**PROCESSED BY:** James Robert Bailey, volunteer

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Miami, named for a group of Miami, Ohio, men, owes its beginning as a copper town to the turn of the century. The Ohio investors had sunk a shaft and built a small custom mill as early as 1878 a few miles from what was to become the camp. It wasn't until 1906 that the Miami Copper Company was organized and development work actually undertaken. [John (Black Jack) Newman had owned some of the claims.]

Development of ore bodies continued rapidly for the next five years and in 1911, with Adolph Lewisohn as president, a concentrator with a capacity of 2000 tons of ore per day, and costing in the neighborhood of two million dollars was started March 15<sup>th</sup>. David B. Scott, a young graduate of the Columbia School of Mines, New York, was hired as Superintendent. The company, for the first time, showed a net profit.

The capacity of the concentrator has since been increased and in 1915 approximately 1,350,000 tons or over 3,000,000,000 pounds of ore was treated, with a production of approximately 42,000,000 pounds of copper.

With the beginning of operations in 1906, all supplies and material had to be hauled from Globe six and a half miles distant. However, it was only a short time until promoters had a town site underway. The Gila Valley, Globe and Northern railroad was extended to Miami and it sprang into a city of several thousand inhabitants.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** This collection of photographs of the Miami Copper Company in Miami, Arizona documents the mining activities from 1917-1933. The collection includes photographs of mining operations, personnel, equipment and photographs of the town of Miami, Arizona. Included are numerous images of the mine site and mining machinery. To a lesser extent are images of personnel including miners and managers. There are some images of the town of Miami, Arizona, including street scenes and snow scenes. The collection offers a detailed picture of mining operations in Arizona during this time period.

In six series: 1. Caving Ground; 2. Structures; 3. Personnel; 4. Miami, Ariz.; 5. Machinery; 6. Miscellaneous

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>1</b>	1-11	Caving Ground	1920-1927
	12	Unidentified photographs	undated
	13-14	Site views, Miami Copper Company	1918-1927
	15	Crusher #5	1920-1924
	16-17	Tailings	1920-1927
	18-19	Structures, Exterior	1917-1925
<b>2</b>	20	Structures, Exterior	1920-1925
	21	Housing, Employee	1920-1925
	22	People, General	undated
	23	People, Managers	undated
	24	People, Vocational School	1923
	25	People, Workers	1919-1925
	26	Machinery, Outside	1920-1925
	27-29	Machinery, Inside	1921-1927
	30	Structures, Tanks, oil & water	1921
	31	Ponds	1920-1925
	32	Miami Copper Company store	1921-1924
	33	Miami, Arizona	1921-1926
	34	Lawsuit	undated
	35	Maps, prints, charts	undated; 1925
	36	Structures, Interior	1916-1928
	37	Golf trophies	undated
	38	Dorr Tank	undated; 1928
	39	Underground	1918-1926
	40	Models	1924-1927
	41	Miami Mill	1921
	42	Process	1921
	43	People, Rescue Crew	1922