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**MS 502
Mining Claim Records
1882 - 1931****DESCRIPTION**

This small collection consists of one ledger book and one mounted record both dealing with mining claims in southern Arizona from 1882 to 1931. The single record is on the Mason Mine in Pima County recorded on Jan. 1, 1886. The location is described as ¼ mile from the Total Wreck Mine and is a relocation from a previous mine called Uncle Sam Mine. The ledger contains a listing of mining claims in southern Arizona with the mine name, location, owner, date, and mining district. Of special note are some of the owners including Clara Fish Roberts, Albert Steinfeld, Walter E. Murphey, Phelps Dodge Corp., the Copper Queen Consolidated Mg. Company, and Solomon Warner. Mining names include noteworthy claims including Total Wreck, Copper Queen, Oriental, and Copper King. Colorful mining names include such titles as Arizona Sunshine, Mystery #1, Dimples #1-10, Holy Terror, Grand Prize, and Forty-Nine.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The ledger contains an indexed listing of mines along with location and ownership information that may have been prepared by a governmental or legal authority. The period between 1860 and 1910 saw many mining claims opened in southern Arizona by both individuals and commercial organizations. It is unclear who prepared the listing or its intended use.

ACQUISITION

Unknown

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