

MS 1417**Wilfred C. Riggs & The Arizona Molybdenum Corporation
1932 - 1950****DESCRIPTION**

The Wilfred Riggs Collection consists of mining reports, diagrams, photographs, and correspondence associated with the Arizona Molybdenum Corporation operating mines along Copper Creek, Arizona. Mining reports capture the status and prospects of operations at the mine from 1936 to 1938. Extensive maps and drawings outline the extent of the mining operations at Copper Creek. Two folders of photographs depict miners at work, buildings and facilities on the site, and show the outcroppings of the Molybdenite ore.

1 Box, .5 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

W. C. Riggs was president of the Arizona Molybdenum Corporation at Copper Creek, AZ. As president of the Molybdenum Corp. Riggs presided over a series of copper-molybdenum mining claims along the Copper Creek area of Pinal County Arizona. The actual mines were first named the Copper Creek Mine and later titles changed to Childes Mine and Childes-Aldwinkle claim. In 1933 Riggs purchased six claims in the center of the mining district that had been explored by other mining concerns as early as 1908. A mill was constructed at the site in 1935 and between 1933 and 1938 over 6,454,000 pounds of molybdenite, 5,519,000 pounds of copper, 473 ounces of gold, and 19,167 ounces of silver were taken from during operations. Most of the molybdenite ore came from two major locations - the South Ore Body and the Alamo Ore Body, which, although separate at the surface, united below the surface to form one large chimney of ore.

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PROCESSING

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Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1	Correspondence of W. C. Riggs	1936 – 1950
f.2	Notes/Drawings/MISC Items	
f.3	Newspaper Clippings	N.D.
f.4	“Report on the Copper Creek Mine, Arizona Molybdenum Corp. Copper Creek, Pinal County, Arizona”	1936
f.5	“Report of the Copper Creek Mine, Arizona Molybdenum Corp. Copper Creek, Pinal County, Arizona”	1937
f.6	“Report of the Copper Creek Mine, Arizona Molybdenum Corp. Copper Creek, Pinal County, Arizona”	1938
f.7	Report on Copper Creek Mine	1938
f.8	Childs-Aldwinkle Mine Report	1938
f.9	Arizona Molybdenum Corp. Trial Balance & Cost Statements	1938
f.10	Mining Charts and Diagrams	
f.11	Mining Maps for Copper Creek Mine	1932 – 1933
f.12	Mining Maps for Copper Creek Mine	1934
f.13	Mining Maps for Copper Creek Mine	1935
f.14	Mining Maps for Copper Creek Mine	1936 – 1937
f.15	Mining Maps for Copper Creek Mine	N.D.
f.16	“The San Pedro Valley” in <i>Arizona Highways Magazine</i>	February 1970
f.17-18	Photographs of Mining Operations at Copper Creek	1937
	Miners at Work	
	Buildings on Property	
	Mining Mill Building (both internal and external)	
	Tracing the Molybdenite Ore Body in the Earth	