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Silver City Reduction Works
Ore Receipts, 1898 - 1899

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists ore receipts for materials delivered to the Silver City Reduction Works in Silver City, New Mexico in 1898 and 1899. Receipts are in two binders and are associated with Arthur R. Wilfley and N. H. Chapin. Minerals processed for included silver and copper. In addition there are also receipts for the Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company and the El Paso Smelting Company also dated 1898 and 1899.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Local investors formed the Silver City Smelting and Reduction Works Company in 1884. It concentrated ores for copper, silver, and gold. Through the 1890's mines surrounding Silver City shipped ore to the facility. S. E. Bretherton was the manager of the facility until 1898 when the company was taken over by the Hearst Company. The company name was changed to the American Smelting and Refining Company until 1902 when the decline in copper prices caused the company to close. In 1904 the smelter burned and the facility was never rebuilt.

ACQUISITION

Unknown

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was previously processed and reviewed by Dave Tackenberg in July 2008.