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**Spude, Robert L.**  
**Manuscript, 1975**

**DESCRIPTION**

One 55 page manuscript entitled "Oro Belle: Mining Camp of the Bradshaw Mountains" written by Robert L. Spude in 1975. The manuscript gives a brief history and includes photographs, maps and diagrams. It describes the history of the mine and the town of Oro Belle. The historical photographs are from the Sharlot Hall Museum but it also includes modern photographs showing the ghost town. Includes some secondary material concerning Oro Belle.

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**HISTORICAL NOTE**

Robert Spude is a historian for the National Park Service. This reports was written in 1975. The Oro Belle Mining Camp was first discovered in 1873. Most of the claims were idle until the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad. In 1887, , Isaac T. Stodard developed the Oro Belle Mining Company and built a stamp mill and production began in 1889 but his company collapsed by 1891. In 1902, George P. Harrington reconstructed the area and fully developed the mine. Between 1904 and 1912, Oro Belle had its heyday as a mining camp. Once that initial vein was abandoned, the mine was reopened sporadically until it was finally abandoned in 1940.

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