

TITLE: Velma Thacker diaries

DATE RANGE: 1919-1955

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Velma E. Thacker was born on August 30, 1888, and her husband, Edison Thacker, was born on June 24, 1888. They were married on May 25, 1918.

In 1916, Edison Thacker incorporated the Squaw Peak Copper Mining Company, encompassing several claims about ten miles south of Camp Verde, Arizona, in the Black Range. Edison's father, Reuben Thacker (died April 20, 1944), was the company vice-president, while Edison served both as president and manager. In addition to copper, gold and lead were also mined, and in 1944 the company became the first commercial producer of molybdenum in Arizona. The Thackers leased the Squaw Peak Copper Mining Company to Venture Ltd. of Canada and Michigan in 1955.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection is organized into two series. **Series I: Diaries, 1932-1955** - consists of thirteen diaries written in third person. The diaries document the daily activities of the Squaw Peak Copper Mining Company, the Thacker family and their friends, and the Thackers' participation in the Arizona Small Mine Operators Association. **Series II: Financial records, 1919-1928** - consists of some scattered checks signed by Edison and Velma Thacker and a sample stock certificate of the Squaw Peak Copper Mining Company.

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1		Series I: Diaries	1932-1955
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	4	Diaries, volumes 7 & 8	1946-1948
	5	Diaries, volumes 9 & 10	1948-1951
	6	Diaries, volumes 11 & 12	1951, 1954-1955

		Series II: Financial Records	1919-1928
	7	Checks; Sample Squaw Peak Copper Mining Company stock certificate	1919-1920, 1924, 1927-1928