

**TITLE:** Robert E. Thurmond collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1948-1975

**CALL NUMBER:** MS 0788

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .5 linear ft. (1 box)

**PROVENANCE:** Donated by Margaret Thurmond in 1981

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Robert E. Thurmond was born in Golden Springs, Colorado on February 13, 1921. He received an Engineering Degree from the Colorado School of Mines in 1943 and served in World War II as an Ensign with the Civil Engineers Corps until 1946. He worked in mining operations for Climax Molybdenum Company from 1946 to 1948 and with Newmont Mining Corporation of New York from 1948 to 1949. Thurmond moved to Tucson, Arizona as an exploration engineer for United Geophysical Company. He was responsible for discovery of rich ore body that became the Pima Open Pit Mine located 22 miles southwest of Tucson.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** This collection consists of personal and business materials related to his work as a mining engineer with various companies both outside Arizona and with the Pima Mining Company. Personal papers include early resumes, family history, and correspondence from 1948 to 1968. Mining reports, papers, histories, and operations include Pima Open Pit Mine, Cyprus Mine Corporation, and his association with the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers. Two published articles on the discovery and operation of the Pima Mine authored by Thurmond are present. One folder contains photographs with four aerial views of Pima Open Pit Mine and other unidentified individuals.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>1</b>	1	Robert Thurmond bio and family information	undated
	2	Margaret Thurmond	undated
	3	Robert Thurmond employment and resumes	undated
	4	Personal correspondence	1949-1968
	5	Business correspondence	1948-1969
	6	Newspaper clippings	1975
	7	Report: "United Geophysical Co." by B.B. Butler	undated

8	Report: "State Board of Technical Registration for Architects, Engineers, Geologists, Land Surveyors and Assayers"	1960
9	Annual meeting programs for American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers	1954, 1958
10	Mining operations in Yukon area	1966
11	Cyprus Mines Corporation - history and articles	1961
12	Cyprus Mines Corporation - annual reports	1960, 1965, 1967
13	Cyprus Mines Corporation - report to stockholders	1957, 1958
14	Pima Open Pit Mine: "Geophysical Discovery and Development of the Pima Mine, Pima County, Arizona" by Robert Thurmond	1954
15	Pima Open Pit Mine: "The Pima Open Pit Mine and Haulage Facilities" by Robert Thurmond	1958
16	Pima Open Pit Mine - history and description	1957, 1964
17	Pima Open Pit Mine - reports	1958, 1965, 1966
18	Pima Open Pit Mine - personnel and mailing lists	1955
19	Report: "Problem in Hoist Design" by Robert Thurmond	undated
20	Financial receipts	1956-1967
21	Miscellaneous items	undated
22	Photographs	undated, 1963
	<b>Outside item:</b> 1 large aerial view of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory at night	