

TITLE: Robert F. Torrance collection

DATE RANGE: 1898-1985

CALL NUMBER: MS 1033

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear ft. (4 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Dr. Betty Torrance, daughter of Robert Torrance, in April and June 1987.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Born in Wapakoneta, Ohio in 1904, Robert F. Torrance came to Cananea, Sonora, in 1922 as an employee of the Cananea Consolidated Copper Company. Forty-seven years later he retired as treasurer of that company and moved to Tucson, Arizona where he died March 22, 1987. His wife, Minnie McClure Torrance, a former teacher at Cananea English School, died in Tucson in 1984.

As a result of his long residence in Cananea, Torrance became interested in the history of Sonora and southern Arizona, particularly early Spanish activity and the development of the mines at Cananea. He collected a great deal of information, much of which he obtained from the files of the Cananea Consolidated Copper Company. Over the years many historians and researchers requested information from Torrance for their own research projects. Torrance worked with these individuals and apparently kept copies in his personal files of all documents he provided them. He also was responsible for securing the partial records of the Cananea Consolidated Copper Company, MS 1032, in the archival collections of the Arizona Historical Society.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: The bulk of this collection consists of correspondence and other material tracing the development and operation of the Cananea Consolidated Copper Company from 1899-1970. This information parallels, and in some cases duplicates, that which is found in the Cananea Consolidated Copper Company collection, MS 1032. In addition, there is a considerable amount of information dealing with other aspects of Sonora history including early Spanish activity. The basic organization of this collection follows the format established by Robert Torrance; however, the collection contained some material which Torrance had not filed. Where possible, all these documents were incorporated into existing folders. The collection also contained 10 maps and charts of Sonora and Mexico which were transferred to the map collection. Other maps and photographs remain interspersed throughout the collection. Arranged in eight series.

Series I: Correspondence, 1899-1985 - contains incoming and outgoing correspondence dealing primarily with affairs and officials of the Cananea Consolidated Copper Company. Much of this material is copied from originals in the Cananea Consolidated Copper Company collection, MS 1032. Folders are arranged in alphabetical order and, where appropriate, material in each folder is filed chronologically.

Series II: Subject Files - contains a variety of primary and secondary source material including maps and photographs of locations, incidents and individuals of particular interest to Torrance. Some of this material is copied from original documents in MS 1032. Folder 25, Terrenate/Las Nutrias, deals with Torrance's successful search for the location of those presidios and is particularly significant. Folders are arranged in alphabetical order.

Series III: Reports, 1901-1931 - contains the annual reports of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company. Folders are arranged chronologically.

Series IV: Financial Documents - contains stock certificates of the Cobre Grande Copper Company and correspondence concerning sale of that stock.

Series V: Legal Documents - contains certain legal documents pertaining to the Cobre Grande Copper Company including escrow agreements, deed transfers and contracts concerning the sale of stock. Material is arranged chronologically.

Series VI: Maps - contains several maps of a general nature not closely associated with documents filed elsewhere. There are also three oversized Cananea mineral or geological maps, originally published with the copy of S.F. Emmons "Cananea Mining District," Economic Geology, vol. V, no. 4, June 1910, as found in Folder 46 Miscellaneous. Other maps applicable to the Cananea area may be found in the map collection.

Series VII: Photographs/Graphics - contains a variety of photographs of Cananea and other locations/subjects in Sonora. Folders are arranged in alphabetical order. Other photographs of the Cananea area may be found in the general photo files and in MS 1032.

Series VIII: Printed Material - contains copies and reprints of various publications dealing with Sonora and the American southwest. Torrance annotated some of these documents, pointing out factual errors and different interpretations. Folders arranged in alphabetical order.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
		Series I: Correspondence	1899-1985
1	1	Cananea Consolidated Copper Company (132 items)	1899-1905
	2	Cananea Consolidated Copper Company (82 items)	1906-1910
	3	Cananea Consolidated Copper Company (73 items)	1911-1923
	4	Cananea English schools (76 items)	1903-1910
	5	Cananea English schools (56 items)	1911-1925
	6	Eckhart, George (10 items)	1966-1968

	7	Evans, William (13 items)	1969-1971
	8	Kosterlitzky, Emilio (70 items)	1903-1911; 1966-1972
	9	Lindsay, Lycurgus (26 items)	1901-1913; 1970
	10	Miscellaneous correspondence and notes (30 items)	1900-1910; 1960-1983
	11	Myrick, David F. (34 items)	1965-1985
	12	Newbury, P.W. (13 items)	1906-1907; 1971-1972
	13	Santa Elena Mine (4 items)	1975
		Series II: Subject files	
	14	Arizpe (13 items)	undated
	15	Arizona Iron Mines (3 items)	undated
	16	Bacuachi (1 item)	undated
	17	Camino del Diablo (4 items)	undated
	18	Cananea Consolidated Copper Company operations (16 items)	1920-1969
	19	Cananea history (16 items)	undated
	20	Miscellaneous Cananea/Sonora (32 items)	undated
	21	Nacozari (10 items)	undated
	22	San Pedro "Fort" (3 items)	undated
	23	Sykes, Glenton (12 items)	undated
	24	Tayopa (2 items)	undated
	25	Terrenate/Las Nutrias (20 items)	undated
	26	Tucson and vicinity (50 items)	undated
	27	Villa, Pancho (21 items)	undated
	28	Wiswall, Charles (2 items)	undated
		Series III: Reports	1901-1931
	29	Greene Consolidated Copper Company annual reports (10 items)	1901-1906
	30	Greene Consolidated Copper Company annual reports (12 items)	1907-1914
	31	Greene Consolidated Copper Company annual reports (10 items)	1915-1928; 1931
	32	Santo Domingo Mine	1905
		Series IV: Financial Documents	
	33	Cobre Grande Copper Company (7 items)	1899-1903
		Series V: Legal Documents	
	34	Cobre Grande Copper Company (30 items)	1898-1903
		Series VI: Maps	
	35	El Alamo Ranch (1 item)	undated
	36	Sonora - Cananea geological/topographical maps (3 items)	undated
		Series VII: Photographs/Graphics	
	37	Bacadehuachi (1 item)	1929, 1957, 1970
	38	Caborca (1 item)	1970
	39	Cananea and vicinity (3 items)	undated

40	Cocospera (8 items)	undated
41	Hermosillo (1 item)	undated
42	San Ignacio (1 item)	undated
	Series VIII: Printed Material	
43	Father Kino (3 items)	undated
44	Geronimo (1 item)	undated
45	"Mexico's Forgotten Frontier"/"Frontiers of New Spain" (1 item)	undated
46	Miscellaneous (11 items)	undated
47	Ricketts, L.D. <u>Cananea Herald</u> (1 item)	1903
48	<u>Romantic Copper Santa Cruz Reservoir</u> (1 item)	undated
49	San Pedro de la Cueva (2 items)	undated
50	Tubac (5 items)	undated