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**MS 846**  
**Twin Buttes Mining and Railroad Records**  
**1905 - 1931**

**DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of records associated with four enterprises in the Twin Buttes Arizona area from 1905 to 1931. Three efforts were organized around the various copper mines and include the Twin Buttes Mining & Smelting Company, the Twin Buttes Railroad Company, and the Midland Copper Company. In addition to the mining materials there are several folders associated with the Twin Buttes Post Office including postal forms, registration receipt book, and a money order register from 1917 to 1925. Mining company forms, catalogs for mining equipment, and articles of organization are present for the Twin Buttes Mining & Smelting Co. The Twin Buttes Railroad Company materials consist of many forms used in the operation of the railroad, a worker's time log with names, and one folder of passenger and freight rates.

One account ledger for accounts of the Twin Buttes Railroad from August 1906 to October 1910. The accounts from 1906 through June 1910 show freight accounts, ticket sales, supplies and expenses for the railroad. The ledger for July through October 1910 appears to show accounts for a general store, showing sundries and groceries. It is probable that the second part of the ledger is for a company store in Twin Buttes.

5 Boxes, 4 linear ft. and oversize item

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The mines of the Twin Buttes area are part of the Pima Mining District, 28 miles south of Tucson, AZ. The first mining claims in the area date back to around 1876 however little significant production was done before 1905. In that year D. S. Rose of Milwaukee organized the Twin Buttes Mining & Smelting Co. and acquired many of the promising claims in the area. This company built a 28-mile railroad from the Twin Buttes area to Tucson and established a smelter for its ore near the Santa Cruz River. Midland Copper Company took over many of the mines previously controlled by Twin Buttes Mining & Smelting Company in 1917 with leases and purchases. Both companies continued to produce ore until 1948 when William Foy of Twin Buttes gained control of much of the mining interests.

**ACQUISITION** – Records were Donated by Owen P. and John H. Watts who found the materials while rock hunting in May 1959. Donation of railroad ledger (previously MS 943) is unknown.

**ACCESS** - There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

## COPYRIGHT

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**PROCESSING** - The collection was previously processed and reviewed by Dave Tackenberg in April 2010. In 2015, MS 943 – Twin Buttes Railroad Ledger was integrated into this collection.

### Box and Folder Listing

#### Box 1

##### Twin Buttes Railroad Company

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Folder 1 General Correspondence   | 1909 – 1924 |
| f.2 Railroad Worker Time Log  | 1909        |
| f.3 Handbook: “United States Safety Appliances For All Classes of Cars<br>And Locomotives | 1915        |
| f.4 Freight & Passenger Rates   | 1906/1907   |
| f.5 Interstate Commerce Commission Reports by Railroad                                    | 1907 – 1910 |
| f.6 Interstate Commerce Commission Report Forms   |             |
| f.7 Interstate Commerce Commission Correspondence   | 1907 – 1910 |
| f.8 Railroad Excursion & Picnic Ticket for Workers  | 1903        |
| f.9 Railroad Company Envelope   |             |
| f.10-11 Railroad Agent’s Daily Report   | 1906 – 1907 |
| f.12 Railroad Conductor’s Daily Report  | 1906        |
| f.13 Railroad Daily Abstract of Freight   | 1909        |
| f.14 Railroad Agent’s Daily Ticket Reports  | 1907 – 1909 |
| f.14A Railroad Daily Balance Sheet  | 1908 – 1909 |
| f.15 Railroad Train Operations Report   | 1912        |
| f.16 Railroad Report of Cars Delivered  | 1913        |
| f.17 Railroad Way-Bill on Freight   | 1909        |
| f.18 Railroad Material & Tools on Hand Form   |             |
| f.19 Railroad Over, Short, or Damage Form   |             |
| f.20 Railroad Shipping Order & Receipt Forms  |             |
| f.21 Railroad Car Master’s Car Report Form  |             |
| f.22 Railroad Passenger Tickets   | 1907        |

#### Box 2

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| f.23 Railroad Passenger Ticket Booklet Forms                    |      |
| f.24 Railroad Delivery of Merchandise To Albert Steinfeld Forms | 1906 |
| f.25 Railroad Foreman’s Daily Report                            | 1907 |
| f.26a Railroad Rules of the Camp Poster                         |      |
| f.26b Special Delivery Articles at Post Office                  | 1917 |
| f.27 Photographs – Railroad Engines                             |      |
| f.28 Equipment Catalogs – Engines                               |      |
| f.29 Equipment Catalogs – Compressors                           |      |
| f.30 Equipment Catalogs – MISC                                  |      |

**Twin Buttes Post office and Clippings**

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|------|--|-------------|
| f.31 | Twin Buttes Times & Clipping               | 1905/1931   |
| f.32 | Post Office Special Delivery Articles Form | 1917        |
| f.33 | Twin Buttes Postmaster Appointment         | 1929        |
| f.34 | Registration Receipts Book                 | 1917 – 1918 |
| f.35 | Post Office Money Order Register           | 1917 – 1925 |

**Box 3****Twin Buttes Mining & Smelting Company**

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|------|---|------------------|
| f.36 | Mining Company Articles of Organization & By-Laws | 1906             |
| f.37 | Stockholder Announcements                         | 1910/1918 - 1920 |
| f.38 | Company Correspondents & MISC                     | 1909/1918        |
| f.39 | Company Voucher Pay Check Forms                   |                  |
| f.40 | Mining Forman's Daily Report Forms                |                  |
| f.41 | Mining Company Time Check Form                    | 1905             |
| f.42 | Company Wage Dispute                              | 1919             |
| f.43 | Mining Company Receipts                           | 1905 – 1908      |
| f.44 | Company Store Coupon Booklets                     |                  |

**Midland Copper Company**

|      |                                       |             |
|------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| f.45 | Company Correspondence                | 1919 – 1926 |
| f.46 | Company Envelope                      |             |
| f.47 | Midland Company Equipment Proposals   | 1924        |
| f.48 | Equipment Catalogs – Hoists           |             |
| f.49 | Equipment Catalogs – Chains & Shovels |             |
| f.50 | Equipment Catalogs – Drill Hammers    |             |
| f.51 | Equipment Catalogs – Valves           |             |
| f.52 | Equipment Catalogs - MISC             |             |

**Box 4****Oversized Ledger Book (Very Poor Condition)**

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| Justice Court Ledger of Cases Tried in Twin Buttes Precinct, Pima County | 1916 – 1922 |
| Two Folders of Loose Legal Forms Removed from Ledger                     |             |

**Box 5**

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| <b>Oversized Twin Buttes Railroad Ledger</b> | 1906-1910 |
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**Oversized Items**

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| One Poster Announcing the Arizona Industrial Commission Act by Midland<br>Copper Company |      |
| Map of Twin Buttes Railroad Depicting Grades and Profile Plans                           | N.D. |
| Map of Twin Buttes Railroad Right of Way Map   | N.D. |