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Vulture Mine Records
1921-1942
(bulk 1931-1942)

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, financial records, mining records and three photographs relating to daily mine activities of the Vulture Mine while under the management of A.B. Peach, mining engineer.

5 boxes, 2.5 linear feet.

ACQUISITION

This collection was donated by Russ Quinn, of Wickenburg, Arizona, on November 30, 1965.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Linda A. Conroy in September 1997, under the supervision of the Librarian, Kim Frontz.

Historical Note

The Vulture Mine, discovered in 1863 by Henry Wickenburg, is located 12 miles southwest of Wickenburg, Arizona. It was an active mine from 1863 to 1942, producing gold and silver. In the 1930's, it was owned by Phelps-Dodge and managed by Alfred B. Peach. The mine was most active between 1927 and 1942, when it produced between \$25 million and \$50 million of gold and silver. Mining operations ceased in 1942 after a federal law closed gold mines and fixed the price of gold, making gold mining unprofitable. The Vulture Mine was purchased by L. Wayne and M. Jeannette Beal in 1970 and was operated as a tourist attraction.

Scope and Content Note

The Vulture Mine Collection covers daily mine activities from 1921 to 1942, concentrating on the 1930's when Alfred B. Peach was manager.

The collection consists of five boxes (2.5 linear feet) arranged in four series: (1) Correspondence 1921-1942; (2) Financial Records 1926-1935; (3) Mining Records 1932-1942; and (4) Photographs (undated). The records are arranged chronologically within each record type.

Series 1, Correspondence, consists of both personal and business letters of Alfred B. Peach. Rough drafts and copies of finished letters written by Peach as well as letters received by him are included.

Series 2, Financial Records, includes contracts, check receipts, payroll records and injury reports, etc.

Series 3, Mining Records, consists of records relating to the operation of the mine itself. Metallurgical data, mine and claim descriptions, footage extension reports and several blueprints are among the records.

Series 4, Photographs, consists of three photographs, two of mining scenes and one of mining equipment. They are undated and unidentified.

Inventory

Box 1

Series 1: Correspondence

- F. 1 Rough Drafts
- F. 2 1921-1930
- F. 3-8 1932-1933

Box 2

- F. 9-17 1934-1942

Series 2: Financial Records

- F. 18 Contracts and Agreements
- F. 19 Insurance Records

Box 3

- F. 20 Promissory Notes
- F. 21 Check Receipts 7/17/32 – 12/22/32
- F. 22 Check Receipts 8/4/34 through 10/26/34
- F. 23 Check Receipts 5/6/35 through 8/12/35
- F. 24 Check Receipts 8/12/35 through 1/21/36
- F. 25 1899 Ledger Excerpt
- F. 26 Stockholder Reports, Etc. 1932-1933; 1935-1936
- F. 27 Time Books 1926-1936
- F. 28 Payroll 1927-1932
- F. 29 Payroll 1933-1935
- F. 30 Payroll Reports
- F. 31 Board Bills
- F. 32 Labor Distribution
- F. 33 Injury Reports
- F. 34 Inventories and Invoices
- F. 35 Shipments

Box 4

- F. 36 Fuel and Water Reports
- F. 37 Costs (Estimates, Average)
- F. 38 Operating Accounts

Series 3: Mining Records

- F. 39 Mine and Claim Descriptions
- F. 40 Mining Location Notices
- F. 41 Footage Extension Records
- F. 42 Blueprints and Sketches
- F. 43 Mine Inspector's Report
- F. 44 Mill Shift Reports
- F. 45 Metallurgical Data (undated)
- F. 46 Metallurgical Data 1932-1933
- F. 47 Metallurgical Data October 1940 through July 1941
- F. 48 Metallurgical Data June 1941 through September 1941
- F. 49 Metallurgical Data October 1941 through April 1942

Box 5

- F. 50 Metallurgical Data July 1942 through February 1944

- F. 51 Ore Reports
- F. 52 Ore Settlements
- F. 53 Assay Reports
- F. 54 Assays Paid
- Series 4: Photographs**
- F. 55 Photographs