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Biographical Information
Charles Frederick Fisk, born in 1885 to Frank Willis Fisk (b. 1857) and May P. Shearer of Murphys, California, was a rancher in Corcoran, California; a land developer, mainly in the Tulare Basin area of California; and a mine owner in Calaveras
County, California. His grandparents, Charles Fisk (1814-1897) and Mary Ann Eaton (1818-1893), came to California from Maine around 1863. The couple settled first in Yolo County and then in Silver Mountain City in Alpine County, where Charles Fisk ran the Fisk Hotel and served on the school board. In 1869, the couple relocated to Murphys in Calaveras County. They had eleven children.

Frank Willis Fisk, Charles Frederick's father, was the youngest of Charles and Mary Ann Fisk's children. He grew up assisting his father in his mercantile business and became a merchant and postmaster in Murphys. Frank Fisk also served on the Board of Supervisors for Calaveras County from 1886 to 1900. In 1879, Frank married May P. Shearer, a native of Murphys and daughter of Volney Shearer, an early California settler. Frank and May had two children, Effie May and Charles Frederick.

Charles Frederick Fisk attended the University of California, Berkeley and married fellow student Adelaide Stafford. In 1916, Charles and Adelaide bought ranch property in Corcoran, California. By 1930, they had returned to Alameda County, where Charles was working for the real estate firm of Charles G. Storie, which specialized in downtown Oakland business properties. Charles maintained ownership of the Corcoran Ranch until the early 1940s and added additional land investments to his portfolio during the 1920s and 1930s. He transferred all of his land investments from his personal ownership to his new corporation, the Corcoran Land and Farming Company in 1939. In 1948, Charles Frederick Fisk (along with Elmer von Glahn and Richard Harp) entered into a lease on the Penn Copper and Zine Mine in Calaveras County. He operated the mine as the New Penn Mines and the Penn Chemical Company.

Scope and Content of Collection
Early Fisk family papers, including correspondence and other papers of Charles Frederick Fisk's grandfather, Charles Fisk; materials on the Fisk ranch in Corcoran, California, including some files on bee-keeping and goat farming; a small number of files on the Corcoran Land and Farming Company; files relating to Charles Frederick Fisk's ranch land investments and prospective investments; materials relating to Fisk's work as a salesman for the Oakland real estate firm of Charles G. Storie; some files on oil and gas leases negotiated by Fisk in the San Joaquin Valley Kings; files on a range of mines and prospective mining properties, mostly in the California Mother Lode and in the Nevada Comstock Lode; and material documenting the operations of the New Penn Mines and Penn Chemical Company in Calaveras County.

Family papers, 1863-1928 Series 1
Scope and Content Note
Mostly correspondence and papers of Charles Fisk (1814-1893) dating from 1863 to 1893, but also a small amount of correspondence of Mary Eaton Fisk, Effie Fisk, Frank Willard Fisk, and Fred Fisk. These early papers also include deeds dating from 1863 to 1928 mostly for properties in Silver Mountain City and Murphys, California; mining stock certificates; Calaveras County tax receipts from 1864 to 1878; billheads from the 1860s through the 1880s; promisory notes and contracts; estate documents; inventories of the contents of the Fisk Hotel in Silver Mountain City and a lease documenting the rental of the Fisk Hotel property to Joseph McClay and John Fearn in 1876; and a document appointing Charles Fisk a trustee of the Franklin School District in Alpine County, California in 1864.

Fisk Ranch (Corcoran, California), 1916-1939 Series 2
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence and other files documenting the operations of Charles Frederick Fisk's ranch in Corcoran, Kings County, California. Includes general correspondence as well as special files of correspondence on Fisk's ventures in goat farming and bee keeping. Also includes files on Sorgo planting and the operation of the ranch's wells.

Corcoran Land and Farming Company, circa 1938-1941 Series 3
Scope and Content Note
Legal correspondence, incorporation papers, stock certificates, and general correspondence.
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**Oil and Gas Leases, circa 1935-1956 Series 6**

**Scope and Content Note**

Mostly oil and gas leases and accompanying correspondence for Charles Frederick Fisk's properties in Kings County, California.

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**Mines and Mining Properties and Prospects, circa 1910-1966 Series 7**

**Files on mines, mining properties and prospects, and mining companies, mostly in the California Mother Lode region, but also, to some extent, in Nevada and in Siskyou County, California. Includes files on individual mines as well as on mining subjects. Files generally date from the late 1920s to 1955.**

**Sunnyside Mining Company, Idaho (OS Folder 1)**

**Thunder Mountain District, Idaho (OS Folder 1)**

**Comstock: Brunswick and Flowery Loads, Nevada, 1923 (OS Folder 1)**

**Comstock and Gold Hill United Mines Company (OS Folder 1)**

**Arizona Comstock Corps Properties, Virginia City, Nevada (OS Folder 1)**

**Map of the Comstock Lode by E.R. Lovewell (1911) (OS Folder 1)**

**Geological Map of the Comstock Lode by E.R. Lovewell (OS Folder 1)**

**Como Mining District, Lyon County, Nevada (OS Folder 2)**

**Assay Map of Ginaca Mine, Mariposa County, California (OS Folder 2)**

**State Mining Bureau Map of Tuolumne County (OS Folder 2)**

**Map of the Mother Lode of California showing production to date of main Mother Lode mines, circa 1926 (OS Folder 2)**

**Washington and Jenny Lind Mine (OS Folder 2)**

**Virginia Mine, Coulterville, California (OS Folder 2)**

**Eureka Quartz Mine (OS Folder 3)**

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**Eagle-Shawmut Mine (OS Folder 3)**

**Carson Hill Gold Mines, Calaveras County (OS Folder 3)**

**Morgan-Melones Mine (OS Folder 3)**

**State Mining Bureau Map of Calaveras County (OS Folder 3)**

**Ten Miles of the Mother Lode, Amador County (OS Folder 3)**

**Zeila Mine, Jackson, California (OS Folder 4)**

**Plymouth Consolidated Mines (OS Folder 4)**

**Hines and Gilbert (El Dorado County, California) (OS Folder 4)**

**Keystone Mine (Amador County) (OS Folder 4)**

**Vendalia Mine, El Dorado County, California (OS Folder 4)**

**Newton Mine, Amador County, California (OS Folder 5)**

**Geologic Map of the Grayhouse Area, Amador County (OS Folder 5)**

**Utica Mine, Angels Camp, California (OS Folder 5)**

**Lacine Gold Mine, Nevada County (OS Folder 5)**

**California Division of Mines Map of Northern California showing placer mining areas, 1932 (OS Folder 5)**

**Mother Lode between Altaville and Melones (OS Folder 5)**

**Calaveras County, California: The Heart of the Mother Lode (Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce) (OS Folder 5)**

**Droege Mine, Green Mountain Mining District, Plumas County (OS Folder 5)**

**Properties of Vallecito Coalition Mining Company/Butte Mining Company/Butte Development Corporation/Amador Mining Company, 1929 (OS folder 5)**

**Gold Mines Located and Described by Charles V. Averill, 1933 (OS folder 5)**

**Mogul and Monitor Mining Districts, Alpine County, California (OS folder 5)**
New Penn Mine and Penn Chemical Company, circa 1948-1959 Series 8

Scope and Content Note
Files relating to Charles Frederick Fisk's New Penn Mine and Penn Chemical Company near Murphys, California. Materials include production reports, assay reports, correspondence, equipment orders and information, financial records, incorporation records, and some administrative files.

Oversize maps and plans of the New Penn Mine are in OS folder 6.

Assorted Financial Records and Miscellaneous, circa 1930-1950 Series 9