Guide to the Plumas-Eureka Collection

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Abstract: The Plumas-Eureka Collection is a collection that illuminates the history of gold mining and its impact on the
settlement of the Plumas County region of California during the great decades of the California Gold Rush. It consists of
materials, including legal records and a nice collection of photographs, that reflect the history of the Plumas-Eureka region,
and life in the mining towns of Johnsville and Jamison City, California.
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The spring of 1851 saw the original group return, along with a group of nine additional miners following. Not finding much panning room along the streams, the nine decided to cross the crest of the mountains. Setting up camp in the shadow of a mountain, along a creek on the east side of the crest, two members of the nine set off to inspect the surrounding terrain.
What they found was nothing less than miraculous. The two men, Meriwether and Peck, had stumbled across an exposed ledge of rose quartz about 20 feet wide that slanted uphill about 400 feet. The ledge was full of gold.

The fortunate nine sent word of the discovery along the trails to men still panning the creeks, and within days, by June 5, 1851, the Eureka Company was formed with 36 men. A flood of people followed and the rush to Eureka Peak had begun. The creek was named Jamison Creek and more surveying and prospecting begun. 76 men came together to form the Washington and '76 Mine Company, laying claim to another outcropping not far from the Eureka. A half-mile south, 40 more began the Rough and Ready Mine. To the north, another 80 men started the Mammoth Mine. Within a month of the Eureka discovery, Eureka Peak was being blasted and tunneled in a series of claims along its surface.

The progress was not easy. Of the four mines established that June of 1851, two put far too much capital into infrastructure and the failure to gather enough gold-bearing ore the first year left them insolvent. The '76 Mine had invested heavily in an expensive stamp mill near Jamison Creek and a wooden chute over 1500 feet long to bring the ore down the mountain. They also developed a small town, the City of '76. When the following spring's ore produced only $200 in gold the mine folded, the company disbanded, and assets were sold for cash, with only a handful of men willing to stay and work the claim. The Rough and Ready also lived up to its name, investing in its own mill and suffering through a series of starts and stops. While the claim was worked until 1854 with meager success, the company eventually disbanded, leaving its claims unworked for many years.

The men of both the Mammoth and Eureka Mines persisted, however, and their persistence eventually brought its rewards. Not invested in the overhead of the other two companies, relying on rudimentary tools and learning from the experiences of miners from other regions, the companies both built arrastras, mule-driven grinding facilities that were a less expensive means to pulverize and pull the gold from the ore, a slower but wiser process. The arrastras were used until the blasted ores produced enough revenue to merit the building of stamp mills, although use of the arrastras did not cease entirely.

The formation of the mining companies introduced the need for a host of support. The town of Jamison City, just below present day Johnsville, started along Jamison Creek and soon gathered a reputation for wild living and easy women. Activities related to mining soon sprang up all along Jamison Creek, with claims along the stream supplementing the claims further up the mountain. Prospecting took place all over the region, with gold strikes along the Yuba River, the three branches of the Feather River, tributary streams and other rock outcrops. With the flood of miners came additional people laying land claims, and soon farming was in place to provide the area with foodstuffs that would otherwise require transport from distant communities such as Marysville via mule train. The building of mills, flumes, outbuildings, and homes helped a logging industry take hold that still persists today. Over the next decade, as the industries took hold the population grew from a fledgling 200 people to over 5000.

By the 1870s, ownership of all of the mines had undergone changes as miners discovered they were not necessarily the best managers and wealthy interests from San Francisco and other financial centers moved in. With new ownership came better management and efficiency, and soon the mines were producing thousands of dollars a month in gold. John Parrott, a wealthy San Francisco banker, had been the first of the major owners to buy up and consolidate mining operations, his Eureka Mine competing with the Mammoth as to who had the richer tunnels. Eventually he was bought out by the Sierra Buttes Mining Company, a London-based outfit, which then proceeded to buy the Mammoth Mine and other claims along Eureka Peak. At the time of the sale, the Eureka Mine employed about 70 men for eight months out of the year and Jamison City was still lively.

When the Eureka Mine's stamp mill at Eureka Lake collapsed in 1872, the Sierra Buttes Mining Company built a new and much-improved mill near the mouth of the Upper Mammoth Tunnel further up the mountain. This resulted in the enlargement of the tunnel and development of an entirely new town, Eureka Mills, on level with the tunnel workings. Not long after the new mill went into operation Eureka Mills became a substantial community, with a boarding house for 200 miners, a school, a church, two stores, a hotel with a saloon, two additional saloons, a livery stable, a blacksmith, company offices for the mine, and several homes.

Later in 1873, the mines were put under the charge of William Johns, a brilliant manager of mining operations, who, through a series of moves and processes made the mines much more efficient, and a string of 25 successful and profitable years began. With an influx of capital to build the mill and a pair of other improvements, the mines gave up a prodigious amount of gold. Even old tunnels that were thought to have been played out were discovered to have more “paying ledges.” In less than a decade, the London investors had their original investments returned and shares of the company increased in value, making them very wealthy indeed.

Life in Eureka Mills was very different from that of its sister town further down the mountain. More families lived there year round, as the mine continued work through the winter to extend the tunnels, lay track from the tunnels to the mills for mule-drawn ore cars, and maintain a sawmill. By 1873 there were over 300 men on the Plumas-Eureka payroll, nearly a hundred of them Chinese. Their community was patriotic and religious, more of a family town than the wild Jamison City.
With prosperity and the stream of gold came improvements in their way of life. The Central Pacific Railroad crossed the Sierra Nevada at Truckee in 1869, making Eureka Mills closer by days to a major source of supplies. A wagon road was opened from Jamison City to Eureka Mills, and in 1874 the telegraph line reached the town via Downieville and Sierra City. William Johns planned and built a second stamp mill, the Mohawk, a 40-stamp mill completed in 1878. As with the Eureka Mill, an adjacent town was organized. Johns laid out a town site in 1876 and a Jamison City man named John Banks claimed land and built the first building, a hotel, in the town that was first called Johnstown. Two conflicting stories circulate to this day as to the original naming of the community of Johnsville, whether it was named for John Banks or William Johns. No definitive evidence survives. Johnsville didn’t grow much until work on the mill was begun in earnest, but by 1878 Johnsville was a community. As the stamp mill began its work and gold ore was crushed by the ton, Johnsville grew and flourished. In 1882, Johnsville was a thriving town with two hotels and stables, three general stores, two meat markets and a number of saloons.

The mines on Eureka Peak were successful for a number of years, but by 1887 much of the gold had been taken. Dividends, for so long up in the 15% range, for the next couple of years dropped to a meager 2-3%. The shareholders, knowing that profits were not much longer in coming, decided to withdraw their investments in the Sierra Buttes mines and put the properties up for sale. Other owners, lessees, tributors, and miners in several combines continued to work the Plumas-Eureka until the turn of the century, but mining was essentially over by 1897. Persistent hopefuls into the 1940s produced a trickle of gold. When all was finished, Eureka Peak had given up some 18 million dollars in gold and another 2 to 3 million came from Jamison Creek placer mining. Today there are some 62 miles of tunnels in the mountain, many of which are still intact but off-limits.

With the decline in the mines, so went the towns. Jamison City and Eureka Mills did not survive, and Johnsville nearly went the way of the gold dust. The hardy families who loved the town, were born and raised there, persisted as long as they could. Johnsville shrank to a town of 15 people by the Depression years, but in the 1970s, new blood infused the town with life. A group of local homeowners was formed to help preserve many of the original structures that had fallen into disrepair and today Johnsville is a community of some 100 people, completely contained within Plumas-Eureka State Park.

**Collection Scope and Content Summary**

The Plumas-Eureka Collection at Plumas-Eureka State Park consists of records, artifacts, and memorabilia connected with the historic Gold Rush-era town of Johnsville, California and the surrounding region, as well as the primary gold mining operations that took root on Eureka Peak in the mid-19th century. The collection contains a good selection of material relating to two of the major gold mining companies of the area, the Sierra Buttes Mining Company and its Eureka Mine, as well as the Jamison Mining Company. Life in the town of Johnsville is reflected in the many photographs in the collection, along with journals of various social clubs and school memorabilia. The Sorracco family, first of Johnsville and later the town of Portola, were successful merchants as well as involved with the mining industry, and their records reflect information about social life and activities in Johnsville, the centers of trade for the region, along with the types of goods and services supplied to the community.

Significant items of note are the pair of maps of the Plumas-Eureka Mine and its labyrinth of tunnels, rises, and drifts drawn by the surveyor and rail man Arthur W. Keddie (1877-1921), as well as a complete log book filled in meticulous detail with data on the daily operations and production at the Plumas-Eureka Mine and its major tunnels.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in a library's online public access catalog:  

**Library of Congress Subject Headings**

**Personal Names:**

Keddie, Arthur W., 1877 - 1921.

**Subjects:**

California--History.
California--Pioneers.
Gold mines and mining--California--Plumas County--History.
Historic buildings--California--Johnsville.
Johnsville (Calif.)--History.
Plumas Eureka Mine.
Plumas Eureka Mining Company.

**Bibliography**
Additional information about Plumas County, the Plumas-Eureka Mine, other mines on Gold Mountain, and Johnsville may be found in the following publications:


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**Box Boxes 1-8**

**Series I: Historic Johnsville, California Records, 1888-1958.**

- **Physical Description:** 8 boxes
  - **Scope and Content Note**
    - This series contains a number of subcollections from Johnsville residents as well as journals, minute books, and photographs reflecting life in Johnsville as lived by its residents.

**Box 1, Folder 1**

- **Banks (John F.) Papers, 1888-1889.**
  - **Physical Description:** (7 pages)

**Box 1, Folder 2**

- **Correspondence and greeting cards, 1891.**
  - **Physical Description:** (8 items)

**Box 1, Folder 3**

- **Ephemera, 1913.**
  - **Physical Description:** (4 items)

**Box 1, Folder 4-20**

- **Legal Affairs - Maxwell (G.A.) Papers, 1884-1935.**
  - **Physical Description:** (17 folders)
  - **Scope and Content Note**
    - This collection contains material related to G.A. Maxwell, a Justice of the Peace based at Johnsville, and associated local legal affairs.

**Box 1, Folder 4**

- **Blank legal forms, n.d.**
  - **Physical Description:** (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 5**

- **Correspondence, 1899-1928.**
  - **Physical Description:** (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 6**

- **Financial records, 1916.**
  - **Physical Description:** (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 7**

- **Newspaper notices, 1935.**
  - **Physical Description:** (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 8-17**

- **Proceedings, 1884-1919.**
  - **Physical Description:** (10 folders)

**Box 1, Folder 8**  
1884-1900

**Box 1, Folder 9**  
1910

**Box 1, Folder 10**  
1911

**Box 1, Folder 11**  
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**Box 1, Folder 12**  
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**Box 1, Folder 13**  
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**Box 1, Folder 14**  
1916

**Box 1, Folder 15**  
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**Box 1, Folder 16**  
1918

**Box 1, Folder 17**  
1919

**Box 1, Folder 18**  
Sheriff's orders, 1885, 1913, 1917.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 19**  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 20**  
Vital Records, 1917.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 21**  
Legal affairs - Pezzola (G.A.) Papers, 1917.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 22**  
Merchant ephemera, 1881-1922, n.d.  
Physical Description: (4 folders)  
Scope and Content Note  
This collection contains merchant ephemera of various Johnsville merchants.

**Box 1, Folder 22**  
M.B. Bolton, 1915, 1922.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 23**  
O.P. Dolly, 1881-1882.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 24**  
W.H. Mayfield, 1900.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

**Box 1, Folder 25**  
Other, n.d.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

**Box 2, Folder 1**  
Negatives, n.d.  
Physical Description: (81 items)  
Scope and Content Note  
This collection contains various photograph negatives. Some correspond with photographs in Box 3.

**Box 2, Folder 2**  
Physical Description: (29 items)

**Box 2, Folder 3**  
Pamphlets, n.d.  
Physical Description: (12 items)
Box 2, Folder 4-7  **Periodicals, 1890-1962.**
Physical Description: (4 folders, 19 items)
Scope and Content Note
Assorted magazines and newspapers kept by Johnsville residents, including a 1902 Sears and Roebuck catalog.

Box 3, Folder 1-2  **Personal effects, n.d.**
Physical Description: (5 items in 2 folders)
Scope and Content Note
Personal books kept by Johnsville residents.

Box 3, Folder 1  **Personal effects, n.d.**
Physical Description: (4 items)
Scope and Content Note
Four account books of Johnsville residents: E.P. Dokey, George W. Perry, and two unidentified.

Box 3, Folder 2  **Personal effects, n.d.**
Physical Description: (1 item)
Scope and Content Note
Recipe book, including handwritten and clipped recipes, no date.

Box 3, Folder 3-6  **Photographs, n.d.**
Physical Description: 117 items in 4 folders.
Scope and Content Note
Assorted photos of Johnsville, Jamison City, the mines, local residents and other local views, in various sizes. Includes one collection of photographs donated by the Lumley family of Johnsville and some copies of original photos made by Park staff.

Box 3, Folder 3  **Photographs, n.d.**
Physical Description: (81 items)

Box 3, Folder 4  **Photographs, n.d.**
Physical Description: (11 items)
Scope and Content Note
Larger formats of items in folder 3.

Box 3, Folder 5  **Photographs, n.d.**
Physical Description: (11 items)
Scope and Content Note
Lumley collection.

Box 3, Folder 6  **Photographs, n.d.**
Physical Description: (10 items)
Scope and Content Note
Copies of photos in the collection.

Box 4  **Photographs, n.d.**
Physical Description: Album of cartes de visite. (1 item)
Scope and Content Note
Possibly Moriarity family collection.

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_**Box 8**_

- **Record of Proceedings, Justices Court, Quartz Township, Plumas County, 1879-1887, 1907-1922.**
  - Physical Description: (2 journals)
  - Scope and Content Note
  - This box contains two journals of Justice Court proceedings.

Box 9-10A

- **Oversize items, 1907-1959.**
  - Physical Description: (15 oversize items in 3 boxes)
  - Scope and Content Note
  - This collection contains 7 of 8 parts of a Sacramento Bee 1957-1958 centennial series. One part is missing. Also includes an oversize account book from a Johnsville general store run by Garaventa and Bolton, 1909, as well as assorted full page clippings from assorted local and regional newspapers.

Box 9

- **Sacramento Bee Centennial album, 1957-1958.**
  - Physical Description: (7 items)

Box 10

- **Account book from Johnsville general store run by Garaventa and Bolton, 1909.**
  - Physical Description: (1 item)

Box 10A

- **Assorted full page newspaper clippings, 1907-1959.**
  - Physical Description: (6 items)

Box 11-20

- **Previously housed and grouped photographs, n.d.**
  - Physical Description: (10 boxes)
  - Scope and Content Note
  - This subseries contains 10 boxes of photographs, housed by subject matter.

Box 11

- **Box 1 of 10 Logging and skiing photographs, n.d.**
  - Physical Description: (no count)

Box 12

- **Box 2 of 10 Mining photographs, n.d.**
  - Physical Description: (no count)

Box 13

- **Box 3 of 10 Outlying areas - Portola, Mohawk Valley, Quincy, La Porte, n.d.**
  - Physical Description: (no count)

Box 14

- **Box 4 of 10 Outlying areas - Jamison Canyon, Lake's Basin, Sierra Buttes, n.d.**
  - Physical Description: (no count)

Box 15-16

- **Box 5-6 of 10 Johnsville photographs, n.d.**
  - Physical Description: (no count)

Box 17-19

- **Box 7-9 of 10 Portraits, n.d.**
  - Physical Description: (no count)

Box 20

- **Box 10 of 10 Albums and framed photographs, n.d.**
  - Physical Description: (no count)
Box Boxes 21-58  
**Series II: Plumas County Mining Records, 1853-1956.**  
Physical Description: 6 boxes  
Scope and Content Note  
This series contains a number of important items reflecting activity at the two major mining companies of the Gold Mountain/Eureka Peak area.

Box Box 21  
**Subseries 1: Jamison Mining Company Records, 1886-1913, n.d.**  
Physical Description: 15 folders in 1 box.  
Scope and Content Note  
This subseries contains materials related to the Jamison Mining Company including expenses and publications.

Box 21, Folder 1  
**Articles of Incorporation, 1886, certified copy 1908.**  
Physical Description: (5 pages)

Box 21, Folder 2-4  
**Cancelled checks, 1891-1892.**  
Physical Description: (3 folders)

Box 21, Folder 2  
1891.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

Box 21, Folder 3  
January-June 1892.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

Box 21, Folder 4  
July-December 1892.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

Box 21, Folder 5  
**Expense ledger, 1905-1909.**  
Physical Description: (32 pieces)  
Scope and Content Note  
32 leaf fragments, heavily water-damaged.

Box 21, Folder 6-7  
**Expense vouchers, 1890-1892.**  
Physical Description: (2 folders)

Box 21, Folder 6  
October 1890-December 1891.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

Box 21, Folder 7  
January 1892-October 1892.  
Physical Description: (1 folder)

Box 21, Folder 8  
**History narrative (source unidentified), n.d.**  
Physical Description: (4 pages)

Box 21, Folder 9  
**Mineral Certificates #279 and #281, 1892.**  
Physical Description: (2 items)

Box 21, Folder 10  
**Other vouchers-related material, 1891.**  
Physical Description: (3 items in 1 folder)

Box 21, Folder 11-12  
**Payroll vouchers (monthly), 1891-1913.**  
Physical Description: (2 folders)
1891-1892.
Physical Description: (7 items in 1 folder, incomplete)

Box 21, Folder 12
1909-1913.
Physical Description: (17 items in 1 folder, incomplete)

Box 21, Folder 13
Publications, n.d.
Physical Description: (1 folder)

Box 21, Folder 14
Receipts for payment, 1890-1912.
Physical Description: (19 items in 1 folder)

Box 21, Folder 15
Stock certificates and related material, 1908, 1910.
Physical Description: (2 items in 1 folder)
Scope and Content Note
1) stock certificate issued to Dwight J. Lawton, 1910, for 28,000 shares; 2) manuscript letter to Austin Lewis, Esq. San Francisco, from Sam W. Cheyney, Secretary of Jamison Mining Co., re: John Neville's holdings in Jamison Mining Co., 1908.

Box 22, Folder 1-5
Financial reports, 1885-1929, n.d.
Physical Description: (5 folders)

Box 22, Folder 1
Johns/Hoskings report, 1885.
Physical Description: (31 pages)

Box 22, Folder 2
Copy of same, n.d.
Physical Description: (31 pages)

Box 22, Folder 3
C. Stark "verbatim" copy of E.B. Kimball report, 1902.
Physical Description: (16 pages)
Scope and Content Note
Original and copy.

Box 22, Folder 4
'76 mine, September 1910.
Physical Description: (1 page)

Box 22, Folder 5
Accounts payable voucher ledger, 1929.
Physical Description: (1 item)

Box 22, Folder 6
History narrative-typescript copy (source unknown), n.d.
Physical Description: (4 pages in 1 folder)

Box 22, Folder 7
Litigation - Parrott (John) vs. Eureka Mining Co., 1866.
Physical Description: (Photocopy, 8 pages)
Box 22, Folder 8-10  
Physical Description: (3 folders)

Box 22, Folder 8  
Notices of Location, Claims, 1921-1956.  
Physical Description: (10 items in 1 folder)

Box 22, Folder 9  
Physical Description: (2 items in 1 folder)

Box 22, Folder 10  
Quit Claim Deeds, 1953.  
Physical Description: (9 items in 1 folder)

Box 22, Folder 11  
Notices of Location, Claims, 1915.  
Physical Description: (7 items in 1 folder)

Box 22, Folder 12  
Physical Description: (1 item)

Box 22, Folder 13  
Photographs, 1910, n.d.  
Physical Description: (5 items)  
Scope and Content Note  
One 8" x 10" photo of each Keddie map (see Box 28), one 4' x 5" photo of Eureka mine on Eureka Peak, two 4" x 5" photos of a stock certificate issued on Dwight J. Lawton, 1910, for 28,000 shares (see Box 21).

Box 22, Folder 14  
Proof of Labor on Claims, 1917-1928.  
Physical Description: (11 items)

Box 22, Folder 15  
Stock certificate - Plumas-Mohawk Mining Company, 1910.  
Physical Description: (1 item)

Box 22, Folder 16  
Physical Description: (8 pages, photocopies only)

Box Box 23  
Subseries 3: Portola Corporation records, n.d.  
Physical Description: 7 folders in 1 box.  
Scope and Content Note  
This subseries contains materials related to the Portola Corporation, another mining concern in Plumas County.

Box 23, Folder 1  
Checkbook, 1910.  
Physical Description: (1 item)

Box 23, Folder 2  
Equipment advertising, 1910.  
Physical Description: (1 item)

Box 23, Folder 3  
Equipment catalog, 1910.  
Physical Description: (1 item)

Box 23, Folder 4-7  
Forms, blank, n.d.  
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Physical Description: (1 folder) |
| 23, Folder 5  | Daily Time Reports, n.d.  
Physical Description: (1 folder) |
| 23, Folder 6  | Notice of Employment, n.d.  
Physical Description: (1 folder) |
| 23, Folder 7  | Notice of Termination, n.d.  
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| Boxes 24-58   | Subseries 4: Miscellaneous mining materials, including oversize material, 1855-1953.  
Physical Description: 6 boxes  
Scope and Content Note  
This subseries contains records from both Plumas-Eureka Mining and the Sierra Buttes Mining Companies, along with other interesting mining-related materials. |
| 24, Folder 1  | Equipment catalogs, n.d.  
Physical Description: (3 items in 1 folder) |
| 24, Folder 2  | Equipment instruction booklets and pamphlets, n.d.  
Physical Description: (12 items in 1 folder) |
| 24, Folder 3  | Periodicals, n.d.  
Physical Description: (4 items in 1 folder) |
| 24, Folder 4  | State of California Division of Mines information booklet: Radioactive Material in California, n.d.  
Physical Description: (1 item in 1 folder) |
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| 25            | Copy book, correspondence and Supervisor's reports, Sierra Buttes Mining Co., 1890-1902.  
Physical Description: (1 item) |
| 26            | Account ledger, City of '76, Elizabeth, Lafayette, Mammoth Mills, 1853-1856.  
Physical Description: (1 item) |
| 27            | Account ledger, Jamison City mine, April 1855-May 1856.  
Physical Description: (1 item) |
| 28            | Payroll ledger, Jamison Mining Company, 1913.  
Physical Description: (1 item) |
| 28, Folder 2-4| Maps, 4/2/1919, n.d.  
Physical Description: (4 folders) |
| Folder 2      | Drawn by Arthur W. Keddie - plan of outside mines, Plumas-Eureka, n.d.  
Physical Description: (1 item) |
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Folder 4  Author unknown - major creeks and placer claims above Johnsville, n.d.
Physical Description: (1 item)

Folder 5  Drawn by Joseph Stark - Eureka Tunnel and upper workings connected by '76 raise, 4/2/1919.
Physical Description: (1 item)

Folder 6-8  Prospecting sheets, 1872-1886.
Physical Description: (3 folders)

Folder 6  Plumas-Eureka mine, July 1872-June 1894.
Physical Description: (52 pages in 1 folder)

Folder 7  '76 mine and '76 ravine, July 1884-June 1886.
Physical Description: (4 pages in 1 folder)

Folder 8  Elizabeth and Rough and Ready mines, July 1884-December 1885.
Physical Description: (3 pages in 1 folder)

Box Boxes 29-58  Subseries 5: Boxed periodicals, 1913-1926.
Physical Description: 30 boxes
Scope and Content Note
This subseries contains boxed periodicals concerning mining.

Box 29-56  Engineering and Mining Journal, 1913-1926.
Physical Description: (28 boxes)
Scope and Content Note
A nearly continuous run of this publication within the years stated. The last box contains fragments from other issues otherwise intact in the boxes.

Box 57  Mining World and Engineering, 1916.
Physical Description: (1 box)

Box 58  Mining and Metallurgy, 1920-1925.
Physical Description: (1 box)

Box Boxes 59-68  Series III: Sorracco Family Records, 1890-1924.
Physical Description: 10 boxes
Scope and Content Note
John S. Sorracco (1866 - 1933) and his descendants were the source of this series of papers. Sorracco, son of Italian immigrants, arrived in Johnsville with his family, quickly laid claim to lands with water rights and made money leasing his water sources to the Jamison Mining Company during its heyday. Later he was a successful merchant, opening a general store first in Johnsville then in Portola. He and his wife Irene had two children, both girls, who were students in the Johnsville school.
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#### Box 59

**Education papers, 1906-1908.**

- Physical Description: (16 folders in 1 box)
- Scope and Content Note: A series of folders containing workbooks, lesson books, graded assignments, certificates of completion, and related ephemera from International Correspondence Schools (ICS), Scranton, PA, with an office in San Francisco. John S. Sorracco took courses from ICS during 1906-1908, with coursework in single and double-entry bookkeeping, arithmetic, spelling, penmanship, and cost accounting.

#### Box 60, Folder 1

**Bank records, 1918-1922.**

- Physical Description: (17 items)

#### Box 60, Folder 2

**Insurance records, 1919-1925.**

- Physical Description: (15 items)

#### Box 60, Folder 3

**Legal records, 1890.**

- Physical Description: (1 item)

#### Box 60, Folder 4

**Miscellaneous receipts, 1919 (bulk)-1922.**

- Physical Description: (7 items)

#### Box 60, Folder 5

**Oddfellows receipts, 1919 (bulk)-1922.**

- Physical Description: (6 items)

#### Box 60, Folder 6-10

**Photographs, n.d.**

- Physical Description: (5 folders)

#### Box 60, Folder 6

**Eureka Peak mining views, n.d.**

- Physical Description: (1 folder)

#### Box 60, Folder 7

**Johnsville and vicinity views, n.d.**

- Physical Description: (1 folder)

#### Box 60, Folder 8

**Johnsville school, n.d.**

- Physical Description: (1 folder)

#### Box 60, Folder 9

**Johnsville social clubs and activities, n.d.**

- Physical Description: (1 folder)

#### Box 60, Folder 10

**Sorracco family and friends, n.d.**

- Physical Description: (1 folder)

#### Box 60, Folder 11

**Portola Band records - Constitution and By-laws, n.d.**

- Physical Description: (10 items)

#### Box 60, Folder 12

**Portola Band cash ledger, n.d.**

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Vendor invoices, n.d.
   Physical Description: (93 folders in 2 boxes)
   Scope and Content Note
   Arranged alphabetically by vendor in five regional groups.

Reno, n.d.
   Physical Description: (12 folders)

Sacramento, n.d.
   Physical Description: (19 folders)

San Francisco, n.d.
   Physical Description: (11 folders)

San Francisco (continued), n.d.
   Physical Description: (27 folders)

Other California, n.d.
   Physical Description: (20 folders)

Non-California, n.d.
   Physical Description: (3 folders)

Unidentified, n.d.
   Physical Description: (1 folder)

Box Boxes 66-68

Subseries 3: Separated materials, n.d.
   Physical Description: 3 boxes
   Scope and Content Note
   This series consists of special format photographs which were separated from the rest of
   the collections for storage and security reasons.

Glass plate negatives, n.d.
   Physical Description: (18 items)

Photographs, n.d.
   Physical Description: (4 items)
   Scope and Content Note
   2 daguerreotypes (both unidentified males), 1 ambrotype (unidentified female with child), 1 framed photograph (family scene) in wooden frame.

Empty box/case, n.d.
   Physical Description: (1 item)
   Scope and Content Note
   Empty case with marbled boards. Used to house invoices in alphabetical order by
   vendor.