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A preliminary report on Scott Bar and Quartz Hill mining properties: Siskiyou County, California / For W. P. Hammon, San Francisco Gassaway, A. D. MSS 043, Special Collections, Meriam Library, California State University, Chico.
Abstract of title to that certain real property, known as "Nickerson Orchard" Butte County Title Abstract Company 1914, MSS 063 Special Collections, Meriam Library, California State University, Chico.
Report on Bald Mountain Consolidated Gold Mining Company placer mines and Plumas Development Company placer mines. Gassaway, A. D. , MSS 089 Special Collections, Meriam Library, California State University, Chico.
Yuba Manufacturing Company Records 1898-1958, MSS 157, Special Collections, Meriam Library, California State University, Chico.
Yuba River Diversion Project for Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields Report, MSS 197, Special Collections, Meriam Library, California State University, Chico.
Yuba Consolidated Industries Records, MSS 322, Special Collections, Meriam Library, California State University, Chico.
Biographical/Historical note
Wendell P. (Philucius) Hammon, 1854-1939, was the founder of Yuba Construction Company and Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields. He developed the first successful gold dredger in California in 1898, with his partner, Thomas Couch. Hammon came to be known as the "Dredger King".
Scope and Contents note
The collection contains three prospecting log books pertaining to land in Shasta and Trinity counties. Shasta County tracts include the Elmore Tract, Lone Hill Tract, Elmore Tract 1-167, Lone Hill Tract 182, McCormick Saeltzer Tract. The Trinity County tracts include Webster Treat Tract, John Larsen Tract, Sypes Placer Mining Co. Tract, Wm. Vollmers Tract.
Descriptions and drawings of the land are at 5 five feet increments, with the size of shaft, weight of gold, value per cubic yard, and cubic feet in test. Notes in Books #3 and #12 indicate value of gold (1 grain) at 3.9 cents; grains in 1 milligram .01543, and value 1 milligram of gold .0060177 cents.
Arrangement note
In numeric order by log book.
Separated Materials note
No material cataloged separately.

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Gold mines and mining -- California -- History.
Shasta County (Calif.) -- Gold discoveries.
Trinity County (Calif.) -- Gold discoveries.

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**Log Books**

Box 1

**Folder 1:** Prospecting Log Book No. 3, Shasta County - Elmore Tract; Lone Hill Tract; Elmore Tract, 1-67; Lone Hill Tract, 182 October 7, 1908 - December 16, 1908,

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**Folder 2:** Prospecting Log Book No. 4, Shasta County - McCormick Saeltzer Tract, Vol. 1, 1-98 July 28, 1908 - December 6, 1908,

**Folder 3:** Prospecting Log Book No. 12, Trinity County Prospecting, 1904-1-34, Webster Treat Tract, 1905-1-28, John Larsen Tract, Sypes Placer Mining Co. Tract, Wm. Vollmers Tract June 1, 1904 -August 18, 1905,