Finding aid to the Shea Copper Company Records, 1916-1937 MS.200

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Abstract: These are some of the records of the Shea Copper Company from 1916-1937. Included are administrative papers, stock certificates, and correspondence regarding transfer requests.
creator: Connolly, John P., mayor
creator: Engelder, Oscar G.
creator: Grand Island Mining Company.
creator: Shea Copper Company (Jerome, Ariz.)
creator: Shea, Daniel J.
Access
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Acquisition
Administrative History note
Daniel J. Shea (b. circa 1865, d. 1935) was a prominent local businessman in Jerome, Arizona, a mining town known as “The Billion Dollar Mining Camp.” In December 1914, the United Verde Extension hit an extraordinarily rich copper deposit. This copper strike led to a mining boom in Jerome, during which it received its nickname. As many as 75 new mining companies formed and filed claims on the land surrounding Jerome, including the Shea Copper Company, incorporated by Dan Shea. Trading in shares occurred, but it is not known if the Company ever produced any copper and it may have failed to find commercial mineral reserves. According to a Western Union telegram dated June 14, 1929 from the company's vice president, John P. Connolly, the Shea Copper Company ceased operation in June 1924 and the mine was “abandoned for the present.” Shares in the company were sold at least through the 1930s.
At some point during the 1910s, Dan Shea moved to Redondo Beach, California, where he stayed until his death in 1935. He owned orange groves in Anaheim and invested in local real estate. At the time of his death he held extensive real estate holdings in both Arizona and Southern California.
Scope and Contents
This collection of records from the Shea Copper Company includes administrative items such as checks, certificate records, invoices, signed receipts, and registered mail receipts. The majority of the collection is correspondence, especially transfer requests with stock certificates. Besides Shea Copper Company, there are certificates for Grand Island Mining Company and Niogos Oil Company. There is also correspondence from vice president John P. Connolly, who would later become Mayor of Jerome, Arizona, and Oscar G. Engelder, secretary and manager.
Custodial History
Patrick T. Houlihan purchased this collection from Peter Hester of Camp Verde, Arizona in 1986. Hester purchased the collection at a yard sale in Cottonwood, Arizona.
Arrangement
Administrative records followed by correspondence, arranged alphabetically by most recent certificate owner.
Related Archival Materials
John P. Connolly papers, 1920s-1940s, Cline Library, etc. NAU.MS.137
Perry M. Ling Collection, 1898-1945, Cline Library Special Collections and Archives Dept., Northern Arizona University, NAU.MS.93
Shea Copper Company records, 1916-1920s, Cline Library Special Collections and Archives Dept., Northern Arizona University, NAU.MS.150
Shea Copper Company and John Connelly records, Jerome Historical Society, Jerome AZ.

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Invoices
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Receipts (financial records)
Stock certificates