Miscellaneous Mining Material related to Colorado and Kentucky: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Miscellaneous Mining Material related to Colorado and Kentucky

Dates (inclusive): 1821-1929

Bulk dates: 1868-1909

Collection Number: mssHM 72282-72319

Extent: 39 items in 1 box

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Abstract: This collection consists of 39 miscellaneous items related chiefly to mining in Colorado and Kentucky, mainly in the late 19th century and early 20th century. Includes stock certificates, deeds, and business letters that reflect connections between investors in New York and mining industries in the West.

Language: English.

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Historical Note

Benjamin F. Morris was a stockholder of the Edgar Gold & Silver Mining Co. in the 1870s, which was located in Louisville, Kentucky. His son, Charles H. Morrison also invested on the same industry, while they owned a lode in Colorado. William A. Johnston is another conspicuous name in the collection; he purchased from Mary B. Morris some land located in the County of Arapahoe in Colorado, established the Mohawk Chemical Co. with some of his family members in 1879, and owned stock certificates issued by the Starling Debenture Cooperation in 1909. Some stock certificates were also issued by the same company to William A. Johnstown in 1907. Moreover, the fact that the same address (Princes Bay, N.Y.) as the holder’s address was noted in the stock certificates suggests that they might be the same person.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of 39 miscellaneous items related to mining in Colorado and Kentucky mainly in the late 19th century and early 20th century. The sources are diverse, if not random, ranging from stock certificates to deeds to business letters, but they generally seem to offer a good opportunity to explore the connection between some investors in New York and mining industry in the West.

The collection includes items related to Benjamin F. Morris, and his correspondence with the Edgar Gold & Silver Mining Co., William H. Cushman, and his son Charles H. Morris suggests his relations to the mining industry in Kentucky and Colorado. There are also some sources which tell of his business, such as the lease contract regarding the real estate in Colorado with J. V. Harlotte, W. W. Lee, and Alfred Bateman Morris, his own memorandum, and the deed with Benjamin P. Brower.

The collection includes some sources relevant to William A. Johnstown and William A. Johnston, who may be the same person. There are several stock certificates issued by Sterling Debenture Cooperation to Johnstown and Johnston. Some other sources tell that Johnston was involved in the incorporation of the Mohawk Chemical Company as well as the acquisition of the real estate in Colorado.

In the collection are also other legal documents such as a court order and deeds, manuscripts, and ephemera such as an envelope with notes and photograph. Among them, the manuscripts titled “Corruption in High Places,” “Dunkirk vs Tillah,”
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and “Information Wanted” particularly look like interesting sources regarding the mining industry in Colorado and Utah.

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically in one box.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.

Subjects
Business enterprises -- Colorado.
Business enterprises -- Kentucky.
Gold mines and mining -- Colorado.
Gold mines and mining -- Kentucky.
Gold mines and mining -- Utah.
Silver mines and mining -- Colorado.
Silver mines and mining -- Kentucky.
Silver mines and mining -- Utah.

Forms/Genres
Business records -- United States -- 19th century.
Business records -- United States -- 20th century.
Deeds -- United States -- 19th century.
Legal documents -- United States -- 19th century.
Legal documents -- United States -- 20th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 20th century.
Stock certificates -- United States -- 20th century.

Additional Contributors
Johnston, William A.
Morris, Benjamin F.

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1821, Sep. 1. Court order to Armor Hamilton. HM 72282
1841, Mar. 5. Certificate to William H. Bogarous. HM 72283
1842, Dec. 20. Warranty deed between Moses Winant and Samuel Hall. HM 72284
1854, May 1. Deed between Benjamin P. Brower and Benjamin F. Morris. HM 72285
1868, Sep. 7. Deed between F. Newton Bogue, and J. Vassar Harlotte and William W. Lee, HM 72286
1869, May 29. Lease contract between J. V. Harlotte, W. W. Lee, Alfred Bateman, and Benjamin F. Morris. HM 72287
1871, June 5. Memorandum of the settlement between Alfred Bateman and B. F. Morris. HM 72288
1871, June 5. Morris, Benjamin F. 1 letter to the Edgar Gold & Silver Mining Co. HM 72289
1871, June 12. Morris, Benjamin F. 1 letter to John Seaton. With a note to Edgar Gold & Silver Co. HM 72290
1871, June 12. Morris, Benjamin F. 1 letter to John Seaton. HM 72291
1871, June 15. Morris, Benjamin F. 1 letter to John Seaton. HM 72292
1871, Aug. 15. Morris, Benjamin F. Order to Edgar Gold & Silver Mining Company. HM 72293
[1871]. Colorado Memorandum. HM 72294
1872, July 17. Morris, Benjamin F. 1 letter to William H. Cushman. HM 72295
1872, July 22. Morris, Charles H. 1 letter to Britton Gray. Followed by a manuscript by unidentified person and a manuscript by Benjamin F. Morris. HM 72296
1875, Dec. 11. Morris, Charles H. 1 letter to Hermann Mining Company. HM 72297
1876, Apr. 21. Patent Office. 1 receipt of transfer of patents. HM 72298
1879, Jan. 21. Certificate of incorporation of the Mohawk Chemical Company. HM 72299
1879. Morris, Benjamin F. 1 Proxy. HM 72300
1894, Jan. 27. Warranty deed between Mary B. Morrison and William A. Johnston. HM 72302
Undated. Armstrong, W. Note of settlement. HM 72312
Undated. Unknown Author. Corruption in High Places. HM 72313
Undated. Unknown Author. Dunkirk vs Tillah. HM 72314
Undated. Unknown Author. Information Wanted. HM 72315
Undated. Unknown Author. Memorandum regarding the values of the shares of two mining companies. HM 72316
Undated. Union Pacific Railroad Company. 1 letter to stockholders. HM 72317
Undated. Unknown Author. Photograph. HM 72318
Undated. Unknown Author. Note on envelope. HM 72319