Overview of the Collection

Title: Owego Mining Company Papers

Dates (inclusive): 1867-1899

Collection Number: mssOwego mining company papers

Creator: Owego Mining Company.

Extent: 54 items in 1 box.

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Abstract: This collection contains 54 documents kept by Sidney A. Shepperd, secretary of the Owego Mining Company and railroad ticket agent for the Denver & Rio Grande/Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad. The material is chiefly related to the Owego Mining Company, which operated primarily on two lodes near Georgetown, Colorado, and gives a good picture of the operation of a small-time mining venture and the holdings of a Denver businessman (Shepperd) during the Colorado mining boom years in the late 19th century.

Language: English.

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Gift of Rebecca Tait, December 1966.

Biographical Note
The Owego Mining Company operated primarily out on two lodes in the hills outside of Georgetown, Colorado: the Owego lode and the Brick Pomeroy Lode.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of the papers of the Owego Mining Company's secretary, and ticket agent at Grand Union Station in Denver for the Denver & Rio Grande and Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railroads, Sidney A. Shepperd (also spelled Shepard and Sheppard in various documents in the collection). The two items of Shepperd's personal correspondence in the collection indicate that he was also a member of the Colorado National Guard and the Grand Army of the Republic (a fraternal organization for Union Civil War veterans).

The collection consists of a variety of stock certificates, notarized mining documents, meeting minutes and resolutions, a returns ledger, business correspondence relating to the daily business of the Owego Mining Company, a certificate of widowhood from the Fraternal Order of Masons, and two pieces of personal correspondence relating to S.A. Shepperd's military service. They give a good picture of the operation of a small-time mining venture and the holdings of a Denver businessman (Shepperd) during the Colorado mining boom years. Shepperd's correspondence with miners and other capitalists, as well as the documents relating to his business deals with mining companies in Nevada and New Mexico, attest to the networks of capital that linked Colorado silver mining to other mining boom districts and other industries. Many of Shepperd's documents are penned on the letterhead of the Denver & Rio Grande/Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, much of which includes promotional copy advertising the railroad's tourist routes.

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by document type.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.
Subjects
Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company.
Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company.
Owego Mining Company.
Mines and mineral resources -- Colorado.
Silver mines and mining -- Colorado.
Silver mines and mining -- Nevada.
Silver mines and mining -- New Mexico.
Colorado -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Georgetown (Colo.)

Forms/Genres
Business records -- Colorado -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- Colorado -- 19th century.

Additional Contributors
Shepperd, Sidney A.

Box 1  Documents and Ephemera

Folder 1  Abstract of title of the Brick Pomeroy and Owego lodes. 1881
          Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 2  Affidavits of labor and improvement. 1881-1882
          Physical Description: 2 items.

Folder 3  Certification of status as a mason's widow. 1867
          Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 4  Draft description of the holdings of the Owego Mining Co. [Approximately 1880]
          Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 5  Great West Publishing Co. Stock Certificate. 1884
          Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 6  Incoming business correspondence of S.A. Shepperd. 1881-1882
          Physical Description: 9 items.

Folder 7  Incoming personal correspondence of S.A. Shepperd. 1891-1899
          Physical Description: 2 items.

Folder 8  Ledger of mining returns of the Brick Pomeroy Mine. 1872-1880, 1880
          Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 9  Mining deeds of S.A. Shepperd and the Owego Mining Co. 1880-1881
          Physical Description: 4 items.

Folder 10 Mining lease agreement between Owego Mining Co. and Thomas J. Williams
          [Approximately 1880]
          Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 11 Mining stock certificates. 1879-1896
          Physical Description: 14 items.
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