Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company Papers: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company Papers
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Abstract: The collection contains business correspondence and documents of the Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company, one of the mines of the Comstock Lode at Virginia City, Nevada, with the bulk dating from the 1860s.

Language: English.

Access
Open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, contact Reader Services.

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Historical Note
The Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company, one of the mines of the Comstock Lode at Virginia City, Nevada, was actively worked during the boom years of the 1860s and 1870s but never produced great yields. The company continued to produce ore until 1881. Among the investors in the Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company were George Hearst and William Morris Stewart, a prominent lawyer in Comstock mining cases and U.S. senator from Nevada (1864-75; 1887-1905).

Scope and Content
The collection consists of the business correspondence and papers of the Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company. There are also documents related to the court case of the Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company v. the American Mining Company (1862-1863). The Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company was legally represented by William Morris Stewart, and there are seven documents in the collection related to him. Other subjects covered include mines and mineral resources in Virginia City, Nevada and the Comstock Lode, Nevada.

Arrangement
Organized in the following manner:
1. Correspondence (arranged in alphabetical order)
2. Business records (arranged in chronological order)

Indexing: Subjects
Stewart, William M. (William Morris), 1827-1909

Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company – Archives

• 1861, Apr. 3. John H. Brewer, letter to Abram Meyer. HM 64543.
• 1862, Jan. 10. Seth Cook, letter to George O. Whitney. HM 64546.
• 1862, Aug. 2. Seth Cook, letter to George O. Whitney. HM 64549.
• 1864, Mar. 30. J. R. Williams, letter to John H. Brewer. HM 64576.
• 1860, July 28-Sept. 1. [C. F. Wood], Monthly statements of Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company. HM 64582.
• 1861, Oct. 28. Assessment list for assessment no. 4. HM 64585.
• 1862, July 10. Deed of George O. Whitney and John S. Henning with the Sacramento Mining Company. HM 64586.
• 1870, Mar. 18. Indenture between Allen Company & Sacramento & Meredith Mining Company. HM 64588.
• 1870, Aug. 17. Indenture between Miles Goodman and the Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company. HM 64589.
• [1875]. Memorandum on affairs relative to the Allen Company. HM 64590.
• Undated. I. R. Beard, Annual report of the Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company. HM 64593.

Mines and mineral resources – Nevada – Virginia City

• 1862, Jan. 10. Seth Cook, Letter to George O. Whitney. HM 64546.
• 1862, Aug. 2. Seth Cook, letter to George O. Whitney. HM 64549.
• 1860, Oct. 27. Edward McLean, letter to Trustees of Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company. HM 64557.
• 1861, Jan. 27. James M. Reid, letter to J. L. Wilson. HM 64561.
• [1875]. Memorandum on affairs relative to the Allen Company. HM 64590.
• 1880, Nov. 15. Agreement between Peytona Gold & Silver Mining Company & E. G. Norton. HM 64592.

Comstock Lode (Nev.) – History – 19th century – Sources

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

Subjects
Sierra Nevada Silver Mining Company -- Archives.
Mines and mineral resources -- Nevada -- Virginia City.
Comstock Lode (Nev.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Nevada -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.

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

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