Wiley Gold Mining Company Records: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Wiley Gold Mining Company Records
Dates (inclusive): 1905-1907
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Abstract: This collection contains 44 pieces of documents, correspondence, and ephemera of the Wiley Gold Mining Company, incorporated in 1905 with mining claims primarily in Lida, Nevada.

Language: English.

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Provenance
Purchased from Jack Reynolds, October 29, 1970.

Historical Note
The Wiley Gold Mining Company was incorporated in 1905 and its mining claims were primarily in Lida, Nevada. Dr. James Thompson, the company's secretary, was based in Kansas City, Missouri, and he was responsible for a great deal of the company's day-to-day business. The other officers of the company included Roland Hughes, president; W.F. Wyman, vice-president; and C.C. Marsh; treasurer.

Scope and Content
This collection contains 44 pieces of documents, correspondence, and ephemera of the Wiley Gold Mining Company. The collection is divided into two main parts, both arranged chronologically:

The documents relate to the Wiley Gold Mining Company. James Thompson's name or signature appears on a majority of the documents. The documents include stock certificates, indentures, mining claim agreements, certificates of location and labor, company by-laws, warranty deeds, and receipts between various members of the company, and they are drawn in Lida, Nevada; Kansas City, Missouri; and Phoenix, Arizona. With documents that contain more than one date, the date of signature is used in cataloging.

The correspondence also relates to the Wiley Gold Mining Company and includes business letters between employees of the company, as well as letters from officers of the company to potential investors. Several of the letters also include bills for supplies, expenses, and labor. The correspondence contains letters from Big Pine, California; Kansas City, Missouri; Lida, Nevada; and Phoenix, Arizona.

There are also two folders of ephemera, one containing two printed sketch maps of Nevada and one containing various printed material such as newsletters and pamphlets related to the Wiley Gold Mining Company and to other mining companies in the area. The latter folder also contains a blank "Articles of Incorporation" form.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged in 1 box in the following order:
- Documents (HM 72181-72203)
- Correspondence (HM 72204-72222)
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects
Wiley Gold Mining Company.
Gold mines and mining -- Nevada.
Kansas City (Mo.)
Lida (Nev.)
Nevada -- History -- 20th century -- Sources.

Forms/Genres
Bylaws (administrative records) -- United States -- 20th century.
Claims -- United States -- 20th century.
Deeds -- United States -- 20th century.
Indentures -- United States -- 20th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 20th century.
Maps -- United States -- 20th century.
Stock certificates -- United States -- 20th century.

Box 1

Documents; Correspondence; Map; Ephemera

1905, Apr. 3. Certificate of location for mining claim in Lida, Nevada. HM 72181
1905, Apr. 6. Certificate of location for mining claim in Lida, Nevada. Also includes amendment to claim dated May 14, 1905. HM 72182
1905, May 3. Certificate of location for mining claim in Lida, Nevada. HM 72183
1905, May 3. Receipt for work between W.C. Ross and James Murphy. HM 72184
1905, May 5. Indenture between J.J. Minnis, J.F. Dwyer, W.C. Ross, and James Thompson for interest in the Golden Eagle mining claim. HM 72185
1905, May 12. Agreement between D.P. Hargis, Peter Daly, and James Thompson for Lucky Seven, Terror, Home Run, Boston, Killarney, and Golden Reward mining claims in Lida, Nevada. HM 72188
1905, May 12. Receipt between James Thompson, Peter Daly, and D.P. Hargis for mining claims in Lida, Nevada. HM 72189
1905, Sep. 1. Articles of Incorporation for The Wiley Gold Mining Company. HM 72191
1906, Mar. 12. Warranty Deed between James Thompson and The Wiley Gold Mining Company for mining claims in Lida, Nevada. HM 72192
1906, Mar. 16. Stock certificate (no. 3) for 100,000 shares in The Wiley Gold Mining Company. HM 72193
1906, Mar. 16. Stock certificate (no. 4) for 100,000 shares in The Wiley Gold Mining Company. HM 72194
1906, Mar. 16. Stock certificate (no. 5) for 25,000 shares in The Wiley Gold Mining Company. HM 72195
1906, Mar. 26. Stock certificate (no. 9) for 5,000 shares in The Wiley Gold Mining Company. HM 72196
1906, Mar. 26. Stock certificate (no. 10) for 5,000 shares in The Wiley Gold Mining Company. HM 72197
1906, Aug. 17. Announcement of stockholders' meeting for The Wiley Gold Mining Company. HM 72198
First annual report of The Wiley Gold Mining Company for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1906. HM 72199

1907, Jan. 3. Agreement between James Thompson and T.J. Fanner for 5,000 shares of capital stock. HM 72200

[undated]. Company by-laws for The Wiley Gold Mining Company. HM 72201

[undated]. Company by-laws for The Wiley Gold Mining Company. HM 72202

[undated]. Description of mining claims for The Wiley Mining and Milling Company. HM 72203


1905, Nov. 18. [Thompson, James]. 1 letter to D.P. Hargis. With envelope. HM 72205


1905, Dec. 2. Hargis, D.P. 1 letter to [James Thompson]. With envelope. Tears on top of pages. Also includes undated note from D.P. Hargis to [James Thompson]. HM 72207

1905, Dec. 6. Hargis, D.P. 1 letter to James Thompson. With envelope. Also includes bill for supplies from D.P. Hargis to James Thompson dated Dec. 7, 1905. HM 72208

1905, Dec. 16. Hargis, D.P. 1 letter to James Thompson. With envelope. Also includes bill for supplies from D.P. Hargis to James Thompson dated Dec. 16, 1905. HM 72209

1906, Jan. 3. Hargis, D.P. 1 letter to James Thompson. Includes statement of work for Davis Gragg, Peter Daly, William Rily, and O.P. Welch. HM 72210

1906, Jan. 4. Hargis, D.P. 1 letter to James Thompson. With envelope. Small tears on edges and in center of pages. HM 72211

1906, Jan. 18. Hargis, D.P. 1 letter to James Thompson. Includes expense bill from Nov. 9, 1905 to Jan. 18, 1906. HM 72212

1906, Jan. 27. Thompson, James. 1 letter to Charles Davis. HM 72213

1906, Jan. 27. Thompson, James. 1 letter to W.H. Powell. HM 72214

1906, Feb. 2. Daly, Peter. 1 letter to James Thompson. On verso: undated note from E. Hardy to James Thompson. HM 72215

1906, Feb. 2. Daly, Peter. 1 letter to James Thompson. Also includes bill for labor from D.P. Hargis to James Thompson dated Feb. 1, 1906. HM 72216

1906, Feb. 8. [Thompson, James]. 1 letter to Peter Daly. HM 72217

1906, Mar. 31. Arizona Corporation Charter Guarantee Co. 1 letter to [James Thompson]. HM 72218

1906, Apr. 9. Arizona Corporation Charter Guarantee Co. 1 letter to James Thompson. HM 72219


1907, May 14. [Thompson, James]. 1 letter to “Dear Sir.” HM 72222

Printed sketch maps of Nevada [2 items]. 1906

Printed ephemera [7 items]. 1905