Inventory of the Pioneer Reduction Company Records

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Creator: Pioneer Reduction Company
Title: Pioneer Reduction Company Records
Date (inclusive): 1892-1935
Extent: 0.8 linear feet
Abstract: The Pioneer Reduction Company processed gold ore in Nevada City, California. The collection contains organizational records (by-laws, check stubs, bullion book, and stock certificate register) as well as correspondence regarding the plant's operation.
Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.
Repository: University of California, Davis. General Library. Dept. of Special Collections.
Davis, California 95616-5292
Collection number: D-559
Language of Material: Collection materials in English.

History
Benjamin Hall was born near Manchester, England on May 28, 1867 to Robert and Rachel (Sykes) Hall. He arrived in Nevada City, California in April 1880. He began his career as a mechanical engineer in a quartz mill in Calaveras County. In 1892, with Joe Northey, Northey's son, and William Black, he purchased the Maltman Reduction Works, a plant established in 1858 in Nevada City. In 1893, they incorporated it as the Pioneer Reduction Company. Hall served as President.
Hall also owned a reduction plant in Unionville, Nevada.
He passed away on March 31, 1956.
Source:
Lardner, W. B. (William B.) History of Placer and Nevada Counties California: with biographical sketches of the leading men and women of the counties who have been identified with their growth and development from the early days to the present. Los Angeles: Historic Record Co., 1924.

Scope and Content
The collection contains organizational records (by-laws, check stubs, bullion book, and stock certificate register) as well as correspondence regarding the plant's operation.

Arrangement of the Collection
The collection is arranged in two series: Organizational Records and Correspondence.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Pioneer Reduction Company--Archives
Hall, Benjamin--Correspondence
Mines and mineral resources--California--Nevada County
Mineralogy--California--Nevada County
Gold mines and mining--California--Nevada County
Nevada County (Calif.)--History
Uncovering California's Environmental Collections Project

Access
Collection is open for research.

Processing Information
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Sara Gunasekara processed this collection with assistance from student employee Michelle Xie.
Acquisition Information
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Series 1. Organizational Records 1892-1935
Physical Description: 8 folders
Scope and Content Note
Arranged chronologically.

Box 1:1 Clean Up and Bullion Book 1892-1904
Box D Folio 2 Certificate from the California Secretary of State 1893 June 13
Box 1:2 By-Laws 1893 July 10
Box 1:3 Stock certificate register 1893-1935
Box 2:1 Receipts 1898-1925
Box 1:4 Check stubs 1912 September 10-1913 August 4
Box 2:2 Letterhead undated
Box 2:3-4 Notes and ephemera undated

Series 2. Correspondence 1898-1930
Physical Description: 111 letters
Scope and Content Note
Arranged in three subseries: Outgoing, Incoming, and Third Party.

Subseries 2.1 Outgoing 1916-1926
Physical Description: 8 letters
Scope and Content Note
Contains letters written by Benjamin Hall on behalf of Pioneer Reduction Company.
Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Box 2:5 Ballue, Albert 1924 September 19
Box 2:6 B.K.H Company 1917 September 3
Box 2:7 Griffith, N.H. 1917 August 16
Box 2:8 Leonard, M.A. 1926 July 6
Box 2:9 Navajo Copper Mining Co. 1916 October 25
Box 2:10 Red Ledge 1920 September 20
Box 2:11 Universal Silver undated
Box 2:12 Unidentified undated
Subseries 2.2 Incoming 1898-1930

Physical Description: 100 letters

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

A number of the letters from Albert Ballue discuss the operations of Hall's plant in Unionville, Nevada.

Box 2:13 Edward P. Allis Company 1898 March 29
Box 2:14 Alpha Hardware and Supply Co. 1917 February 6
Box 2:15 Amador County Lime Kiln 1913 December 28
Box 2:16 American Concrete Filler Co. 1916 October
Box 2:17 American Spiral Pipe Works 1906 October 31
Box 2:18 Atkins, Kroll and Co. 1917 February 2
Box 2:19 Bagdad-Chase Gold Mining Company undated
Box 2:20 Baker Iron Works 1906 April 24
Box 2:21 Ballue, Albert 1923 June 7
Box 2:22 Ballue, Albert 1923 June 17
Box 2:23 Ballue, Albert 1923 August 23
Box 2:24 Ballue, Albert 1923 September 11
Box 2:25 Ballue, Albert 1923 September 24
Box 2:26 Ballue, Albert 1924 January 12
Box 2:27 Ballue, Albert 1924 April 25
Box 2:28 Ballue, Albert 1924 June 1
Box 2:29 Ballue, Albert 1924 July 23
Box 2:30 Ballue, Albert 1924 August 4
Box 2:31 Ballue, Albert 1924 October 15
Box 2:32 Ballue, Albert 1925 January 24
Box 2:33 Ballue, Albert 1925 February 24
Box 2:34 Ballue, Albert 1925 April 23
Box 2:35 Ballue, Albert 1925 May 7
Box 2:36 Ballue, Albert 1925 May 16
Box 2:37 Ballue, Albert 1925 May 31
Box 2:38 Ballue, Albert 1925 June 21
Box 2:39 Ballue, Albert 1925 October 23
Box 2:40 Ballue, Albert 1926 February 21
Box 2:41 Ballue, Albert 1926 April 9
Box 2:42 Ballue, Albert undated
Box 2:43 Black, J.A. 1905 August 22
Box 2:44 Braun-Knecht-Heimann Co. 1914 September 7
Box 2:45 Braun-Knecht-Heimann Co. 1917 January 26
Box 2:46 Braun-Knecht-Heimann Co. 1917 February 5
Box 2:47 Broderick, W.H. 1917 January 15
Box 2:48 Bruman, A. 1899 July 21
Box 2:49 Cahill and Hall Elevator Co. 1899 January 2
Box 2:50 California Jewell Filter Co. 1917 February 3
Box 2:51 California Slimes Concentrating Co. 1924 August 25
Box 2:52 Coalinga Oil Company 1899 June 17
Box 2:53 Coalinga Oil Company 1899 July 4
Box 2:54 Connolly, T.E. 1926 July 23
Box 2:55 Darrow, Frank M. 1923 October 17
Box 2:56 Davis, E. 1923 August 1
Box 2:57 Joseph Dixon Crucible Company 1917 July 24
Box 2:58 Eagle Salt Works 1904 August 15
Box 2:59 Empire Mines 1911 January 14
Box 2:60 F.W. Braun Co. 1904 February 24
Box 2:61 Flotation Oil and Chemical Co. 1917 October 25
Box 2:62 Griffith, H.H. 1917 July 27
| Box 2:63 | Hug Water Wheel Co. 1906 October 30 |
| Box 2:64 | Jackson, Francis Gordon 1907 December 23 |
| Box 2:65 | Jardine Machinery Company 1914 April 18 |
| Box 2:66 | Justinian Caire Company 1909 November 12 |
| Box 2:67 | Kinney Coal Company 1924 July 28 |
| Box 2:68 | W. Stokes Kirk 1905 March 8 |
| Box 2:69 | A. Klipstein and Company 1918 August 21 |
| Box 2:70 | Lane, T.M. 1920 August 28 |
| Box 2:71 | Leonard, M.A. 1926 July 1 |
| Box 2:72 | Leonard, M.A. 1926 July 12 |
| Box 2:73 | Leonard, M.A. 1926 July 12 |
| Box 2:74 | Leonard, M.A. 1926 July 22 |
| Box 2:75 | Leonard, M.A. 1927 April 5 |
| Box 2:76 | Leonard, M.A. 1927 April 15 |
| Box 2:77 | Leonard, M.A. 1928 February 14 |
| Box 2:78 | Leonard, M.A. 1928 March 17 |
| Box 2:79 | Linde Air Products Company 1915 December 14 |
| Box 2:80 | McFarland, W.K. 1925 June 29 |
| Box 2:81 | McNeel's Financial Service 1923 November 10 |
| Box 2:82 | Monarch Engineering and Manufacturing Co. 1910 January 10 |
| Box 2:83 | Navajo Copper Mining Co. 1916 October 16 |
| Box 2:84 | Neville and Co. 1905 May 4 |
| Box 2:85 | Pacific Gas and Electric Company 1921 April 15 |
| Box 2:86 | Penn Mining Co. 1900 March 5 |
| Box 2:87 | Platt Iron Works Co. 1906 August 3 |
| Box 2:88 | Power and Mining Machinery Company 1905 December 29 |
| Box 2:89 | Prinz and Rau Manufacturing Co. 1904 January 11 |
| Box 2:90 | Red Ledge 1920 September 23 |
| Box 2:91 | Richmond Chemical Company 1917 February 13 |
| Box 2:92 | Ross, John 1921 September 22 |
| Box 2:93 | Southwest Turquoise Co. 1914 August 27 |
| Box 2:94 | Squaw Creek Mining Co. 1906 March 15 |
| Box 2:95 | State Compensation Insurance Fund, State of California 1914 February 9 |
| Box 2:96 | State Compensation Insurance Fund, State of California 1917 August 11 |
| Box 2:97 | State Compensation Insurance Fund, State of California 1917 November 9 |
| Box 2:98 | State Compensation Insurance Fund, State of California 1917 |
| Box 2:99 | Syracuse Smelting Works 1914 August 13 |
| Box 2:100 | Talcott, F. 1927 January 12 |
| Box 2:101 | Tenabo Mill and Mining Co. 1914 July 27 |
| Box 2:102 | W.S. Tyler Company 1913 August 30 |
| Box 2:103 | Universal Silvers Company 1923 February 22 |
| Box 2:104 | Victor Steel Company 1914 July 8 |
| Box 2:105 | Western Masons' Mutual Life Association 1900 August 29 |
| Box 2:106 | Unidentified 1922 August 31 |
| Box 2:107 | Unidentified 1922 October 5 |
| Box 2:108 | Unidentified 1922 October 21 |
| Box 2:109 | Unidentified 1923 March 8 |
| Box 2:110 | Unidentified 1923 June 9 |
| Box 2:111 | Unidentified 1930 January 20 |
| Box 2:112 | Unidentified undated |

Subseries 2.3 Third Party 1924-1926

- Physical Description: 3 letters
- Scope and Content Note

Three letters that are written to Albert Ballue regarding Hall's plant in Unionville, Nevada. Arranged alphabetically by author.
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