
Inventory of the John H. Helwig Papers

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Creator: Helwig, John H.

Title: John H. Helwig Papers

Date (inclusive): 1889-1922

Extent: 0.2 linear feet

Abstract: The small collection contains materials from John H. Helwig related to a mining claim for the Jennie Lind Placer Mine in North Bloomfield, California in the late twentieth century.

Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.

Repository: University of California, Davis. General Library. Department of Special Collections.

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Collection number: MC250

Language of Material: Collection materials in English.

Biography

John Henry Helwig was born in Germany. He arrived in California in 1849 and after mining for several years, he engaged in the wholesale meat business in North Bloomfield, California. John Helwig passed away in 1909.

His son, Lester Henry Helwig was born on February 2, 1880 in Nevada County, California. He moved to San Jose at the age of seventeen. After graduation from Santa Clara High School, he worked in different positions in several mines in Nevada and Sierra Counties. In 1919, he formed a partnership, Sheehy and Helwig, with P.G. Sheehy as chartered accountants and income tax consultants in San Jose.

Lester Helwig passed away on April 10, 1951.

Source: Sawyer, Eugene T. *History of Santa Clara County, California, with biographical sketches of the leading men and women of the county who have been identified with its growth and development from the early days to the present.* Los Angeles, Historic Record Co., 1922.

Scope and Content

The small collection contains materials from John H. Helwig related to a mining claim for the Jennie Lind Placer Mine in North Bloomfield, California in the late twentieth century.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is arranged in two series: Correspondence and Legal Documents.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Helwig, John H.--Archives

Nevada County (Calif.)--History

Gold mines and mining--California--Nevada County

Uncovering California's Environmental Collections Project

Access

Collection is open for research.

Processing Information

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Acquisition Information

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Series 1. **Correspondence 1889-1922**

Physical Description: 4 letters

Scope and Content Note

Arranged in three subseries: Outgoing, Incoming and Third Party.

Subseries 1.1 **Outgoing 1864-1865**

Physical Description: 2 letters

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically.

Box MC250:1

Searls, Fred 1889 September 9

Box MC250:2

Searls, Fred 1889 September 16

Subseries 1.2 **Incoming 1889**

Physical Description: 1 letter

Scope and Content Note

Box MC250:3

Haner, L. 1889 September 13

Subseries 1.3 **Third Party 1922**

Physical Description: 1 letter

Scope and Content Note

Contains one letter from Helwig's son Lester.

Box MC250:4

Helwig, Lester to Clarence 1922 November 18

Series 2. **Legal Documents 1890-1909**

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically.

Box MC250:5

Deposition of L. Haner 1890 February 10

Box MC250:6

Creditor's Claim, Estate of J.H. Helwig 1909 September 2
