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## Inventory of the Reed Quicksilver Mine Collection

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**Creator:** University of California, Davis. Library

**Title:** Reed Quicksilver Mine Collection

**Date (inclusive):** 1911-1931

**Extent:** 0.2 linear feet

**Abstract:** The Reed Quicksilver Mine was located in Yolo County, California. This small collection contains reports about the mine, several pieces of correspondence, as well as twenty-seven photographs of the mine property.

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

**Repository:** University of California, Davis. General Library. Depart. of Special Collections.  
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**Collection number:** MC251

**Language of Material:** Collection materials in English.

#### **Administrative History**

The Reed Quicksilver Mine was located in Yolo County, near the common corner of Yolo, Napa, and Lake Counties, about fourteen miles west of Rumsey. The mine first operated from 1870-1880. In 1916 the property was purchased by A.H. Breed.

#### **Scope and Content**

This small collection contains reports about the mine, several pieces of correspondence, as well as twenty-seven photographs of the mine property.

#### **Arrangement of the Collection**

The collection is arranged in three series: 1. Reports and Map, 2. Correspondence, 3. Photographs.

#### **Indexing Terms**

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

Mercury mines and mineral resources--California--Yolo County

Mineralogy--California--Yolo County

Yolo 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.

#### **Acquisition Information**

Extracted from D-016, Mining Records Collection.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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Series 1. **Reports and Map 1911-1930**

**Scope and Content Note**

Contains several reports about the mine, an inventory, and a map. Arranged chronologically.

- Box MC251:1-3 **Brief report of the Reed Quicksilver Mine 1911**  
Box MC251:4 **Inventory, Reed Mine 1916 December 7**  
Box MC251:5 **Report on the Reed Quicksilver Mine 1928 August 20**  
Box MC251:6 **Report and Conclusions on Reed Quicksilver Mine, by J.H. Collier, Mining Engineer 1928 August 28**  
Box MC251:7 **Recent Progress in the Metallurgy of Quicksilver, by W.G. Adamson 1929 September 28**  
Box MC251:8 **Report on the Geology and Oil Possibilities of the Rumsey Hills, Yolo County, California, by N.L. Taliaferro 1930 October 28**  
Box MC251:9 **Condensation of Mercury Fume, Hartman Condenser undated**  
Box MC251:10 **Map of Reed Quicksilver Mine undated**

Series 2. **Correspondence 1911-1931**

**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged chronologically.

- Box MC251:11 **Cross, Charles Mortimer to Otis Engs 1911 July 29**  
Box MC251:12-16 **Gilman, C.E. to Arthur H. Breed and Harlow P. Bancroft 1917 February 23**  
Box MC251:17 **Grotzohn, M. to Stockholders of Tonopah North Star Tunnel and Development Company 1928 August 30**  
Box MC251:18 **Connolly, George E. to J.H. Collier 1931 February 4**

Series 3. **Photographs 1929-1930**

**Physical Description:** 27 photographs

**Scope and Content Note**

Descriptions are taken from the back of the photographs. Arranged chronologically.

- Box MC251:19 **Old furnace at portal of upper tunnel built to handle 100 tons, but was a failure as it did not burn thr ore 1929 November 6**  
Box MC251:20 **Mine camp, Mrs. Charles Valente at door of main building. Old boiler on this side and battery of eight condensers on far side of Davis Creek. 1929 November 6**  
Box MC251:21 **Extreme north end of property. Upper camp with Andrews tunnel in next ridge and old workings above. View from Barren ridge. With J.H. Collier and L.E. Browne 1929 November 6**  
Box MC251:22 **Portal of upper tunnel. H.E. Averell, L.E. Browne, J.H. Collier (panning). 1929 November 6**  
Box MC251:23 **Looking down Davis Creek from Barren ridge toward old workings and 'big boulder' above lower tunnel. Note in lower center site of former furnace stack up hillside to left. With L.E. Browne and J.H. Collier 1929 November 6**  
Box MC251:24 **Looking southerly over Knoxville, Napa County 1929 November 7**  
Box MC251:25 **Lower tunnel with old workings and 'big boulder' above. Upper or old tunnel is on the same level as the road in this picture. 1929 November 7**  
Box MC251:26 **Upper tunnel showing old furnace, boilers, etc. Looking across Davis Creek. Taken from point opposite lower tunnel. 1929 November 7**  
Box MC251:27 **Open cut, showing high grade cinnabar, above upper tunnel. L.E. Browne, J.H. Collier 1930 January 6**  
Box MC251:28 **Open cut above upper tunnel, L.E. Browne, J.H. Collier 1930 February 6**  
Box MC251:29-45 **Reed Mine undated**

**Physical Description:** 17 photographs