
Inventory of the Ruth Pierce Mine Collection MC252

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Abstract: The Ruth Pierce Mine was located in Mariposa County, California. This small collection contains reports about the mine as well as correspondence regarding a lease option.

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Administrative History

The Ruth Pierce Mine, discovered in 1851, was located in Mariposa County, California, about four miles from the town of Hornitos. In May 1913 the mine was owned by the Hornitos Gold Mining Company. As of 1920, the mine was owned by the Ruth Pierce Mining Company, a subsidiary of the Tennessee Mining Company.

In 1927 a fire at the site burned the mill plant, the boarding house and miners quarters. After the fire, the mine was acquired by Mr. Clarence Jarbeau and associates from Seattle.

Scope and Content

The collection contains reports about the mine as well as correspondence regarding a lease option.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is arranged in two series: Reports and Correspondence.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Processing Information

Processing of the Ruth Pierce Mine Collection was generously funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and administered by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR). UC Davis Special Collections was awarded a Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives grant from 2010-2012, "Uncovering California's Environmental Collections," in collaboration with eight additional special collections and archival repositories throughout the state and the California Digital Library (CDL). Grant objectives included processing hidden collections related to the state's environment and environmental history. The collections document an array of important sub-topics such as irrigation, mining, forestry, agriculture, industry, land use, activism, and research. Together they form a multifaceted picture of the natural world and the way it was probed, altered, exploited and protected in California over the twentieth century. Finding aids are made available through the Online Archive of California (OAC).

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Reports Series 1. 1909-1929

Physical Description:

Scope and Contents note

Arranged chronologically.

Box MC252,
Folder 1

"Report on Ruth Pierce Mine by W.J. Adams" 1909-1929

Scope and Contents

1 bound volume, "Report on Ruth Pierce Mine by W. J. Adams," 73 typescript pages and 7 booklets of bullion deposit slips; contains photographs, a survey, and fold-out diagram of mine.

Box MC252,
Folder 2

Typed Copy of "Report on Ruth Pierce Mine" by Adams and Additional Reports 1902

Scope and Contents

52 loose pages total, containing a typed copy of the report by Adams and the following, all written on the back of Bay Counties Power Co. stationery:

"Results of transformer tests at the following sub-stations during the month of April 1902" (2 pages)

"Wattmeter readings at Sacramento and ammeter readings at Colgate reduced to horsepower"

"Strains at centers of spans of given lengths also elastic limit of hard drawn copper wire"

"Pole specifications"

"Resistance tests on Bay lines"

"Specifications for water wheels and connections for the Bay Counties Power Company" (4 pages)

Box MC252,
Folder 3

Bound Copy of "Report on Ruth Pierce Mine" by W.J. Adams 1909-1929

Box MC252,
Folder 4

Typewritten Copies of Ruth Pierce Mine Reports 1921-1939

Scope and Contents

Reports from 1921, 1938, 1939, possibly duplicates of other reports in this collection

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Folder 5

Reports by James McMahon and W.A. Bradley 1921

Scope and Contents

Negative photocopy of survey in report by Adams

Negative photocopy of panoramic photo of mine in report by Adams

Handwritten notes tabulating "bullion receipts from 1916 to 1926" (8 pages)

Typewritten "Report on the Ruth Pierce mine" by James McMahon (5 pages)

Typewritten letter from W. A. Bradley to C. A. Morris, March 25, 1921, "Report on the 'Ruth Pierce Mine'" (4 pages)

Correspondence Series 2. 1925-1942

Physical Description: 22 letters

Scope and Contents note

Arranged in two subseries: Outgoing and Incoming.

Outgoing Subseries 2.1 1925-1942

Physical Description:

Scope and Contents note

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Contains letters written by A.C. Morison concerning a lease option on the Ruth Pierce Mine.

Box MC252, Folder 6	Bondshu, F.A. 1939 February 20
Box MC252, Folder 7	Bueski, A. 1939 November 29
Box MC252, Folder 8	Cooper, Gary 1941 December 19
Box MC252, Folder 9	Fifield, Rev. 1942 February 4
Box MC252, Folder 10	Olds, A.C. 1925 September
Box MC252, Folder 11	Schauer, William A. 1939 February 20
Box MC252, Folder 12	Schauer, William A. 1939 March 8
Box MC252, Folder 13	Schauer, William A. 1939 March 21
Box MC252, Folder 14	Schauer, William A. 1939 March 29
Box MC252, Folder 15	Schauer, William A. 1939-04-05
Box MC252, Folder 16	Schauer, William A. 1939 April 26
Box MC252, Folder 17	Schauer, William A. 1939 May 3
Box MC252, Folder 18	Schauer, William A. 1939 May 22
Box MC252, Folder 19	Schauer, William A. 1939 May 25
Box MC252, Folder 20	Schauer, William A. 1939 June 7
Box MC252, Folder 21	Schauer, William A. 1939 June 17
Box MC252, Folder 22	Schauer, William A. 1939 July 7
Box MC252, Folder 23	Schauer, William A. 1939 August 14
Box MC252, Folder 24	Schauer, William A. 1939 November 8
Box MC252, Folder 25	Schauer, William A. 1939 November 30
Box MC252, Folder 26	Schauer, Zada 1939 June 26
Box MC252, Folder 27	Williams, George F. 1939 February 28

Incoming Subseries 2.2 1939

Physical Description: 5 letters

Scope and Contents note

Contains letters written to A.C. Morison. Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Box MC252, Folder 28	Bondshu, F.A. 1939 February 16
Box MC252, Folder 29	Schauer, William A. 1939 March 31
Box MC252, Folder 30	Schauer, William A. 1939 May 1
Box MC252, Folder 31	Schauer, William A. 1939 May 2
Box MC252, Folder 32	Schauer, William A. 1939 June 9