
Inventory of the Ruth Pierce Mine Collection

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Title: Ruth Pierce Mine Collection

Date (inclusive): 1909-1942

Extent: 0.2 linear feet

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.

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: MC252

Language of Material: Collection materials in English.

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.

Indexing Terms

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

Ruth Pierce Mine

Mines and mineral resources--California--Mariposa County

Mineralogy--California--Mariposa County

Gold mines and mining--California--Mariposa County

Mariposa 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

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Series 1. **Reports 1909-1929**

Physical Description:

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically.

Box MC252:1-3

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

Box MC252:4

Ruth Pierce Mine undated

Box MC252:5

Reports by James McMahon and W.A. Bradley 1921

Series 2. **Correspondence 1925-1942**

Physical Description: 22 letters

Scope and Content Note

Arranged in two subseries: Outgoing and Incoming.

Subseries 2.1 **Outgoing 1925-1942**

Physical Description:

Scope and Content Note

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

Box MC252:6

Bondshu, F.A. 1939 February 20

Box MC252:7

Bueski, A. 1939 November 29

Box MC252:8

Cooper, Gary 1941 December 19

Box MC252:9

Fifield, Rev. 1942 February 4

Box MC252:10

Olds, A.C. 1925 September

Box MC252:11

Schauer, William A. 1939 February 20

Box MC252:12

Schauer, William A. 1939 March 8

Box MC252:13

Schauer, William A. 1939 March 21

Box MC252:14

Schauer, William A. 1939 March 29

Box MC252:15

Schauer, William A.

Box MC252:16

Schauer, William A. 1939 April 26

Box MC252:17

Schauer, William A. 1939 May 3

Box MC252:18

Schauer, William A. 1939 May 22

Box MC252:19

Schauer, William A. 1939 May 25

Box MC252:20

Schauer, William A. 1939 June 7

Box MC252:21

Schauer, William A. 1939 June 17

Box MC252:22

Schauer, William A. 1939 July 7

Box MC252:23

Schauer, William A. 1939 August 14

Box MC252:24

Schauer, William A. 1939 November 8

Box MC252:25

Schauer, William A. 1939 November 30

Box MC252:26

Schauer, Zada 1939 June 26

Box MC252:27

Williams, George F. 1939 February 28

Subseries 2.2 **Incoming 1939**

Physical Description: 5 letters

Scope and Content Note

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

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