Descriptive Summary

Title: Ian A. Smith papers
Date (inclusive): 1857-1985, undated
Date (bulk): 1970-1980
Collection Number: MS 126
Creator: Smith, Ian A.
Extent: 1.25 linear feet (4 boxes)
Repository: Rivera Library. Special Collections Department.

Abstract: Ian A. Smith was an employee of the California Portland Cement Company's Colton Plant from 1952-1977. Smith also conducted research regarding the history of mining operations at Slover Mountain in Colton, California. The Ian A. Smith papers primarily focus on the California Portland Cement Company's presence at Slover Mountain, but also contains material regarding Isaac Slover and the history of the southwestern United States, particularly that of San Bernardino County, California. Two versions of Smith's manuscript, "Vanishing Mountain: A History of Mining Operations at Mt. Slover, Colton, California", are included. Additionally, the collection includes photographs, notes, correspondence, press clippings, maps, and other material related to Smith's research.

Languages: The collection is in English.

Access
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Acquisition Information
The Ian A. Smith papers were acquired as a gift in 1988.

Processing History
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Biography

1920: Ian A. Smith was born on October 15th.
1952: Smith began working for the California Portland Cement Company’s Colton Plant.
1953: Smith was promoted to Quarry Superintendent.
1958: Smith was promoted to General Quarry Superintendent of the Colton and Mojave Plants.
1968: Smith was promoted to Chief Mining Engineer.
1977: Ian A. Smith’s employment with the California Portland Cement Company ended as a result of disability.

Collection Scope and Content Summary
This collection contains materials created and collected by Ian A. Smith, an employee of the California Portland Cement Company's Colton Plant from 1952-1977, as he researched the history of mining operations conducted at Mount Slover in Colton, California. The collection primarily focuses on the California Portland Cement Company's mining operations at Mount Slover, but also contains materials regarding Isaac Slover and the history of the southwestern United States, particularly that of San Bernardino County, California. Two versions of Smith's manuscript, "Vanishing Mountain: A History of Mining Operations at Mt. Slover, Colton, California", are included. Additionally, the collection includes photographs,
notes, correspondence, press clippings, maps, and other material related to Smith's research.

**Collection Arrangement**

This collection is arranged into three series. The contents of each series are arranged sequentially according to box and folder number. The series arrangement of this collection is as follows:

- **Series 2. Research materials, 1857-1985, undated.**
- **Series 3. Photographs, 1886-1981, undated.**

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

California Portland Cement Company.
Colton (Calif.).
San Bernardino County (Calif.).
Slover, Isaac, 1780-1854.

**Genres and Forms of Materials**

Documents.
Manuscripts
Photographs.

**Series 1. Manuscripts. 1978-1981, undated.**

**Series Scope and Contents**

This series is comprised of Ian A. Smith's manuscript regarding the history of mining operations at Mount Slover in Colton, California. Two versions of the manuscript are included, the original manuscript titled "Hardrock" and the second draft where the title was changed to "Vanishing Mountain".

**Series Arrangement**

This series is arranged sequentially according to box and folder number.

**Box 1, Folder 1**

"Hardrock: A History of Mining Operations at Mt. Slover, Colton, California" by Ian A. Smith; pages 1-70 of original manuscript with some additional handwritten notes. 1978.

**Box 1, Folder 2**

"Hardrock: A History of Mining Operations at Mt. Slover, Colton, California" by Ian A. Smith; pages 71-141 of original manuscript. 1978.

**Box 1, Folder 3**

"Vanishing Mountain: A History of Mining Operations at Mt. Slover, Colton, California" by Ian A. Smith; pages 1-70 of the manuscript's second draft that includes the title change from "Hardrock" to "Vanishing Mountain". 1981.

**Box 1, Folder 4**

"Vanishing Mountain: A History of Mining Operations at Mt. Slover, Colton, California" by Ian A. Smith; pages 71-142 of the manuscript's second draft that includes the title change from "Hardrock" to "Vanishing Mountain" (photocopy). 1981.

**Box 1, Folder 5**

Vanishing Mountain: A History of Mining Operations at Mt. Slover, Colton, California" by Ian A. Smith; pages 1-70 of the manuscript's second draft that includes the title change from "Hardrock" to "Vanishing Mountain" (photocopy). 1981.

**Box 1, Folder 6**

"Vanishing Mountain: A History of Mining Operations at Mt. Slover, Colton, California" by Ian A. Smith; pages 71-142 of the manuscript's second draft that includes the title change from "Hardrock" to "Vanishing Mountain" (photocopy). 1981.

Series Scope and Contents
This series is comprised of notes, correspondence, press clippings, photographs, and other material collected by Smith as he researched the history of mining operations at Mount Slover in Colton, California. Topics included in the series are Isaac Slover and family, the California Portland Cement Company, the history of California and San Bernardino County, and expeditions to the southwestern United States.

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Box 2, Folder 1
Correspondence, research notes, and other material regarding the Slover family history. 1931-1980, undated.

Box 2, Folder 2
Press clippings, maps, and other material regarding Isaac Slover, the history of San Bernardino County, and Louis Rubidoux. 1922-1979, undated.

Box 2, Folder 3
Field notes, publications, and other material regarding Mexican land Grants in California, Colton’s Spanish heritage, Agua Mansa, and Rancho Jurupa. 1857-1979, undated.

Box 2, Folder 4
Research notes, photographs, and other material regarding the history of San Bernardino County and California, Agua Mansa, and the fur trade in the western United States. 1868-1980, undated.

Box 2, Folder 5
Articles regarding the history of California, the Spanish Trail from New Mexico to California, and fur traders of the Southwest (photocopies). 1857-1964, undated.

Box 2, Folder 6
Articles regarding early expeditions to the western United States as well as the histories of New Mexico, Colorado, and Oklahoma (photocopies). 1905-1972, undated.

Box 2, Folder 7
Research notes, financial records and other material regarding Slover Mountain, the California Portland Cement Company’s Colton Plant, and California’s mineral resources. 1857-1981, undated.

Box 2, Folder 8
Research notes, correspondence, and other material regarding Slover Mountain, the California Portland Cement Company’s Colton Plant, and California mineral resources (some items are photocopies). 1888-1978, undated.

Box 2, Folder 9

Box 2, Folder 10
Press clippings, correspondence, and other material regarding Slover Mountain, the California Portland Cement Company’s Colton Plant, and the histories of Colton and San Bernardino (some items are photocopies). 1898-1958, undated.

Box 3, Folder 1
Photographs, press clippings, and correspondence regarding mining and quarry equipment used at California Portland Cement Company’s Colton Plant (some items are photocopies). 1926-1953, undated.

Box 3, Folder 2
Documents regarding the operations of the California Portland Cement Company’s Colton Plant on Slover Mountain (some items are photocopies). 1916-1981, undated.

Box 3, Folder 3

Box 3, Folder 4
Maps, research notes, and other material regarding the California Portland Cement Company’s Colton Plant and Isaac Slover. 1901-1982, undated.


Series Scope and Contents
This series is comprised of photographs and negatives primarily regarding California Portland Cement Company’s Colton Plant employees, equipment, and mining blasts. Additional topics include Mount Slover and the Agua Mansa Cemetery.

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This series is arranged sequentially according to box and folder number.

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