Descriptive Summary

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Title: Yellow Aster Mine Research Material

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Abstract: Clippings, correspondence, notes and documents related to the Yellow Aster Mine and mining life in Randsburg, California.

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Historical Note
John Singleton, Frederic Mooers, and Charles Burcham staked a claim at what would become the Yellow Aster Mine on April 25, 1895. The discovery was funded in part by Charles' wife, Dr. Rose La Monte Burcham who agreed to help fund her husband's interest in prospecting. The Yellow Aster Mine became one of the major producers of gold in California, attracting prospectors to the area and helping create the town of Randsburg.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains clippings, correspondence, notes and documents related to the Yellow Aster Mine and mining life in Randsburg, California. The collection ranges in date from 1895-1977, with the bulk of the materials dating from 1942-1950. These materials may have been collected by Marcia Wynn Rittenhouse Samelson and used as research for her book Desert Bonanza: The Story of Early Randsburg, Mojave Desert Mining Camp (1949). The collection contains a number of letters both to and from Samelson in which her book is mentioned. Correspondents include Dr. Rose Burcham; Burcham's secretary, Gertrude Alban; Albert A. Burcham; and Clyde Terrell.

Along with correspondence, the collection contains a scrapbook of clippings related to the Yellow Aster Mine and its owners. Two photographs, one labeled "Dr. Burcham's home," are found on the scrapbook's final page. Also included are a number of notes, several clippings, a typed copy of a 1912 article about Charles Burcham, and a legal agreement between the Burcham's and the law firm of Roddy, Campbell & Metson.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Randsburg (Calif.) -- History
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Burcham, R. L. (Rose L.)
Mooers, Frederic
Singleton, John
Burcham, Charles
Yellow Aster Mining and Milling Company

RESEARCH MATERIAL

Box 1, Folder 1 Correspondence 1942-1977
Box 1, Folder 2 Scrapbook with clippings 1898-1944
Box 1, Folder 3 Miscellaneous documents, clippings & notes 1895-1940