

## **James Howard Collection**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** James Howard Collection

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**Languages:** English

**Physical Description:** 1.4 Linear feet(1 archives box and 5 oversize folders)

**Date:** circa 1882-1939

**Abstract:** Photographs and documents from the collection of James Howard, a mining foreman with the Amparo Mining Company who lived in Guadalajara, Mexico and worked in the Bolaños region starting in 1889.

**Creator:** Howard, James, 1868-

## **Biography**

James H. Howard was born in England on January 20, 1868. In 1883 he emigrated from England and came to New York; he then moved to Texas in 1885, where he worked for the International Mining Company as a timberman. In 1889 Howard moved to Guadalajara, Mexico, where he settled in the American Colony of Colonia Seattle. Howard took a job working at the Amparo Mining Company in Bolaños, a mining district north of Guadalajara.

In Guadalajara, Howard met and married Maria Ignacia Martínez. In order to marry Martínez, he had to prove to the Mexican government that he was indeed single, and that he had never married before in England or America. As proof, Howard obtained three letters from his former employers as documentation to contest to his unmarried status. Howard and Martínez had their first child, Katherine Eleanor Howard on March 6, 1911.

## **Scope and Content of Collection**

Photographs and documents from the collection of James Howard, a mining foreman with the Amparo Mining Company who lived in Guadalajara, Mexico and worked in the Bolaños region starting in 1889. The papers include a few blueprints and plans for mining equipment; photographs of the regional landscape, towns, mine operations, and people; and a personal journal from Howard. The collection also includes a small amount of biographical material about Howard, including personal correspondence and a genealogical chart for the Howard family. Three documents are written in Spanish.

The papers are arranged in four series: 1) CORRESPONDENCE, 2) GUADALAJARA HOUSING AND MINING DOCUMENTS, 3) PHOTOGRAPHS, and 4) BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS.

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## **Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Amparo Mining Company.

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**CORRESPONDENCE****Scope and Content of Series**

## SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE

The CORRESPONDENCE series is comprised of letters pertaining to Howard's personal life, including a personal letter from his sister and a postcard. The majority of the correspondence is written in English, with the exception of one letter from H. Winninghoff that is written in both English and Spanish. These letters are organized in alphabetical order.

Box 1, Folder 1

**Postcard of the Pueblo, Colorado post office 1906 September 8****General note**

Inscription reads: "We are on the way home again. Were you ever here? I forget. F. E. H."

Box 1, Folder 2

**Postcard of the Pueblo, Colorado post office, 1906 September 8** **Letter from H. Graham to James Howard 1900 May 24****General note**

In Spanish.

Box 1, Folder 3

**Letter from H. Graham to James Howard, 1900 May 24** **Letter from O. J. Noble to James Howard 1900 May 16****General note**

In Spanish.

Box 1, Folder 4


**Letter from O. J. Noble to James Howard, 1900 May 16** **Letter to James Howard from his sister 1917 February 17****General note**

Letter in English.

Box 1, Folder 5

**Letter to James Howard from his sister, 1917 February 17** **Testimonial regarding marital status of James Howard while in the employ of the International Mining Co. in San Miguel del Mezquital 1900 May 14****General note**

Statement by H. Winninghoff. One copy in Spanish, and another in English.


**Testimonial regarding marital status of James Howard while in the employ of the International Mining Co. in San Miguel del Mezquital, 1900 May 14** **GUADALAJARA HOUSING AND MINING DOCUMENTS****Scope and Content of Series**

## SERIES 2: GUADALAJARA HOUSING AND MINING DOCUMENTS

The GUADALAJARA HOUSING AND MINING DOCUMENTS series includes blueprints and plans for mining equipment and operations in central Mexico. These plans include a blueprint for the installation of three boilers for the Amparo Mining Company, as well as a pen and ink drawing from the San Nicolas del Monte mines in Guanajuato. Most of these documents are in Spanish. This series also contains two pamphlets, published in 1913, from *Colonia Seattle*, the American Colony in Guadalajara where Howard and his family resided.

Oversize FB-483,  
Folder 6**Colonia Seattle: the Pasadena of Mexico, the most attractive suburb of the finest city in Mexico, Guadalajara 1913****General note**

Promotional brochure for land and home-building.

**Colonia Seattle: the Pasadena of Mexico, the most attractive suburb of the finest city in Mexico, Guadalajara, 1913** 

Oversize FB-483,  
Folder 7

**Fraccionamiento de la Hacienda de la Esperanza 1915 August**

**General note**

Stock certificate. In Spanish.


Oversize FB-483,  
Folder 8

**Fraccionamiento de la Hacienda de la Esperanza, 1915 August **  
**Instalación de 3 calderas 1905 October 20**

**General note**

In Spanish. Blueprint for the installation of three boilers for the Amparo Mining Company.


Box 1, Folder 9

**Instalación de 3 calderas, 1905 October 20 **  
**Elevation profile of La Asunción to El Durazno, Mexico circa 1914**

**General note**

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Box 1, Folder 10

**Elevation profile of La Asunción to El Durazno, Mexico, circa 1914 **  
**Proyecto sistema de beneficio de para la mina San Nicolas Del Monte 1932 September**

**General note**

m698b01f10i001. Pen and ink drawing depicting equipment details from the San Nicolas del Monte mines in Guanajuato. In Spanish.

**Proyecto sistema de beneficio de para la mina San Nicolas Del Monte, 1932 September **

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Scope and Content of Series**

SERIES 3: PHOTOGRAPHS

The PHOTOGRAPHS series is made up of black-and-white photographs of the Bolaños area mines. This is the largest portion of the collection, and includes three photo albums and loose prints. The photographs portray daily life in Bolaños, including images of the mill and mines, as well as photographs of Howard working at the mill or riding his horse around the settlement.

One important thing to note regarding these photographs is the photo album Howard created in 1921. This photo album, which contains thirty black-and-white prints of the Bolaños township, were labeled by Howard and are a good reference to the layout of the town and its settlements. Another photo album, which contains twelve black-and-white prints from Hacienda de Nueva, was given to Howard as a gift from F. K. Boyd, and has photographs that capture the working mill. Loose prints include a cyanotype of Howard and a companion taken in Bolaños in front of steps which appear to lead into one of the silver mines.

Box 1, Folder 11

**Village near Bolaños, Jalisco undated**

**Village near Bolaños, Jalisco, undated **


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Box 1, Folder 12

**Bolaños mountains and canyons undated**















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- Box 1, Folder 13 **Bolaños mountains and canyons, undated**   
**Couchiño Mill, Chihuahua, Mexico undated**
- Box 1, Folder 14 **Couchiño Mill, Chihuahua, Mexico, undated**   
**Christmas greeting from the British Consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico 1900 December**  
**Christmas greeting from the British Consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico, 1900 December** 
- Box 1, Folder 15 **House in Hacienda de Nueva undated**  
**House in Hacienda de Nueva, undated** 
- Box 1, Folder 16 **James Howard and companion in Bolaños, Guadalajara undated**  
**General note**  
Cyanotype.
- Box 1, Folder 17 **James Howard and companion in Bolaños, Guadalajara, undated**   
**Howard family portrait 1882**  
**General note**  
Albumen print. Photo taken in King Stanley, Gloucestershire, England.
- Box 1, Folder 18 **Howard family portrait, 1882**   
**James Howard and mine workers at the Amparo Mines, Guadalajara, Mexico undated**  
**James Howard and mine workers at the Amparo Mines, Guadalajara, Mexico, undated** 
- Oversize FB-483, Folder 9 **James Howard and others on horseback, Guadalajara, Mexico**
- Box 1, Folder 20 **James Howard and others on horseback, Guadalajara, Mexico**   
**James Howard portrait between 1885 and 1890**  
**General note**  
Albumen cabinet card portrait by Callaway portraits, San Antonio.
- Box 1, Folder 21 **James Howard portrait, between 1885 and 1890**   
**Plaza in Mexico between 1907 and 1919**  
**General note**  
Photographic postcard.
- Box 1, Folder 22 **Plaza in Mexico, between 1907 and 1919**   
**Prescúa Mill, Parral, Mexico circa 1900**
- Box 1, Folder 23 **Prescúa Mill, Parral, Mexico, circa 1900**   
**Photo Album - A few views of the Hacienda de Nueva circa 1890-1910**  
**General note**  
Twelve black and white prints.
- Box 1, Folder 24 **Photo Album - A few views of the Hacienda de Nueva, circa 1890-1910**   
**Photo Album - Bolaños and San Pedro Analco 1921 December**  
**General note**  
Thirty black and white prints. Includes images of San Pedro Analco, Bolaños, the ruins of La Playa, the Guadalupe shaft, the San Jose shaft, and the Purisima mines.
- Box 1, Folder 25 **Photo Album - Bolaños and San Pedro Analco, 1921 December**   
**Photo Album - Mine and village near Bolaños, Jalisco circa 1889-1921**  
**General note**  
Thirty-two black and white prints.
- Photo Album - Mine and village near Bolaños, Jalisco, circa 1889-1921** 
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**BIOGRAPHICAL DOCUMENTS****Scope and Content of Series**

## SERIES 4: BIOGRAPHICALS MATERIALS

The BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS series contains documents pertaining to James Howard and his family, which include a baptism announcement for Howard's first born daughter, Katherine Eleanor, dated March 16, 1911, as well as an official listing of her birth in the publication *Diario Oficial*, dated April 22, 1911. This series also includes James Howard's diary from 1919, which gives a daily account of Howard's personal life and business dealings.

Box 1, Folder 26

**American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers membership cards 1928 and 1939****American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers membership cards, 1928 and 1939** Oversize FB-483,  
Folder 10**Diario Oficial, Tomo CXIII, Número 46 1911 April 22****General note**

In Spanish.

Box 1, Folder 28

**Diario Oficial, Tomo CXIII, Número 46, 1911 April 22** **Genealogical account of the Howard family circa 1867****Genealogical account of the Howard family, circa 1867** 

Box 1, Folder 29

**La hora santa 1887****General note**

Published in Guadalajara. Imprenta y libreria de ancira y hno. In Spanish.

Box 1, Folder 30

**La hora santa, 1887** **Card wallet between 1883 and 1919****Card wallet, between 1883 and 1919** 

Box 1, Folder 31

**Diary 1919 January 1-July 18****General note**

James Howard's diary, with brief daily entries. In English.

Box 1, Folder 32

**Diary, 1919 January 1-July 18** **Baptism announcement for Katherine Eleanor Howard 1911 March 16****General note**

In English.

**Baptism announcement for Katherine Eleanor Howard, 1911 March 16** 