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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 we 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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Portrait photographs -- 20th century
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
Letter from H. Graham to James Howard 1900 May 24
General note
In Spanish.

Box 1, Folder 3
Letter from O. J. Noble to James Howard 1900 May 16
General note
In Spanish.

Box 1, Folder 4
Letter to James Howard from his sister 1917 February 17
General note
Letter in English.

Box 1, Folder 5
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.

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 calideras 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 calideras, 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.

### 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**

**Bolaños mountains and canyons, undated**

**Bolaños mountains and canyons, undated**

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**Bolaños mountains and canyons, undated**

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**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**

**Bolaños mountains and canyons undated**

**Bolaños mountains and canyons, undated**

**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
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

Box 1, Folder 16
James Howard and companion in Bolaños, Guadalajara, undated
General note
Cyanotype.

Box 1, Folder 17
Howard family portrait 1882
General note

Box 1, Folder 18
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 portrait between 1885 and 1890
General note
Albumen cabinet card portrait by Callaway portraits, San Antonio.

Box 1, Folder 21
Plaza in Mexico between 1907 and 1919
General note
Photographic postcard.

Box 1, Folder 22
Prescúa Mill, Parral, Mexico circa 1900
Prescia Mill, Parral, Mexico, circa 1900

Box 1, Folder 23
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
BIOGRAPHICAL DOCUMENTS

Scope and Content of Series

SERIES 4: BIOGRAPHICAL 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

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