

Tonopah Mining Company Records
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Collection Summary

Title: Tonopah Mining Company Records

Inclusive Dates: 1901-1976

Bulk Dates: 1901-1907

ID No.: MSS86326

Creator: Tonopah Mining Company

Extent: 10 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: .2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Mining company. Meeting minutes, company title of incorporation, correspondence, and a clipping.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

Organizations

Tonopah Mining Company.

Subjects

Mineral industries--Nevada.

Mines and mineral resources--Nevada.

Mining corporations--Nevada--Tonopah.

Places

Nevada--History--20th century.

Tonopah (Nev.)--History.

Acquisition Information

The records of the Tonopah Mining Company were purchased by the Library of Congress in August 2019 for the Science, Technology and Business Division. They were transferred to the Manuscript Division in October 2019.

Processing History

The records of the Tonopah Mining Company were arranged and described by Elizabeth Livesey in 2020.

Other Repositories

Other records of the Tonopah Mining Company can be found in the Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley, at the Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware, and at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The records of the Tonopah Mining Company are open to research. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Tonopah Mining Company Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Administrative History

The Tonopah Mining Company was incorporated on July 12, 1901, in Smyrna, Delaware, and was managed by a group of Philadelphia financiers. Between 1902 and 1948, the company made more than \$48 million from its treatment and distribution of gold and silver ores in Tonopah, Nevada. In 1902, the company expanded to include several subsidiaries and purchased additional properties in Nevada, Colorado, Canada, and Nicaragua. The company ceased production during and immediately after World War I and saw only a marginal recovery during the 1920s and 1930s. By the 1940s Tonopah had closed many of its mines due to reduced supply, increased costs of production, and lower values of ore. The Tonopah Mining Company filed for bankruptcy and was dissolved in 1956.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Tonopah Mining Company span the years 1901-1976, with the bulk of the material dating from 1901 to 1907. The collection contains a bound ledger of handwritten meeting minutes that detail business discussions and resolutions, financial reports, and matters relating to staffing and equipment. Complementing the ledger are a photocopy of the company's certificate of incorporation, correspondence, notes, and a clipping regarding the company's history.

Arrangement of the Papers

Materials are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Container List

| Container | Contents |
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| BOX 1 | Meeting minutes, 1901, July 20-1907, May 8 |
| BOX 1 | Miscellany, 1901-1976 |