

Guide to  
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INSPIRATION COPPER COMPANY COLLECTION  
1912-1953

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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

The beginning of operations for the Inspiration Copper Co. probably began about the turn of the century, and like so many other mines, Inspiration owes its beginning to an old time prospector and his burro.

By 1908, local owners had consolidated mining claims into single holdings and secured outside capital for the development of Inspiration Mining Co. After several other mergers, the Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co. was created in 1911. Numerous constructions and preparatory projects were completed before Inspiration finally began mining operations in 1915. The Company's operations were entirely within Globe-Miami mining district in Gila County, Az.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Inspiration Copper Company Collection is, perhaps, the quintessential depository for details of a mining operation. It contains professionally prepared documents outlining all elements of mining operations, including accounting ledgers, mine diagrams, equipment manuals, mining operation valuation reports and much more.

There are documents relating to other area mines and a booklet pertaining to the Homestake Mining Enterprise in Lead, S.D. There is also a copy of the Arizona State Constitution and manuals explaining Labor and Workmen's Compensation laws.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

### Box 1

- Folder 1. 1911 report on the mining operations at Ray and Hayden, AZ
- Folder 2. 1953 report on Scraper Mining.
- Folder 3. Multiple detailed reports and statistics of mining operations.
- Folder 4. 1945 detailed valuation report of the Inspiration Copper Co.
- Folder 5. Mining reports, statistics, accounting ledgers, etc.
- Folder 6. Mining reports and statistics
- Folder 7. Company newspaper, statistics, charts, diagrams
- Folder 8. Mining reports, personnel and salary records
- Folder 9. Inspiration Mine photo index listing
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- Folder 11. Scrapbook containing articles, history, descriptions, diagrams, drawings and more, all relative to Inspiration mining operations.

### Box 2.

- Folder 12. Geological mine plans
- Folder 13. Balance sheet for Miami Copper Co. and real estate transaction form.
- Folder 14. President's report and balance sheet, Miami Copper Co.
- Folder 15. Annual reports, 1940, 1942, Miami Copper Co.
- Folder 16. Catalogue of parts for Baldwin-Westinghouse Electric Locomotive

- Folder 17. Detailed booklet describing Worthington Chemical Pumps.
- Folder 18. Booklet, multiple cylinder gasoline geared hoisting engines.
- Folder 19. Mining & Scientific Press article of Clifton-Morenci district.
- Folder 20. Depts. of Commerce & Interior Information circulars.
- Folder 21. Document regarding surface support for mining.
- Folder 22. Booklet, Occupational Disease Legislation.
- Folder 23. Constitution of the State of Arizona
- Folder 24. Booklets, Arizona Labor & Workman Compensation laws
- Folder 25. Booklet, Homestake Mining Enterprise Lead, So. Dakota.
- Folder 26. Analysis of Anaconda Mining holdings.
- Folder 27. Five mining photos.

Box 3. Seventeen printed diagrams showing directions for erecting, operating and ordering spare or repair parts for 15-ton locomotive cranes, courtesy The Brown, Hoisting Machinery Co.