

TITLE: Mowry Mines papers

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Mowry Mine, sometimes referred to as Patagonia Mine, was located in Santa Cruz County near the Mexican border. First located in 1858, it was purchased by Sylvester Mowry in 1860. He built a large operation which was interrupted in 1862 when Mowry was arrested and charged with selling lead to the Confederate army. Mowry was sent to the Yuma Territorial Prison and the mine was destroyed by Apaches during the Civil War years. New owners eventually rebuilt the mining operations in the 1880s. In 1904, Mowry Mines Company took over the property and considerable expansion and improvements were made. After several years, the operations closed down and it became a ghost town.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection is primarily the complete business correspondence and business records for the period between 1903 and 1907. The correspondence covers the ordering of all supplies and equipment, banking correspondence, supply orders and correspondence with their lawyers, Kingan and Wright. The principal correspondents for Mowry Mine are A.S. Donau and J.N. Curtis. Much of the correspondence is with R.K. Shelton with the business firm of Albert Steinfeld & Company. Also included in the collection is a mining claim from 1888 and a manuscript history of the mine written by William Wakefield in 1930.

Arranged in three series: 1. Correspondence, 1903-1906; 2. Financial records, 1905-1907; 3. Reports, history and mining claim, 1888-1976.

CONTAINER LIST:

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