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**MS 1283
New Cornelia Copper Company
1921****DESCRIPTION**

This small collection consists of a single cost statement for the New Cornelia Copper Company of Ajo, Arizona. Trial balance sheets disclose operating expenses, construction costs, supply expenditures, and treasurer/accounting report for the year ending in 1921. In addition the report has a section on personal injuries incurred in mining operations for the year and a property assessment list identifying valuation of mining equipment. Two follow-on sections contain balance sheets for the Ajo Improvement Company and the New Cornelia Cooperative Mercantile Company associated with the mining location.

1 Box, 1 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The New Cornelia Copper Company (named for John Boddie's first wife) was organized in 1890 by John Boddie and associates purchasing four claims in the Ajo Arizona area. Through the early 20th century the mine was absorbed, merged, and consolidated with other holdings. Operations were reorganized yet again in 1909 as the New Cornelia Copper Company. John C. Greenway and the Calumet and Arizona Mining Company became involved in Ajo and took over New Cornelia in 1913. Construction of a large leaching plant and related facilities in 1916 marked a new era for the mine. In the same year the New Cornelia Copper Company open pit mine became the first steam shovel enterprise in Arizona. In 1931 the mining complex was merged with the Phelps Dodge Corporation of Bisbee Arizona. Through further consolidations, technical improvements, and facilities investments the mines produced large quantities of copper ore to 1984 when it was finally closed.

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