



Guide to the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Nevada Consolidated Copper Company
Creator:	Kennecott Copper Corporation. Western Mining Division
Title:	Nevada Consolidated Copper Company Records
ID:	MS-01183
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1887 to 1978
Physical Description:	2.93 Cubic Feet (4 boxes, 1 oversized box)
Physical Description:	3.89 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Nevada Consolidated Copper Company Records (approximately 1887-1978) contain the business records of the company, including correspondence, freight bills, ledgers, maps, leaching data, and books relating to mining. The majority of the records post-date the company's name change to Kennecott Mining Company.

Preferred Citation

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Organizational History

The Nevada Consolidated Copper Company was established in November 1904 when the Boston & Nevada Copper Company and the White Pine Copper Company merged. The Nevada Consolidated Copper Company began mining in the Veteran Mine of the Robinson Mining District located near Ruth, Nevada in White Pine County. The first copper claim (the Ruth claim) was filed in 1900 and in 1902 the property was sold to Mark Requa, the manager of the Eureka & Palisade Railroad. Requa eventually became the general manager of the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company.

In May 1906, the Guggenheim family took control of the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company. The family attempted to merge the company with the Cumberland Ely-Company, but the merger was blocked and a joint company was formed instead. The two companies formed the Steptoe Valley Smelting & Mining Company and half of the Nevada Northern Railway. In December 1906 construction of the smelter and mill in McGill, Nevada began. Three hundred men were employed and the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company completed construction on cottages, barracks, dining hall, and an electric lighting plant. By mid-August 1906, the joint companies had shipped 600,000 pounds of copper to eastern markets.

By 1933, the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company was acquired by Kennecott Copper Corporation. The company name was changed to the Nevada Consolidated Copper Corporation and in 1943 changed names again to become the Nevada Mines Division of Kennecott Copper Corporation. The company would become the world's leading copper producer. However, copper production declined at the end of the 20th century due to copper prices and environmental laws. The company closed its mines in Nevada in 1978.

Sources:

"Kennecott Nevada Mines Division," UtahRails.net, July 20, 2018. <https://utahrails.net/bingham/kcc-nevada.php>.

McGlory, Ian, Katie Rierson, and Kaitlyn McKenna, "Guide to the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company Records," University of Nevada, Reno. Special Collections Department Repository, 2019. <https://archive.library.unr.edu/public/repositories/2/resources/4009>.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were purchased in 2024 and 2025 by Sarah Quigley from Greg Bock (Vigilante Rare Books); accession numbers 2024-055 and 2025-052.

Processing Note

In 2024, Sarah Jones accessioned the collection, rehoused the material, and created the collection description in ArchivesSpace. In 2025, Landon Paljusaj accessioned the collection. Sarah Jones rehoused the material and updated the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Nevada Consolidated Copper Company Photograph, 1906-1907. PH-00441. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1zj1p>

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Names and Subjects

- Mining corporations
- Copper mines and mining
- White Pine County (Nev.)
- Kennecott Copper Corporation. Western Mining Division

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Nevada Consolidated Copper Company business records, approximately 1907 to 1978	box 01 oversized box 02
Mine diagrams, telephone directory, and panoramic photograph of mining property, approximately 1910 to 1950	oversized box 02
Kennecott Copper Corporation correspondence and mine diagrams, approximately 1930 to 1959 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 03
"Coppermines - Giroux" correspondence, 1913	box 04
"Coppermines" ore tests and analysis, 1918	box 04
Kennecott Copper Corporation drilling operations binder, 1930 to 1958 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 04
"State of Nevada Report of the State Inspector of Mines", 1942, 1950 Physical Description: 2 Items	box 04
Nevada Copper Company stock and bond certificates, 1906, 1919	box 04
Mine safety rules and order booklets, 1920, 1941	box 04
<i>Modern Copper Smelting</i> by Edward D. Peters, 1887, 1895 Physical Description: 2 Items	box 05
<i>The Practice of Copper Smelting</i> by Edward D. Peters, 1911	box 05
<i>Transactions of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers</i> , 1933	box 05
<i>Metallurgy of Copper</i> by Joseph Newton and Curtis L. Wilson, 1942	box 05
<i>The Porphyry Coppers</i> by A.B. Parsons, 1933, 1957 Physical Description: 2 Items	box 05
<i>The Copper Handbook</i> vol. 10 compiled by Horace J. Stevens, 1911	box 05

Copper Manual vol. 3, 1904

box 05