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## Guide to the UNLV University Libraries Collection on Goldfield, Nevada

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Libraries. Special Collections and Archives
<b>Title:</b>	UNLV University Libraries Collection on Goldfield, Nevada
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00010
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1906 to 2009
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1906 to 1917
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.36 Cubic Feet (3 boxes, 1 flat file)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.04 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The UNLV University Libraries Collection on Goldfield, Nevada Collection dates from 1906 to 2009, with the bulk dating from 1906 to 1917 and documents the mining, business, and civic history of Goldfield, Nevada. Items in the collection include a program from the Nelson-Gans boxing match, a letter from H. M. Yerington describing the miners' strike, mine prospectuses, and minutes from the Goldfield Woman's Club.

### Preferred Citation Note

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## Historical Background

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Prospecting in the Goldfield area revealed gold deposits as early as 1900, but the area surged in popularity following large ore shipments beginning in late 1903. By 1906, Goldfield was the largest city in Nevada with a population of approximately 20,000 people. The city hosted the Gans-Nelson boxing match in 1906. George Wingfield and George Nixon invested in many of the Goldfield mines and formed the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company. Tension between labor and the

Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company culminated in a strike in 1907. John Sparks, the governor of Nevada, requested federal troops from President Roosevelt to prevent violence. United States Army troops arrived in Goldfield in December 1907. Following the strike, stock in Goldfield mines continued to decline and the city entered a period of decline. The population dropped rapidly and a fire in 1923 burned much of the city. As of 2021, Goldfield has a population of approximately 359 people.

Source:

*Online Nevada Encyclopedia*, "Goldfield." June 8, 2012. Accessed December 17, 2018, <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/goldfield>.

"Goldfield, NV," Data USA. Accessed April 26, 2021, <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/goldfield-nv>.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged by topic.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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## Acquisition Note

This is an artificial collection. Materials were gathered or purchased by the Director of Special Collections starting in the late 1970s; accession number MS10. Additional materials were donated in 1972 and in 1974 by Elizabeth Warren and Catherine Miller; accession number 74-211. In 2021, materials were purchased from Vigilante Rare Documents; accession number 2021-036.

## Processing Note

Collection was originally processed in 1996 by Special Collections staff. In 2015, Joyce Moore added material to the collection and revised it to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Angela Moor rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2021, Tammi Kim minimally processed the 2021 addition and updated the finding aid.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

C. A. Earle Rinker Collection, 1880-1960. MS-00514. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Clyde S. Barcus and Edith Giles Papers, 1848-1978. MS-00206. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company Records, 1904-1930. MS-00744. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

- Mineral industries
- Gold mines and mining
- Women -- Nevada -- Goldfield -- Societies and clubs
- Goldfield (Nev.) -- History
- Goldfield (Nev.) -- Social life and customs
- Woman's Club of Goldfield (Goldfield, Nev.)

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Goldfield, Nevada Edition de Luxe, picture book published by Clark Engraving and Printing Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, undated	box 01
Goldfield, Nevada- Stories, typescripts, undated	box 01
Emerson, Willis George, "The Nevada Bonanzas of Today," One of the Them, "Goldfield and the Goldfielders," Out West, 1907 February	box 01
Official Program, Nelson-Gans boxing match, 1906 September 03	box 01
The Joshua Palm, Thanksgiving Number, Goldfield High School, 1908	box 01
BPOE Lodge 1072, membership card and ballot, 1915, 1921	box 01
Goldfield Woman's Club, minutes, 1906 September 28- 1914 April 09	box 01
Goldfield Woman's Club, Minutes, 1919 October 09-1923 May 24	box 01
Goldfield Woman's Club, Shakespeare Section, minutes, 1907 January 19-1907 May 13	box 01
Goldfield Woman's Club, revised constitution and by-laws, 1923 February 08	box 01
Goldfield Woman's Club, amendment to by-laws, undated	box 01
Sons and Daughters of Erin, program, first annual ball, 1906 March 17	box 01
Postcards received by Edith Thompson and her son, Leonard Thompson, 1907-1910	box 01
Letters, envelopes, and blank letterhead from Goldfield businesses, 1907-1910	box 01
Letter from H.M. Yerington about the Goldfield labor strike, 1907 December 14	box 01
Counter check, John S. Cool and Co., bankers, undated	box 01
Receipts from Goldfield area businesses, 1906-1915	box 01
Receipts and bank records, 1906-1916	box 01

Registry return receipts, Goldfield Branch State Bank and Trust Company, 1906-1908	box 01
Dunnigan, E.O., receipts, 1908	box 01
Goldfield auto camp, mileage card, undated	box 01
Goldfield Mascot Mining Co., prospectus, approximately 1906	box 02
Brief history of the Goldfield Rex Mining Co., undated	box 02
Forward Mining Development Co., prospectus, Goldfield and Bullfrog, Nevada, undated	box 02
Assay certificates, 1909 November 05, 1910 December 01	box 02
Stock certificates for Goldfield Mining Companies, 1906-1907	box 02
Goldfield Black Buttes Mining Company, prospectus, undated	box 02
Mines stock information and advertisements, 1907	box 02
Kendall Gold Mining Company lease, 1908 February 01	box 02
Cruse, C.S., Report on Mining Property in the Goldfield district, Nevada, thesis for Minnesota School of Mines, 1911	box 02
Ledger, Sewer and Water, 1910 November-1915 January	box 02
Goldfield Sewer receipts, 1915-1916	box 02
Goldfield Consolidated Water Company, Contract for Water Connection and rental, 1906-1907	box 02
Goldfield Consolidated Water Company, Meter ledgers, 1911-1917	box 02
Goldfield Consolidated Water Company vs. Nevada Tax Commission, transcript, 1915 November 05-06	box 02
Tonopah and Goldfield Railroad, price list, company credit card, 1916	box 02
Scrapbook: Souvenirs from Goldfield, collected by T.L. McCullough, presented to the Mining Association of the Southwest, 1942	box 02
Goldfield Enterprise and Esmeralda County News, 1958 November	box 02
National Park Service, Goldfield, Nevada Reconnaissance Survey, 2009 May	box 02
Mining and stock market newsletters, prospectuses, offerings received by H. J. Heitmann of Savannah, Georgia, 1911 to 1914	box 03
Gold Horn Mining Company minute book, 1904	box 03
Johann Boesch, Columbia & Goldfield correspondence, 1911 to 1914 Language of the Material: German	box 03
<i>Map of Goldfield Mining District, City Map, History of the Camp</i> booklet, 1907	box 03
Fire Box Stations: signage for different mine levels, approximately 1900 to 1910	flat file 04

"Code of Mine Signals State of Nevada" and "Electrical Apparatus" warning signs, approximately 1900 to 1910	flat file 04
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