

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Pittman Tom L., Collector, 1909-1992

Papers of the Kennecott Copper Mining Corporation, 1920-1942

MS 133

1-5 inch manuscript box

0.4 linear ft.

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Acquisitions: The records were received from Tom Pittman's wife, Pamela Pittman, through Willette Janes of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, in January 1993 (Acc. No. 93-35). Willette Janes made another addition to the records in 1995 (Acc # 95-69).

Access: The collection is unrestricted.

Copyright: Request for permission to publish material from the collection must be discussed with the Librarian. Photocopying does not constitute permission to publish.

Processing: A large binder, three notebooks and a folder of loose materials were received. The loose materials were separated by type of publication or record. Three photograph negatives were removed to the Kinne collection (PCA 116). The second accession comprises Folder 5 and Folder 6 with the two requisition books.

Biography

Tom L. Pittman was born at Lewistown, Montana on December 19, 1909. After receiving a M.S. in metallurgical engineering from the University of Washington in 1933, he worked on mining projects in the U.S. and Africa. In 1957, he joined the U.S. Bureau of Mines at Juneau, Alaska, and in 1980 became State Minerals Officer. In this capacity, Tom Pittman obtained the Kennecott

Copper Mining Corp. records. Known not only for his knowledge of mineralogy and mining lore, he was active in the Juneau community and an avid skier until very late in life. He and his wife of 56 years, Pamela Fergus Pittman, had three children. He died on November 2, 1992.

Scope and Content

The collection primarily consists of Kennecott Mine operation records ranging from 1920 to 1942. Besides monthly mine production data, there are employee payroll and nationality reports for 1927-1935. Surveying, hospital and administrative records are also included, as well as a small amount of correspondence and a territorial publication. The addition includes various business records including samples of invoices received and two requisition books.

Inventory

Folder 1 Kennecott Copper Corporation hospital records, 1920-1925 (48 items)
Scattered dates for surname beginning with 'G'

Folder 2 Kennecott Copper Corporation records (1920, 1936-38, 1942) (56 items)
Operation records such as time sheets, daily reports of abstract shift boss, blacksmith, hoistman and powderman, and main level tramming. Also includes 3 letters, sample tickets, Mother Lode tag, blank forms, official Democratic ballot for primary election (4/28/36) and Sanitation; rules and regulations of the Ter.Dept.of Health, 1937, 31 p.

Folder 3 Bonanza Mine binder, Dec. 1927-Aug. 10, 1932; July 10, 1935 (1 item)
Includes: nationality reports, employee lists, material reports, powder inventories, Mother Lode sampling, exploration & development report/work, etc.

Folder 4 Kennecott Copper Corporation notebooks, ca. 1922-1938 (3 items)

1. Monthly Stope Survey Notes for February 1930
2. Record of Blue Prints Issued, April 1, 1922 to 1938
3. Charge Numbers (notebook of charge codes), no date

Folder 5 Miscellaneous Business records, mostly samples of invoices received

Folder 6 Requisition books dated 1914 and 1918, respectively.

Acc. #2004-46, donated by Sharon Baker

Folder 7 Memorabilia (separated from Acc. #2004-46): Envelope with "Bonanza Mine" in bold red letters on front