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Guide to Collection

Hirst-Chichagof Mining Company.

Hirst-Chichagof Mining Company Records, 1920-1965.

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2nd series 9 folders

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Deposits were discovered in 1905, located by Peter Romanoff, Andrew Dixon, and Bernard Hirst, all of Sitka. Bernard Hirst bought out partners in 1917. In 1920, D. J. Williams was retained to make an examination of property for the Company. 1921 company officers: president, W.A. Castleton; vice-president, D.J. Williams; and directors: Goon Dip, Lew G. Kay, C.W. Fries, and A.V. Williams. Mining began in 1922 and was practically continuous until World War II. Production through 1938 was about 87,980 oz. gold and 20,000 oz. silver; probably some lead and possibly some copper recovered at smelter. Only one of the major ore shoots crops out at surface where it is too lean to mine. Mine developed on at least 12 levels. Much of the ore was ribbon rock (layers of quartz separated by thin bands of slaty material). Located in Chichagof district, on Chichagof Island.

-Source: Cobb, Edward H., Summary of References to Mineral Occurrences (Other than Mineral Fuels and Construction Materials) in the Sitka Quadrangle, Alaska. U.S./ Department of Interior. Geological Survey, 1978 (Open-file Report 78-450)

The Hirst Chichagof mine was located about 50 miles north of Sitka; the mining company's property consisted of 37 claims on approximately 700 acres on Doolth Mountain.

-Source: UAF Hirst Chichagof Mining Company Collection Scope and Content note.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Files include company correspondence of Bernard Hirst, Daniel J. Williams, and later managers, financial records, employee records, including income tax report summaries for miners, reports on smeltings, a few assays, operating costs, and order and receipt files from supply companies.

SUBJECTS

1. Hirst-Chichagof Mining Co.
2. Gold Mines and Mining--Alaska--Chichagof Island.
3. Silver Mines and Mining--Alaska--Chichagof Island
4. Hirst, Bernard
5. Williams, Daniel J.

INVENTORY**Series 1**

Folder #	Description
1	Bernard Hirst Files, 1920-1924
2	Daniel J. Williams Files, 1930-1931
3	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence, 1930
4	Incoming Correspondence, 1931-1941
5	Miscellaneous, 1942-1943
6	Operating Costs, smelter reports, 1939-1943
7	U.S. Forest Service. Timber Sales Agreements, 1922-1928
8	Accidents
9	Assays
10	Income Tax Returns, 1924-1929
11	Payroll: B.M. Behrends Bank
12	Alaska Employment Compensation Commission
13	Maps and Geology
Company Bill Files	
14	Alaska Meat Company
15	Alaska Steam Laundry
16	Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company
17	Black Manufacturing Company
18	Coeur d'Alene Hardware Company
19	First National Bank
20	General Electric Supply Company
21	Goldstein's Emporium
22	Hidden Falls Lumber Co.
23	Ingersoll-Rand Company
24	Klag Mining Co.
25	Miscellaneous Companies
26	Ruth Company
27	Standard Oil Company
28	U. S. Rubber Co., Goodrich Rubber Co.
29	West Coast Grocery Co.
30	John A. Whalley Co.

Series 2

Folder #	Description
1	Balance Sheets May 31, 1925 December 31, 1940
2	Clippings <i>Congress group Asks Gold Mine Reopening</i> <i>War-Hit Gold Mines May Get Aid from U.S.</i> <i>Important Meeting of American Mining Congress Sept. 16-19</i> <i>Hirst-Chichagof Ore Shoot Widens</i>
3	Correspondence (1924-1968) November 6 th , 1924 Dear Murray [Missing page/s] December 10 th , 1925 To Irving M. Clark from Harry T. Hamilton April 10, 1926 from Goon Dip & Company December 29, 1925 To Irving M. Clark from H. T. Hamilton September 27, 1934 To Lew G. Kay from Irving M. Clark January 8, 1935 To Mr. Kay January 18, 1935 To Irving M. Clark from Lew G. Kay February 27, 1935 Unidentified December 19, 1935 Hirst-Chichagof September 30 & December 22, 1938 Unidentified June 1940 Hirst-Chichagof August 23, 1943 To Lew G. Kay from Irving M. Clark August 1, 1960 To George A. Meagher, Daniel G. Goon, and Lew Kay. From Selander, Clark & Leavitt, Irving Clark, Jr. July 12, 1967 To Wallace LewKay from Irving Clark Jr. February 29, 1968 To Furgus from Irving Clark Jr. (Irv) July 12, 1967 To Daniel G. Goon from Irving Clark Jr. September 28, 1967 To Pearse M. Walsh from Walter R. Hibbard Jr. [2 c.] September 27, 1967 To Pearse M. Walsh from E. L. Bartlett September 22, 1967 To E. L. Barlett from [?], Acting Director September 21, 1967 To E. L. Bartlett from Walter R. Hibbard Jr.
4	Legal Papers (January 5, 1951)
5	Manuscript – speech <i>Remarks of Walter R. Hibbard, Jr., Director, Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, Before the Reno Chapter, American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers, Reno, Nevada, September 9, 1967</i>
6	Memoranda (1925-1967)
7	Reports – General (1940, 1936)
8	Reports to stockholders (1925-1955)
9	Stock certificate (1924)