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Alaska Empire Gold Mining Company

Hawk Inlet Gold Mining Company

Records of the Alaska Empire Gold Mining Company, 1937

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**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Alaska Empire Gold Mining Company, also called Hawk Inlet Gold Mining Company, is located on Admiralty Island, some 20 miles southwest of Juneau near Hawk Inlet. (U.S. Geological Survey Bull. 330-A, p. 17).

This lode gold property was located in 1919 by Charles Williams. In 1926 there were ninety-six claims located and surveyed extending north-northwesterly direction 3 ½ miles from the cove west of the basin at the head of Hawk Inlet. Two cabins and a floating wharf are at the beach. A pack road runs 1 ½ miles north-northwest to a camp with a bunk house, assay office, and blacksmith shop. (U.S. Geological Survey Bull. 783, pp. 7, 41-44, 47-50: history, diags., map).

A large number of well-defined quartz fissure veins are being prospected. Low to medium grade ore is found in these veins. Samples from one vein assayed from \$1-20 a ton.

In 1933 following renovation of equipment, the mill operated a month, recovering mill bullion and shipping some concentrates to a smelter in the states for treatment. (U.S. Geological Survey Bull. 864-A, p. 17).

In 1936 and 1938, 1940 the gold lode development with mill employed 17 persons. (Alaska Dept. of Mines. Report of the Commissioner, 1936, 1938, 1940).

In 1939 the mine produced the greatest amount of lode gold in the area. It has long been active on a small scale and reports indicate attempts are being made to increase scope of operation. (U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin, 926-A, p. 18).

A crew of 5 was employed for the mine operation in 1946. (Alaska Dept. of Mines. Report of the Commissioner, 1946, p. 36).

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Correspondence from the Alaska Empire Gold Mining Company is their file for 1937 arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or subject concerned with in the letter. For example, under 'M' are letters by H. W. Merrin, the mining company superintendent. Under 'G' are a number of letters written about W. W. Gibson of San Francisco and problems regarding equipment purchased from him.

Several exceptions should be noted. Under 'F' are letters from 1935-1937 regarding application for radio construction and licensing under the Federal Communications Commission. Under 'S' and 'T' are filed the mining company gold license from the U.S. Treasury Department for 1937-1939; Alaska Unemployment

Compensation Report for 1939; and payroll information.

There is correspondence concerning W. S. Pekovich and the Admiralty-Alaska Gold Mining Company at Funter Bay in this file.

The correspondence is primarily concerned with payment of bills and work at the mine with major correspondents being H. W. Merrin and Henry Roden, the company's president and treasurer. Henry Roden was also a member of Alaska's Territorial Senate, an Attorney General from 1941-1944, and Territorial Treasurer, 1949-1954.

ALASKA EMPIRE GOLD MINING COMPANY. CORRESPONDENCE, 1937.  
1 box, 3 ¼ in.