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HECLA CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY COLLECTION, 1877–1888; 1951

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Hecla Consolidated Mining Co. was organized January, 1877, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The mines are located in the Glendale, Montana area. After the first five years of mining it was discovered that the mines were not as mineral rich as the owners had hoped. The operation was losing money until Henry Knippenberg took over as General Manager and was able to pay off all debts and saved the business. The company is still in operation with four mines in the United States and is the largest producer of pure silver in the country.

Source:

Information in Collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The first item is a slip of paper that states Hecla Consolidated Mining Co. , Incorporated 1877. On the side the date is written March 23, 1883.

The second item is a postcard to James P. sent by R.J.H. R.J.H has written some calculations on the card. (03/03/1881)

The third item is a grocery list that states the product, the quantity, and how much they cost. Lion City, Montana sometime within the 1880's. (date unknown)

The fourth item is a work contract between S.A.B and E.G Atkins.(11/29/1880)

The fifth item is a letter written by R.B. Thomas to Sam Barbour regarding business dealings. (08/08/1877)

The sixth item is a Certificate of Assay. Stamped Glendale. MT, May 2, 1877. It gives the calculations of Oz. of Silver to 2,000 lbs. Signed by Byron H. Cook.

The seventh item is a letter written by R.J. Thomas to Sam A. Barbour regarding business affairs. (04/17/1877)

The eighth item is a letter written by M. Armstrong to Sam A. Barbour also regarding operations. (03/10/1879)

The ninth item is a letter written by G.G. Earle to S.A. Barbour asking for a type of powder for the mines. (10/06/1879)

The tenth item is a letter written by Merritt Potter to B.H. Leook asking for money in regard to P.M. Jones. (10/01/1879)

The eleventh item is written by E.C. Atkins to H. Knippenberg discussing money being exchanged and borrowed. (02/09/1888)

The twelfth item is a receipt from H.W. Kappes, wholesale and retail. (10/19/1884)

The thirteenth item is a receipt from Thomas, Armstrong & Co., a seller of groceries, dry goods, and clothes. (07/09/1882)

The fourteenth item is a itemized list of material H. Knippenberg needs for his department; written to J.P. (unknown date)

The fifteenth item is a letter written by R.J. Thomas to Sam A. Barbour talking about the price of goods, and comparing prices between clients. (date unknown)

The sixteenth item is a picture of H. Knippenberg's home in Glendale. Montana. Taken June, 1951.

The seventeenth item is the obituary of Henry Knippenberg who passed at the age of 81. (04/17/1924)

The eighteenth item is a Indiana University library manuscript collection relating to business history. The paper list firms and businessmen all over Indiana. (date unknown)

The nineteenth item is a Holiday Supplement to The Dillon Tribune. The article give the history of Hecla Consolidated Mining Co. (01/01/1886)

The twentieth, twenty-first, and twenty-second items are manuscripts that H. Knippenberg typed out in which he addresses a colleague who is extremely lazy and unwilling to put in manual work. H.K. proceeds to say how manual labor is honorable and god's work, so stop being so snooty. (11/27/1885)

The twenty-third item is a manuscript that gives a synopsis of Judge R.L. Thomas's life.

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