

From: "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu>
To: jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov
Date: 10/20/2011 11:21 AM
Subject: RE: Walker Mine -- file attached

Hello Jeff,

The rest of the scans have been prepared and burned to a disc and you should be receiving it shortly.

Neither I or my student assistant have found much in the way of correspondence or other documentation that refers directly to the mine's closure in 1941. There seems to be several significant gaps in the correspondence files; I looked at a few by accident that weren't in the batch you requested and there were letters from the 1950s, if my memory serves. These pertained mostly to trying to drum up interest in someone purchasing the land, though it seems that it was difficult to find a buyer.

We could try to go through the files that you didn't request to see if there's anything pertinent, just let me know.

Let me know if you don't receive the disc within the next week--we'll track it down.

Best wishes,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 2:51 PM
To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: RE: Walker Mine -- file attached

I have all three now. Thank you!

One last thing. I still have not seen much in the way of correspondence that discusses the decision to halt mining operations at the Walker Mine and close the mine. The closest thing I have in the files that you have sent is the attached letter from Clyde Weed to J.R. Hobbins dated 21 August 1941.

It is my understanding that the mine was closed in late October of 1941, but I would really like to see correspondence related to the closure. This discussion at the level of Sales, Weed, Kelly, or Hobbins must have taken place between the 21 August 1941 date and up through October of 1941, and quite possibly all the way through December 7th 1941. Have you run across anything on this?

Thanks,

Jeff H.

>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 10/17/2011 1:34 PM >>>
Hi Jeff,

I've just sent it again; let me know if don't receive it and we'll just plan to burn it to a disc with the remaining files. You should now have a total of 3 Anaconda files.

Best,
Rachael

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 11:25 AM
To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: RE: Walker Mine -- file attached

Hi Rachael, got the first two emails and attached files. Have not yet seen the third. Thanks, Jeff H.

>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 10/17/2011 9:17 AM >>>
Hi Jeff,

Attached is the larger file--we'll burn this one to a disc for you as well.

Best wishes,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 2:20 PM
To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: RE: Walker Mine -- last batch of descriptions

Rachael,

Regarding file 91601.01. If the file is just receipt/transmission for various reports and maps then I probably don't need that. However, if you find any additional correspondence from Kelly regarding the Walker Mine it would be of interest.

Thanks,

Jeff H.

>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 10/13/2011 12:39 PM >>>
Hi Jeff,

We'll get started on that order right away; in the meantime, I have a quick question for you. Your reply included "91601.01--Kelley correspondence from 1924--all are receipt acknowledgment or notification of transmission"--but it was tacked on after the previous item. The materials in 91601.01 are all notices of receipt/transmission for various reports and maps. We can scan them if you like, but I just wanted to make sure that you intended to order them.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns, and I'll get you those files as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

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From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
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To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: Re: Walker Mine -- last batch of descriptions

Hi Rachael,

I would like to have the following files scanned and sent to us at your earliest convenience.

16201.01--89 pages--Memos and correspondence from 1925-1926 re: core samples, mine visits, ore discovery, development, the "situation" at the mine, including a letter of complaint from Sales to Wraith
16201.03--39 pages--correspondence re: development, mine shut down in 1938
16202.01--12 pages--correspondence and memo on development at the mine
16304.01--7 pages, 1915 report by John F. Cowan
16304.08--9 pages--Report by F. Hamilton, Consulting Engineer (possibly report done by the state?)
16406.02--12 pages--Corr. from 1924-1941 about the mine and some of its neighbors; in a Dec. 1941 letter, Kelley to Walker dismisses the value of a non-specified property
16539.01--5 pages--Correspondence b/w Perry, Weed, Elton, Gidel, and Dugan
1601.01--Kelley correspondence from 1924--all are receipt acknowledgment or notification of transmission

This next batch will likely be all we need, so this would be a good time to send me an invoice at the address listed below.

Thanks for now.

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>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 10/6/2011 3:39 PM >>>
Hi Jeff,

As promised here are the descriptions for the last files you requested.

14424--31 pages--correspondence re: properties in Plumas and Mono County and their buying/selling--not explicitly Walker Mine (from what I could tell, it seemed that these were for neighboring mining properties)
16103.01--12 pages--Walker Extension--Fall 1944--correspondence soliciting buyers
16103.11--6 pages--Crescent Mills Mining District in Plumas County
16103.12--13 pages--Hollopeter Copper Prospect

16103.25--4 pages--Carmack Mine in Plumas County
16201.01--89 pages--Memos and correspondence from 1925-1926 re: core samples, mine visits, ore discovery, development, the "situation" at the mine, including a letter of complaint from Sales to Wraith
16201.02--35 pages--correspondence re: development and production
16201.03--39 pages--correspondence re: development, mine shut down in 1938
16406.02--12 pages--Corr. from 1924-1941 about the mine and some of its neighbors; in a Dec. 1941 letter, Kelley to Walker dismisses the value of a non-specified property
16407.03--7 pages--Memo re: Diethelm prospect
16537.01--9 pages--1981 reports/memo by Terry Winnett (from Anaconda NV office) re: Genessee District
16537.02--8 pages--October 1941 report by E.C. Stephens on prospects north of the Walker Mine
16539.01--5 pages--Correspondence b/w Perry, Weed, Elton, Gidel, and Dugan
91702--2 pages flagged, 1939 correspondence from Droubay to Lyon re: ore reserve progress; approximately 6 linear inches of monthly advance reports with maps and plans
91703--45 pages--Correspondence from Droubay, 1940s, re: development progress reports

Do let me know what else I can help with; the disc with the first scans will go out in tomorrow's mail.

Best wishes,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 12:19 PM
To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: RE: Anaconda Materials -- Walker Mine

Thank you Rachael, it all looks very promising. Before I have you scan the information below, it might be helpful for me to review some of the material that you have already scanned. Can you tell me when that will be available? Thanks, Jeff H.

>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 10/6/2011 11:08 AM >>>
Hello Jeff,

I've got the next batch of materials for you:

16202.01--99 pages--correspondence re: early development at the mine, 1923-1937; recommendations for development; memo about development--lots of the same players as other files--Elton, Droubay, Sales, Walker, and others
16202.01--12 pages--correspondence and memo on development at the mine
16303--patent application for Walker mine--probably close to 40 pages
16304.01--7 pages, 1915 report by John F. Cowan
16304.02--12 pages, 1923 report to Hart from Billingsley
16304.05--11 pages, Jan. 1920--Geologic Report on Recent Development by M.H. Gidel
16304.06--6 pages, report on "Walker Brothers Consolidated Copper Company" by D.D. McClellan--Nov. 1929
16304.08--9 pages--Report by F. Hamilton, Consulting Engineer (possibly report done by the state?)
16304.03, 16304.04, 16304.09, 16304.11, 16304.14, 16304.18, 16304.20, 16304.22,
16304.29-16304.32--All reports by Anaconda Company on the Walker mine--1 linear inch of material, all bunched together in one larger file--includes mine recommendations, official reports, termed "letters."

Many by Billingsley, Tom Lyon, to J.O. Elton, to B.B. Thayer; one from Sales to Wraith, 1925
16304.13--10 pages--M.H. Gidel Report, 1923
16304.15--6 pages--report by Electrical Prospecting Corp. of America
16304.17--2 pages--Abstract of reports, 1971
16304.19--11 pages--Report on facilities (for workers, buildings, equipment, power plant, etc.)
16304.21--8 pages--report, "Comments on Some Copper Prospects North of the Walker Mine," Oct. 1941
16304.24--12 pages--letter to Wraith, 9/1915
16304.25--14 pages--letter to Wraith from Hart
16304.27--10 pages--"Breaking Ore with Diamond Drill Holes at the Walkermine" (1939-1940) report
16304.29--92 pages--Diamond Drill reports, 1940-1941
91601.01--Kelley correspondence from 1924--all are receipt acknowledgement or notification of transmission
91601.02--Weekly reports, 1929-1930--18 linear inches
91601.03--Period reports, 1925
91601.04--Period reports, 1926
91601.05--Period reports, 1927
91601.06--Period reports, 1928
91601.07--Period reports, 1931
91601.08--Period reports, 1932
91601.09--Period reports, 1936
91601.10--Period reports, 1936 (additional)
91701--Correspondence--mostly acknowledgement of receipt of reports/maps; notice of transmission of reports; period reports, monthly reports for 1936-1941--one file folder--probably 6 linear inches

There should be just one more batch left; I'll get those to you by the end of the day tomorrow. And the scans as well; I'll try to get those out to you by the end of the day tomorrow, too.

Hope that this is helpful; do let me know if you need any additional information.

Best wishes,
Rachael

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2011 12:04 PM
To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: RE: Anaconda Materials -- Walker Mine

Hi Rachael,

It would be very helpful if I knew the names of the authors of the reports and correspondence you have referenced below. Could we have a quick phone call to sort that out?

Thanks,

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>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 10/3/2011 10:55 AM >>>
Hi Jeff,

Wonderful! We'll start on those scans today.

I have here the next batch of descriptions for you.

301: 50 pages of reports and correspondence on where to drill, where holes have been drilled, development, sampling, and progress report for Oct. 1940

302.01: 29 pages--reports and correspondence re: ore bodies, development report for January 1941, how to save on costs, recommendations for operation of mine, starting/stopping mining operations, broken ore reserves

302.02: 29 pages--reports and correspondence re: geology of Walker Mine, situation and geological composite of Piute Ore Boyd, progress/development report for July 1941

303.01: 34 pages--correspondence about the owners' intent for the mine (selling, etc.), correspondence that (if I read it correctly), alludes to Anaconda's 51% ownership in Walker, progress reports from September and August 1941.

304--All about Montana mines

Hope that helps to give you an idea of what we have in the files; let me know if you'd like to proceed with duplication of those items as well.

Best wishes,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2011 8:44 AM
To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: RE: Anaconda Materials -- Walker Mine

pdf is great!

>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 10/3/2011 7:40 AM >>>
Hi Jeff,

We'll go ahead and copy those files--would you prefer PDF scans or print copies? If the files are too large to email (over 5MB), then we'll burn them to a disc and send it through the mail.

Let me know which you prefer, and we'll get them to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

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From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2011 7:39 AM
To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: RE: Anaconda Materials -- Walker Mine

Good morning Rachael,

We are interested in the date range from 1913 when the mine was purchased by Anaconda to when the mine was sold in the mid 1940s.

Regarding correspondence and reports detailing the management of the mine, if you find information that shows day to day management of the mining operations by Anaconda (where and how to drill), we are definitely interested in that.

Please go ahead and copy files 219, 220, and 221. They look promising.

Thank you for your assistance.

Jeff H.

>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 9/29/2011 2:54 PM >>>
Dear Jeff,

One other question for you--are you interested in all date ranges, or just the late 1930s onward?

Best,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rachael A. Dreyer
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:59 PM
To: 'Jeff Huggins'
Subject: Anaconda Materials -- Walker Mine

Hi Jeff,

Thanks for speaking with me on the phone yesterday; it was quite helpful to hear what you were hoping to find in the files. I'm writing with a follow-up question. You mentioned the letter dated July 1st,



1941--great date recall! I was able to find the letter and it did give me a good idea of what you're looking for--it included information on the longer-range plans for the mine, as well as some technical recommendations for continued operations.

My question is this: with regard to correspondence and reports detailing the management of the mine, are you interested in the technical recommendations for mine operations to a secondary degree? Where and how to drill? Or, are you more interested in the items that are more big-picture? The mine closing, workers losing their jobs, costs rising and outputs decreasing? I've found a fair number of both, not always in the same report or letter.

File 219 has correspondence and reports about how to manage the mine's output--18 pages
File 220 has reports and correspondence on management decisions and options to drill (plus the Jul. 1, 1939 letter)--48 pages
File 221 has similar types of material--recommendations on where/how to drill; maintain output of the mine--37 pages

Right now, I've got these materials flagged for easy duplication. I'll be in touch with the next update soon.

Best wishes,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 8:03 AM
To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: RE: Anaconda Membership

Good morning Rachael,

Thank you for your quick response on the review we requested. I apologize for not providing you with a little more detail about what we are searching for before you got started. We are trying to determine Anaconda's level of control/management/ownership of the Walker Mine.

We believe that information pertaining to control/management/ownership of the Walker Mine might be found in certain correspondence files and possibly in some of the reports. At this time, maps may not be needed.

Regarding file 16202 (production reports), maybe a sampling of a few of the production reports (1920's and 1930s) might prove interesting.

It maybe helpful to have a brief phone call regarding the best way to accomplish the above. Is there a particular time that is best for you?

Regards,

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>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 9/26/2011 7:41 PM >>>
Dear Jeff,

Since there are so many files, I thought that I'd break them up into smaller chunks and send you a summary of the file contents as I finish reviewing them.

219--no subfiles marked, so here is a count for entire file: 102 pages correspondence and reports on Walker Mine and what I estimate to be approximately 100 square feet of maps

220-- no subfiles marked, so here is a count for entire file: 175 pages correspondence and reports on Walker/Plumas County; 26 square feet of maps

221--I went through and tried to find which materials corresponded to what you'd requested since no subfiles were marked: it looks like for the reports and correspondence written by or to Weed, Sales, and Droubay, there are approximately 87 pages plus about 15 square feet of maps. There is also a packet of two maps labeled, "Walker Mining Company, Annual Ore Reserves, January 1, 1940. Piute Ore Body, 712 Ore Body, North Ore Body, Central Ore Body, and South Ore Body."

301--Again, no subfiles marked. This file looked to be correspondence and reports by Droubray

302--only subfiles 1-3 available. 302.01--Correspondence and reports--61 pages and 2 maps

303--no subfiles marked. Walker Mine, Walker Consolidated, Native Son Claim, McConnell Prospect--56 pages plus 1 larger map

304.01--Deals with the Beal Property, German Gulch, Silver Bow County, MT. I didn't do a page count for this file because it was a Montana mine, but I'm happy to do so if that's what you are in fact looking for.

I had a student help me with the next files and here is what she found:

Correspondence and reports:

14424.01--36 pages

16102.01--2 pages

16102.02--5 pages

16103.01--6 pages

16103.11--10 pages and 1 map

16103.12--21 pages

16103.25--4 pages

16201.01--281 pages and 2 maps

16201.02--329 pages and 1 map

16201.03--198 pages

16201.04--111 and 1 map

She briefly looked at file 16202 and estimates that there are approximately 800 pages in that file. Is there any way that we can help you to narrow the data down? Let me know if you are willing to share any additional information that might allow us to further narrow the search for you. For instance, are you primarily interested in maps? Correspondence? Reports? If there's anything that we can do to help, do let me know.

Later this week, I'll be in touch with additional information about the rest of the files.

Best wishes,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:59 AM
To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: RE: Anaconda Membership

Good morning Rachael,

The files we are interested in mainly concern the Walker Mine in Plumas County California. As you suggested, it may be best for you to look at the files first to see the type of information they contain before we request copies. The file numbers and subfile numbers are as follows:

219, 4
219, 5
220, 1
220, 4
220, 5
220, 6
220, 7
221, 1
221, 2
221, 6
301, 1
302, 1
302, 4
302, 5
302, 6
302, 7
303, 1
303, 4
304, 1
14424, 1
16102, 1
16102, 2
16103, 1
16103, 11
16103, 12
16103, 25
16201, 1
16201, 2
16201, 3
16201, 4
16202, 1
16202, 2
16303, 1
16304, 1
16304, 2
16304, 3
16304, 5
16304, 6

16304, 7
16304, 8
16304, 9
16304, 10
16304, 11
16304, 12
16304, 22
16304, 22
16304, 25
16406, 2
16407, 3
16537, 2
16539, 1
16539, 4
16546, 2
16561, 1
91601, 1
91701, 1
91702, 1
91703, 1
92001, 4
129201, 14
129201, 24
129201, 28
135809, 1

Its quite a long list. Lets see what's in the files and see if we can trim it down.

Many thanks,

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>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 9/20/2011 1:04 PM >>>
Hello Jeff,

Thanks for your message--I'll confirm payment with our billing office and then we can get started on your order. In the meantime, you can search for relevant documents using our online database, available here: <http://digitalcollections.uwyo.edu/anaconda/>. This is a beta release, but we think that it enables us to better serve our Anaconda patrons than the old database. Once you know the file numbers for the documents you'd like, you can email me and we will pull the files or maps you've requested. I can give you a description of what the files or maps contain, as well as a cost estimate for the scanning/copying.

Next, we'll either copy or scan them, depending on your preferences. If we scan them, we'll send them on a disc since the files are quite large.

Do let me know if you have any questions about the database, or the next steps that would be required.

Best wishes,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 11:05 AM
To: Rachael A. Dreyer
Subject: RE: Anaconda Membership

Hi Rachael,

My understanding is that our State Government Agency Membership to the Anaconda Geological Documents Collection has recently been paid (Invoice #11014). Could you tell me how we go about requesting copies of documents that we would like to obtain?

Regards,

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>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 7/28/2011 1:33 PM >>>
Hi Jeff,

Thank you for following up with me on the invoice. When it's paid, I'll try and let you know immediately so that you can access the collection as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 11:39 AM

To: Rachael A. Dreyer

Subject: RE: Anaconda Membership

Rachael,

I sent the invoice off to the State of California accounting department for their approval (yikes!). You should hear from them in the next few weeks about approving and paying the invoice. I will try and keep on top of it from my end also.

Regards,

>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 7/27/2011 10:38 AM >>>

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for contacting the American Heritage Center to begin a membership to the Anaconda Geological Documents Collection. Attached, you will find a welcome letter, detailing the benefits of your membership as well as an invoice for the cost of the membership. If you'd like to pay by credit card, you may contact me and I can assist you with this payment method.

Again, please let me know if I can offer additional assistance or answer any questions that you might have.

Best wishes,

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From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 9:24 AM

To: Rachael A. Dreyer

Subject: Re: Anaconda Membership

Hi Rachael,

Thank you for your quick response. We have a general idea of the research conducted in the late 1990s and are looking to see how we can better refine what type of documents we still need. Once we have our membership confirmed, I will contact you to see how to best narrow down our search.

Regards,

Jeff S Huggins

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>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 7/27/2011 8:14 AM >>>
Hello Jeff,

Thank you for contacting the American Heritage Center with your request for a membership to the Anaconda Geological Documents Collection. I am writing to let you know that your request is currently being processed. You should receive your welcome letter and an invoice for the cost of the membership shortly.

Just to follow up on my phone message from yesterday, I understand that you have used the collection in the past, approximately 15 years ago, and would like to revisit the research you conducted at that time. Unfortunately, we do not retain researcher files from that far in the past. However, I'd be happy to help you recreate your search. Also, we've just released a handy new tool, an online database for the Anaconda Collection which contains all of the original information. You're welcome to try it out: <http://digitalcollections.uwyo.edu/anaconda/>. This may help you to begin to piece together the research you did previously.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can offer additional assistance.

Best wishes,

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