

Western Museum of Mining & Industry Golden Cycle Corporation Collection (1909-1993)

The Golden Cycle Corporation was one of the three major mining conglomerations that operated in the Cripple Creek Mining District. Originally called the Golden Cycle Mining Company, it was incorporated in 1895 in the state of West Virginia. In 1915, the name was changed to the Golden Cycle Mining & Reduction Company after being acquired by Albert E. Carlton, and in 1929 the name changed to the Golden Cycle Corporation.

The company was controlled by the Carlton family after a major economic battle with John T. Milliken, the company's founder, who sold his Cripple Creek holdings to Carlton in 1915. Its holdings grew over time to include many of the major mines in the district, as well as the Carlton Tunnel (completed in 1941), the Golden Cycle Mill (located in Old Colorado City, outside of Colorado Springs), and after the Golden Cycle Mill closed, the Carlton Mill (between Cripple Creek and Victor), which operated from 1951 to 1962. GCC often competed with United Gold Mines, which had been formed by the Woods Brothers in 1902 to manage their vast holdings in the Cripple Creek district. In 1965, GCC swallowed up UGM and controlled most of the major mines in the district.

Scope and Content

This collection was created by the merger of several different donations to the Western Museum of Mining & Industry. Most of this collection consists of the records of the two mills owned by GCC, Carlton Tunnel documents, and some corporate records. Missing are the company's board minutes, financial documents and reports, and other essential documents that would allow the researcher to have a better understanding of how GCC operated.

The material in this collection is organized into four series:

- Series A: Corporate Records, 7 document boxes
- Series B: Golden Cycle Mill Records: 8 document boxes
- Series C: Carlton Mill Records: 10 document boxes
- Series D: Carlton Tunnel Records, 2 document boxes

Condition

Series A and D documents are generally in fine shape. The mill records contained in Series B and C were evidently wet at one time as evidenced by the mildew associated with dry documents that were damp or wet earlier in their history. Care should be taken when handling these documents.

Series A: Corporate Records

Box 1: Corporate Documents

- Folder 1 Name Change, HQ Change, 1915
- Folder 2 Last Will & Testament of Leslie G. Carlton, 1937
- Folder 3 Articles of Incorporation, 1964
- Folder 4 Blank Letterhead

- Folder 5 Map of Cripple Creek Properties, 1970
- Folder 6 Map of Cripple Creek Ranches of Colorado, 1971
- Folder 7 Map of Mining Claims in the Uncompahgre Mining District, no date
- Folder 8 Miscellaneous Documents and Maps, 1940s-1950s
- Folder 9 Annual Reports – 1934 – 1939
- Folder 10 Annual Reports – 1940 – 1949
- Folder 11 Annual Reports – 1950 – 1959
- Folder 12 Annual Reports – 1960 – 1969
- Folder 13 Annual Reports – 1980 – 1986, Shareholder Meeting Notice – 1987
- Folder 14 Annual Reports – 1993

Box 2: General Company Records

- Folder 1 Harmes Ditch Water Issues, 1909-1953
- Folder 2 Max Bowen Files – Report on Summitville Mines Corp., c. 1933
- Folder 3 WWII Regulations, City Power Contract Documents, 1942 – 1943
- Folder 4 Ute - Ulay Mine Records, 1942 – 1943
- Folder 5 General Correspondence Regarding Water Issues, 1951-1952, 1958, 1960
- Folder 7 Water Issues near Eagle Eye Reservoir, 1954
- Folder 8 Accident Claim at Independence Mine, 1954
- Folder 9 GCC Media Coverage, 1971
- Folder 10 Oil & Gas Production Sheet, 1972
- Folder 11 Deferred Projects – Gold, January – August 1973

Box 3: Property Documents

- Folder 1 Rattler Lode Mining Claim Abstract of Title, 1891-1949
- Folder 2 Lease Agreements with U. S. Reduction, 1911, 1914-1915
- Folder 3 Labor Issues with Williams Fork Tunnel Project, 1939
- Folder 4 Foreclosure on Gold Producers, 1940
- Folder 5 Treasurer's Deeds, September-October 1948
- Folder 6 Lease on Portland Dump, 1955-1956
- Folder 7 Surface Lease to A. J. Ebel, 1960
- Folder 8 Sale of Gold Coin Club, 1962
- Folder 9 DuPont Powderhouse Documents, 1967, 1970-1971
- Folder 10 GCC Fire Insurance Report Ledger, 1939 – 1947
- Folder 11 Pikes Peak Fuel Division of GCC, Fire Insurance Report Ledger, 1939
- Folder 12 GCC Miscellaneous Properties. Fire Insurance Report Ledger, 1939 –1943

Box 4: Personnel

- Folder 1 Time Distribution Records, 1971
- Folder 2 Time Distribution Records, 1972
- Folder 3 Time Distribution Records, 1972 – 1973
- Folder 4 Time Distribution Records, January – April 1973
- Folder 5 Time Distribution Records, May – December 1973, December 1974
- Folder 6 Time Distribution Sheets, 1974

Box 5: Personnel

- Folder 1 Employee Recommendation Documents & Misc., 1970 – 1973
- Folder 2 Hourly Payroll Sheets, January – June 1973
- Folder 3 Hourly Payroll Sheets, July – December 1973
- Folder 4 Hourly Payroll Sheets, 1974
- Folder 5 Pershing Mine Payroll Change Notices, 1973
- Folder 6 Pershing Mine Employee Files, 1971

Box 6: Finances

- Folder 1 Financial Statements, 1972
- Folder 2 Golden Cycle Gold Program, Ltd. – Use of Proceeds Report, January – June 1973
- Folder 3 Forecast/Objectives, 1973
- Folder 4 Payroll Summary, 1973
- Folder 5 Inventory Charge Forms, 1972 – 1974
- Folder 6 Stock Prospectus Booklets, 1968-1969, 1973
- Folder 7 Securities & Exchange Commission Documents, 1968, 1970

Box 7: Finances

- Folder 1 Bank Account – United Bank of Colorado Springs, 1972 - 1973
- Folder 2 Gold Program Bank Account, 1972 – 1973
- Folder 3 Golden Cycle Gold Corp. – Payroll Ledger Sheets, 1973 – 1974
- Folder 4 Inventory Charges, 1973 – 1975

Series B: Golden Cycle Mill**Box 1: General Company Records**

- Folder 1 Correspondence, July 1929 – May 1949 and Undated (239 Pages)
- Folder 2 Memorandums, April 1943 – February 1944 and Undated (54 Pages)
- Folder 3 Notes & Observations, 1932 – 1941 and Undated (179 Pages)
- Folder 4 Daily Flotation Reports – Flotation Unit, & Notes, 1929 – 1935 and Undated (220 Pages)
- Folder 5 Misc. Lab Testing Notes, 1926 – 1949 and Undated (224 Pages)
- Folder 6 Assay Reports & Notes, February 1937 – August 1948 and Undated (24 Pages)
- Folder 7 Miscellaneous Documents, 1914 – 1949 and Undated (136 Pages; 3 Envelopes)

Box 2: Specialized Data Files

- Folder 1 Calcium Sulphite Data File, 1927 – 1949 and Undated (69 Pages)
- Folder 2 Research Corporation Data File, 1933 – 1939 and Undated (37 Pages)
- Folder 3 Slide Mines, Inc. Data File, 1938 – 1939 (73 Pages)
- Folder 4 American Cyanamid Company – Metallurgical Test Reports & Memos, 1933 – 1949, Part I (227 Pages)
- Folder 5 American Cyanamid Company – Metallurgical Test Reports & Memos, 1933 – 1949, Part II (173 Pages)
- Folder 6 Collected Publications, 1925 – 1949 and Undated (165 Pages)

Box 3: Treatment Schedule Payments & Rates Information

- Folder 1 Shipping & Treatment Schedule Rates Data, 1931 – 1946 (13 Pages)
- Folder 2 Treatment Schedule Payments, 1922 – 1942 (114 Pages)
- Folder 3 Treatment Schedule Payments, 1943 Part I (153 Pages)
- Folder 4 Treatment Schedule Payments, 1943 Part II (132 Pages)
- Folder 5 Treatment Schedule Payments, January 1944 – July 1944 (67 Pages)
- Folder 6 Treatment Schedule Payments, August 1944 – November 1945, October 1951 (74 Pages)

Box 4: Metallurgical Test Reports Part I

- Folder 1 Metallurgical Test Reports, Undated (20 Pages)
- Folder 2 Metallurgical Test Reports, 1926 – 1939 (360 Pages)
- Folder 3 Metallurgical Test Reports, 1940 – 1941 (267 Pages)
- Folder 4 Metallurgical Test Reports, 1942 – 1946 (248 Pages)

Box 5: Metallurgical Test Reports Part II

- Folder 1 Metallurgical Test Reports, 1947 (460 Pages)
- Folder 2 Metallurgical Test Reports, 1948 (366 Pages)
- Folder 3 Metallurgical Test Reports, Blank (17 Pages)

Box 6: Graphics

- Folder 1 Charts, Blueprints, Drawings, Graphs, 1920 – 1937 and Undated (103 Pages)
- Folder 2 Charts, Blueprints, Drawings, Graphs, 1938 – 1949 (37 Pages)

Box 7: Ledgers

- Folder 1 Ledger: Flotation Tests, September 1948 – December 1948
- Folder 2 Ledger: Flotation Tests, February 1944 – November 1947
- Folder 3 Ledger: #2 Extraction, Roaster Meter, March 1921 – September 1927
- Folder 4 Ledger: Mill Assays, Smelter, Furnace, Payments, Misc. Notes, 1908 – 1947
- Folder 5 Ledger: Flotation & Cyanide Tests, May – September 1948
- Folder 6 Ledger: Mill Department Assays, May 1936 – January 1937

Box 8: Ore Settlement Records

- Folder 1 Ore Settlement Records, 1927, 1934, 1936 (288 Pages)
- Folder 2 Ore Settlement Records, 1937 – 1939 (277 Pages)

Series C: Carlton Mill

Box 1: General Company Records

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1950 – 1973 (37 Pages)
- Folder 2 Notes & Observations, 1950 – 1954 and Undated (53 Pages)
- Folder 3 Miscellaneous Documents, 1950 – 1971 (79 Pages)
- Folder 4 Collected Publications, 1950 – 1968 and Undated (140 Pages)
- Folder 5 Lab Testing Notes, 1951 – 1973 and Undated (62 Pages)
- Folder 6 Metallurgical Test Reports, 1953 – 1973 (89 Pages)

- Folder 7 Tonnage Reports, 1952 – 1954 (25 Pages)
- Folder 8 Assay Records, 1951 – 1954 (79 Pages)
- Folder 9 Flow Sheets, July 1, 1954 and January 1, 1958 (15 Pages)
- Folder 10 Water Rights Documents

Box 2: Financial Data

- Folder 1 Expense Data, 1972 (74 Pages)
- Folder 2 Tax Data, 1955 (19 Pages)
- Folder 3 Wage Scale Data File, 1955 – 1956 (24 Pages)
- Folder 4 Ore Purchase Account Records, 1952 – 1954 (87 Pages)
- Folder 5 Monthly Financial Statements, 1971 (151 Pages)
- Folder 6 Power Cost Data File, 1953 – 1962 (241 Pages)
- Folder 7 Golden Cycle/Gold Corp. Partnership Expense Records, 1973 (133 Pages)
- Folder 8 Daily Reports – Payroll, January 1953 – February 1954 and Undated (10 Pages)
- Folder 9 Cost Distribution Report – 1950

Box 3: Specialized Data Files

- Folder 1 Journal Vouchers File, 1972 (167 Pages)
- Folder 2 Journal Vouchers File, 1973 Part I (143 Pages)
- Folder 3 Journal Vouchers File, 1973 Part II (105 Pages)
- Folder 4 Zadra Desorption Data File, 1951 – 1959 (178 Pages)
- Folder 5 Pilot Plant Run for Oliver Filter Tests – Report, February 12, 1949 (65Pages)
- Folder 6 Atlanta Cyanide Leach Dump – Heap Techniques Data, 1969 – 1970 (110 Pages)
- Folder 7 U.S. Dept. of the Interior – Bureau of Mines, Test Data, 1952 (21 Pages)
- Folder 8 American Cyanamid Company – Metallurgical Test Reports, 1952 – 1953 (59 Pages)
- Folder 9 GCC Operation Procedure for Flocculant Tests – Austin Mill Project, May 1970 (89 Pages)

Box 4: Power, Construction, Equipment Files Binders

- Folder 1 Binder: Equipment Index, Undated
- Folder 2 Binder: Records, Power, & Construction Data, 1953 – 1954

Box 5: Graphics, Testing Ledgers

- Folder 1 Charts, Blueprints, Drawings, Graphs, 1949 – 1950 (27 Pages)
- Folder 2 Charts, Blueprints, Drawings, Graphs, 1951 – 1956 (32 Pages)
- Folder 3 Ledger: GCC General Testing Ledger, Nevada & Cripple Creek, 1970
- Folder 4 Ledger: Lab Tests, “Book #4”, 1959 – 1961

Box 6: Deeds, Flotation Daily Reports Ledger

- Folder 1 Land Acquisition/Quit Deeds, Notes, Correspondence, 1941 – 1970 (248 Pages)
- Folder 2 Ledger: Flotation Operator’s Daily Reports, 1959 – 1961

Box 7: Ledgers, Binder

- Folder 1 Ledger: Test Data, 1949 (1 Total)
- Folder 2 Ledger: Lab Tests “Book 1”, April 1951 – November 1951

- Folder 3 Ledger: Lab Tests "Book 2", November 1951 – August 1953
Folder 4 Binder: Daily Flotation Reports, April 1961 – January 1962

Box 8: Personnel

- Folder 1 Employee Time Cards A – G, 1949 – 1950
Folder 2 Employee Time Cards H – O, 1949 – 1950
Folder 3 Employee Time Cards P – Z, 1949 – 1950

Box 9: Personnel

- Folder 1 Employee Records, 1950
Folder 2 Employee Records, 1951
Folder 3 Employee Payroll Records, 1951

Box 10: Personnel

- Folder 1 Employee Payroll Records, 1952
Folder 2 Employee Payroll Records, 1953
Folder 3 Employee Payroll Records, 1954
Folder 4 Employee Payroll Records, 1955
Folder 5 Employee Payroll Records, 1956
Folder 6 Employee Payroll Records, 1957
Folder 7 Employee Payroll Records, 1958
Folder 8 Employee Payroll Records, 1959

Series D: Carlton Tunnel

Box 1

- Folder 1 Tunnel Proposal, March 24, 1939
Folder 2 Property Acquisition, 1939
Folder 3 Construction Statistics
Folder 4 Inauguration Booklet, September 4, 1939
Folder 5 General Correspondence, 1939-1942
Folder 6 Bebee Article, 1941
Folder 7 Cash Book Ledger, 1939-1963
Folder 8 1940 Check to Midland Terminal Railway
Folder 9 Access Disputes with Hugo Kapelke, 1944-1964
Folder 10 Tax Account Slips, 1960-1961

Box 2

- Folder 1 Personnel Records Part I, 1939 – 1942
Folder 2 Personnel Records Part II, 1939 – 1942
Folder 3 Personnel Records, Part III, 1939 – 1942