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# **Guide to the Big Ox Mining Company Records**

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-4330

**CREATOR:** Big Ox Mining Company (Mont.)

**TITLE:** Big Ox Mining Company records

**DATES:** 1889-1927

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4.33 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English (Latin script)

**SUMMARY:** Minute books, invoices, and ledgers kept by the Big Ox Mining and Reduction

Company (later Big Ox Mining Company) documenting mining efforts in the Marysville-Silver Creek Mining District of Montana, 1889-1927. Included are two photographs of groups of miners and two volumes of printed stock

certificates for the company.

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b. box

f. folder

## **Administrative Information**

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Purchased from Vigilante Rare Documents on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2018.

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## Biographical / Historical

The Big Ox Mining and Reduction Company was incorporated in Helena, Montana Territory, in 1889 to mine the Marysville-Silver Creek Mining District. In 1896, John W. Fulton, Charles J. Fulton (1848-1928), and M. A. H. Fulton purchased the mining properties of the Big Ox Mining and Reduction Company, renamed the company Big Ox Mining Company, and operated the Big Ox Mine and Golconda Mine until about 1916. The company went bankrupt in 1926; the Fultons continued to purchase and operate properties until the mid-1930s.

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### Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by material type.

## **Collection Contents**

b. 1, f. 1	Invoice book	1889-1890
b. 2, f. 2	Journal (Record book)	1889-1892
b. 3, f. 3-4	Loose papers and receipts	1889, undated
b. 3, f. 5-6	Minute books (2)	1896-1927
b. 3, f. 7	Newspaper clippings	1921
b. 4, f. 9	Payroll ledger	1889-1891
b. 3, f. 8	Photographs	circa 1890s
b. 5, f. 10	Record of proceedings	1889-1892
b. 6, f. 11-12	Stock certificates	undated

#### **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

#### **Subjects**

Miners -- Montana -- Pictorial works Mines and mineral resources -- Montana Mining corporations -- Montana Wages -- Miners -- Montana

### **Geographic Names**

Marysville (Mont.) Montana -- Economic conditions -- 19th century Montana -- Economic conditions -- 20th Century

#### **Genres / Formats**

Invoices
Minute books
Minutes (administrative records)
Photographs
Stock certificates

#### **Contributors**

Big Ox Mining Company (Mont.)
Big Ox Mining and Reduction Company

#### **Acquired From**

Vigilante Rare Documents, bookseller