

# 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

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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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.

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## Collection Contents

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|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 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**

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### **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