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SUMMARY: The records document quartz mining in Nevada County, California. The collection consists of the corporate records of the North Star Mining Company, Gold Hill Mining Company, and other Grass Valley companies. The collection contains deeds and maps of the area, as well as printed material on Grass Valley and mining.
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Administrative Information

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HISTORY OF MINING IN GRASS VALLEY, NEVADA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Nevada County, in northwestern California, is one of the gold bearing regions discovered in the mid-nineteenth century. Early miners panned for gold, changing to hydraulic mining (washing the gold out of near surface rock) as the river beds were exhausted. Eventually hard rock mining, digging down into the bedrock, was the only profitable method of mining. In Nevada County veins of gold were found in quartz and the area became famous for quartz mining.

During the 1850s, miners worked individually or in small informal groups. The change from placer to hard rock mining was accompanied by a change to large incorporated companies and heavy machinery. By the 1860s, San Francisco investors were buying up mining claims and establishing corporate offices in San Francisco. Eventually many companies set up a second office in New York in order to trade on the eastern stock exchange. Most mining records in this collection date from this period.

The following time line chronicles the companies of Grass Valley, Nevada County. The names of companies which figure predominately in this collection have been capitalized. Most corporate names contained the phrase "Gold Mining Company," "Quartz Mining Company," or just "Mining Company; and often all three titles were used over time. Sometimes the names have been shortened for convenience.

1850 George McKnight discovers gold bearing quartz on GOLD HILL and George D. Roberts locates a claim near Ophir Hill. Gold is also found at Massachusetts Hill where the ROCKY BAR MINING COMPANY, a "joint-labor association" begins mining.

1851 A party of Frenchmen discovers gold at Lafayette hill, later the site of the NORTH STAR.

Nevada County is organized and Nevada City is chosen as county seat.

1852 NORTH STAR and NEW YORK HILL MINES are first worked.

1854 Ophir Hill mining claims are purchased by EMPIRE MINING COMPANY.

1855 Grass Valley incorporates.

1856 Mount Hope Company works the ROCKY BAR MINE until financial ruin in 1858.

1858 A. Chavanne and associates purchase the ROCKY BAR MINE and work it until 1866.

1860s Due to "Washoe fever," mining decreases in Grass Valley as people rush to Nevada.

1861-62 Many mines in Grass Valley flood due to hard winter. Steam power is used to operate pumps and clear the mines.

1863 ROCKY BAR MINING COMPANY incorporates.

EMPIRE MINE is sold to new investors who begin operations in 1865.

1866 MASSACHUSETTS HILL partnership forms.

1867 NORTH STAR GOLD MINING COMPANY incorporates. San Francisco capitalists buy the mine.

1871 NEW YORK HILL GOLD MINING COMPANY incorporates.

1877 GOLD HILL MINING COMPANY incorporates. Evidence exists of a company working the mine and operating a mill as early as 1856.

ROCKY BAR reorganizes under Henry Silvester and moves its corporate office to Grass Valley.

1878 Scadden Flat Gold Mining Company forms.

1879 TRIBUTE MINING COMPANY incorporates. Their claims are on New York Hill.

1880 TRIBUTE attempts without success to sell its mine to George Fletcher and then Black Lead Mining Company.

1883 GOLD HILL rents its mine to Scotia Gold Mining Company of New York.

1884 North Star mine, which has fallen idle, is bought by NORTH STAR MINING COMPANY, a company formed by W. B. Bourn and Grass Valley business interests. The new company buys machinery from the Scotia Company, paying with company stock.

GRASS VALLEY WATER COMPANY incorporates. The EMPIRE COMPANY helps finance this company which provided the water to power the mine's machinery.

1887 NORTH STAR establishes a transfer agency in New York to facilitate trading on Wall Street.

1889 MASSACHUSETTS HILL adopts by-laws. There is a flood of capital to the mines around Massachusetts Hill.

1890 Floods in the NORTH STAR mine brings work to a halt.

1891 Wolf Creek Quartz Mining Company incorporates.

James D. Hague begins investing in the ROCKY BAR. He was a major force in Grass Valley mining, serving as president and majority stockholder of the North Star; from this position he bought into most of the other mines represented in this collection.

1893 ROCKY BAR taken over by Hague and his associates.

GRANITE HILL MINING & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY forms or starts working their mine.

1894 NORTH STAR acquires other mines and raises capital for development work. The following mines or areas are absorbed by the company: Boston Ravine, Bowery, Dipper, Great Britain patent, James K. Byrne patent, Magenta, MASSACHUSETTS HILL, L. W. Kitts claim, Lode Star, NEW YORK HILL, Polkinghorn, Ford and Reilly property, Southern Patent, STOCKBRIDGE, Star Placer, Walworth ground, Watt ground, Wickes Field. By the beginning of twentieth century North Star controls most of the mining companies represented in this collection.

NORTH STAR sued by Carson City Gold & Silver Mining Company over Irish American claim.

NORTH STAR begins planning for an electrical generating plant run by water. A. D. Foote, a mining engineer, is hired to supervise the project.

1895 TRIBUTE attempts to sell its property to C. H. Kingsley.

Scadden Flat mine is bought up by Hague, Fred Searls, Thomas Marshall and others and becomes part of NORTH STAR.

1896 NORTH STAR reincorporates and acquires more mining companies and properties.

Hague, A. D. Foote, Fred Searls, and Thomas Marshall become shareholders of the TRIBUTE, and eventually the mine becomes part of NORTH STAR.

1898 New York becomes the de facto corporate office for the NORTH STAR. North Star buys out the GRASS VALLEY WATER COMPANY.

1899 NORTH STAR reincorporates in New Jersey.

1903 Hague becomes director and sole managing director of GOLD HILL, which then ceases to exist.

1911 North Star, through its agent J. M. O'Brien, buys out CHAMPION MINES.

1926 Under the supervision of A. D. Foote, deep development work begins in the NORTH STAR mine.

1928 Ernest Howe, geologist and treasurer of North Star, is sent to inspect the MASSACHUSETTS HILL. In 1929, Howe advises shutting down operations.

1929 NORTH STAR merges with the EMPIRE, which is in turn bought by the Newmont Mining Company of New York.

ROCKY BAR property, by this time, is owned by Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research

1943 The Newmont Company comes close to closing down operations in Grass Valley.

1956 NORTH STAR mines shut down because water, used to operate the mines, is too expensive.

1958 New Verde, which acquired the NORTH STAR and EMPIRE mines, auctions off the properties and equipment.

1959 NORTH STAR power plant machinery is sold at public auction.

1961 New Verde deeds the power plant site and Pelton Wheel to Grass Valley for a mining museum.

CHART OF MERGERS OF GRASS VALLEY MINING COMPANIES

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-----Rocky Bar Co.(1850)-----#
-----Empire Co. (1854)-----Mount Hope (1854)-----#-----
#-----#-----Chavanne & Co. (1858)-----#-----
#-----#-----Rocky Bar Co. (1863)-----#-----
#-----#-----North Star (1867)-----#-----#-----#-----#
-----Original Empire-----#-----#-----Mill & Mining-----#-----#
----- (1880s)-----#-----#-----#-----#-----#-----
#-----#----- (1893)-----#-----#-----#-----#-----#-----#
-----#-----#----- (1894)-----Magenta-----#----- (1894)-----Stockbridge
(1860s)-----#----- (1894)-----Massachusetts Hill (1866)-----#-----
(1894)-----New York Hill (1871)-----#-----#-----#-----
(1890s)-----Central North Star-----#-----#-----#----- (1895)-----
Scadden Flat (1878)-----#-----#-----#-----#----- (1896)-----Tribute
(1879)-----#-----#-----#-----#----- (1898)-----Grass Valley Water Co.
(1884)-----Empire Mines-----#-----& Investment-----#----- (ca. 1902)-----
#-----#-----#-----#-----#-----#-----#----- (1903)-----

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with Risdon Iron & Locomotive Works and the Grass Valley Water Company. Letters in 1892-93 note financial transactions and imply Gold Hill is inactive. The correspondence of 1896 shows a burst of activity, with the construction of a power plant, purchase of machinery from Stanley Electric Manufacturing, and establishment of a branch line from the Nevada County Electric Power Company. Two years later letters mention the increase of capital stock, high costs of supplies, "bad ore," and wranglings with North Star over boundaries. The letters from Grass Valley are frequently accompanied in the files by a copy of the secretary's or president's replies.

Letters sent from the San Francisco office (Boxes 6-8, folders 87-163), the bulk of which are filed with letters received in San Francisco, are mostly from the president to the superintendent. Letters for the last years, 1900-03, focus on the mine's progress and eventual attempts to sell it.

The final two groups of letters are the correspondence of the Grass Valley office (Boxes 8-9, folders 164-92). Letters received at Grass Valley are usually from the president to the superintendent. Frequently these are duplicates of letters found in the San Francisco files (Box 6-8, folders 87-163), but the Grass Valley office files is a more complete record. In 1899-1900 the letters focus on the construction of an electric hoist, machinery, supplies, and mining employees and tributers. [Tribute, or contract work, as used in Grass Valley and defined by the Oxford English Dictionary, is "The proportion of ore raised or its value paid to miners by owners in exchange for labour." During the first decades of mining in Grass Valley, tributary relationships were common in Grass Valley. Tributers worked side by side with company employees. Over time they were phased out, though never completely eliminated.] A discussion of the Minna Mine controlled by Sherwood Hopkins of the Gambetta Mining and Milling Company (Grub Gulch, Madera County), ranges over this period and into 1902. Mine development is a constant topic, and the president often suggests the superintendent consult Mr. Foote of North Star. Letters sent from Grass Valley office are generally copies of letters found in the San Francisco files (Boxes 4-7), but this set contains material for 1894, the one gap in the San Francisco set.

Information on the Gold Hill's capital and investors spans the life of the company (see Box 9, folders 201-10). The stock ledger, organized by stockholder, records when certificates were canceled or issued; similar information is listed chronologically in the transfer journal. Assessments, (how much, when, and who paid) are noted in a separate ledger.

Gold Hill's *Operation Records* only cover the latter period of company's history, however the weekly reports for 1896-1902 are nearly complete (see Boxes 10-11, folders 213-44; parts of 1899 and 1902 missing). These reports note shafts being worked, amount of ore and waste hoisted, number of feet progressed, and number of men employed. This data is broken down into further detail, such as ore from stopes or drifts and men on contracts or employed by the company. Information on assays, production of sulphurets, and bullion is recorded in monthly reports for 1896-97 (Box 10, folders 211-12). A book of amalgam accounts (folder 275) reports the processing of ore and the quantity of amalgam retrieved.

Financial Records (Boxes 12-20) for Gold Hill Mining Company are substantial. Ledgers and cash books exist for 1877-1903. Ledgers contain separate accounts of assessments, bullion, building improvements, electric power, repairs, and many other services and supplies. Cash books record similar information but are organized chronologically instead of by account. A column in the cash book records the ledger page on which the data is noted or the number of the draft used to pay the bill. Monthly statements (folders 282-87), like the ledgers, list expenses and earnings by categories. Trial balances are also linked to the ledgers; each expense includes a ledger page citation. Tribute statements list quantity of ore each tributer mined, value of the gold, and cost of the services and supplies provided by the Gold Hill company.

Superintendent's statements and drafts (Boxes 12-19A) are a monthly package of reports the Gold Hill superintendent prepared from monthly bills and reports. From 1897 to 1902 most packages consist of: receipts; mine and mill storehouse reports (noting the amount of supplies used and on hand and their value); pay roll records (noting name, occupation, pay rate, amounts paid); and starting in 1898, statements of expenses (data similar to monthly statements).

Most of the material which would be filed in Gold Hill's *Pay Roll Records* and *Inventory Records* is in the superintendent's statements and drafts (Boxes 12-19A). There are two separate inventory ledgers dating from 1897-1900 noting quantity and usage for supplies and wood.

[Series IV. Granite Hill Mining & Development Co.](#): The Granite Hill Company began operating in 1893, and although most records date from the 1890s, they are fragmentary. Several agreements and court actions concern Martin Ford, an early investor (Box 20). The journal of T. F. Phillips (Box 21, folder 490), dating from 1897-99, contains daily, though terse, descriptions of activity at the mine: "fixing pumps," "started Mitchell & Thomas in [underhand] stope," "all hands laid off for Xmas." The weather is noted in almost every entry and three columns ("W"[aste], "M"[ill or mining?], "Q[artz]) record routine data. Daily amalgam records for 1897 and 1899, recorded in brief statements, are at the back of this journal.

[Series V. Grass Valley Water Company](#): This company was started with financing from the Original Empire Mill and Mining Company in 1884, but was purchased by the North Star in 1898, who had been managing the company as early as 1894. The Grass Valley Water Company provided water power to the mines.

Executive Records (Boxes 21-22) documents the founding of the Grass Valley Water Company and its early financial troubles. The 1889 by-laws were drafted when the water company finally settled its financial affairs with the Empire Company. The original by-laws can be found in the volume of minutes (folder 500). Minutes also contain copies of agreements and the 1899 "Declaration and judgement for Dissolution." Folders for copies of minutes and material from meetings contain papers needed to vote for directors: stockholder lists, ballots, and tallies.

Although there is some information on the 1890s, the majority of Grass Valley Water Company's stock documents cover 1885-89 (Box 22, folders 525-33). A ledger, listing stocks by name of holder, and the transfer journal, noting the sale of shares, record the offer to Empire of company stock in return for a loan. Instead, James D. Hague bought the shares in 1889 making North Star part owner of the water company.

The daily water supply and log book is the major record in *Operation Records* (folder 534). Covering the period 1888-96, it contains narrative reports on the water pressure, condition of the reservoir, and supply to consumers. For instance, "main Reservoir going down assumption being North Star was using more than 250 [inches] water" indicates how precarious the relationship was between the Grass Valley Water Company and the mines. Separate reports of North Star's water consumption for 1894-97 are filed in Series VIII (Boxes 57-66, folders 1408-1502).

Financial Records (Boxes 22-23) for the Grass Valley Water Company are sparse and fragmentary. The ledger and journal end in 1889, although there are some annual statements for the 1890s. There is extensive information on financial arrangements between Grass Valley Water Company and the Empire. Accounts with Empire Company (folder 542), organized by expense, record what bills Empire paid on behalf of the water company. This is followed by an account of money North Star owed to the water company, yet paid to Empire in return for its loan.

[Series VI. Massachusetts Hill Mining Company](#): Massachusetts Hill (Box 24) adopted by-laws in 1889, but there was probably an earlier incorporation or working association. The mine was absorbed by North Star in 1894. Massachusetts Hill mine was finally deemed unworthy of further work by Ernest Howe in 1929.

The founding and structure of the Massachusetts Hill Company is well documented by the certificate of incorporation and the by-laws. Other records are insufficient to document the operation of the mine.

[Series VII. New York Hill Mining Company](#): The earliest document in this series is an 1871 certificate of incorporation. Most of the records continue until North Star bought the New York Hill in 1894. Within *Executive Records* (Boxes 24-25) is a full set of corporate minutes, beginning with a copy of the certificate of incorporation and the by-laws, including a copy of the deed transferring the mine from Alonzo Delano to the company (folder 599). The early minutes note the choice of bankers, the occurrence of assessments, and the embezzlement of funds in March 1879, by Secretary F. J. Hermann. An 1886 agreement between New York Hill and Grass Valley Water Company is copied into the minutes. Hague's investment in New York Hill is noted in the minutes in 1889 along with a revision of the by-laws. In 1894 North Star negotiated to buy the properties and assets of the company. The minutes are augmented by "copies of minutes and material from meetings" (folders 600-15). As in other series, these folders contain ballots from board votes, proxies, advertisements of the meeting, and copies of the minutes. Financial reports by the secretary for the period 1885-89 are also filed in these folders.

Little correspondence exists, the majority being letters received in New York Hill's San Francisco office (Box 24, folders 616-24) concerning assessments. Those sent from the San Francisco office (folder 625) are routine business communications usually noting the arrival of reports from the superintendent in Grass Valley. The last group of letters, written by the superintendent to the president (folders 626-27), are detailed, almost daily accounts of work in the New York mine from August 1885 to April 1886.

Information on the New York Hill Company stocks can be gleaned from several sources. There are a stock ledger and a transfer journal (Box 25, folders 632-33), both covering the period 1875-89; unfortunately, there is little information from the last five years of the company's life. For information on stocks in the 1890s, there are an assessment ledger and lists of stockholders. Although these documents were created for different reasons, they all supply data on who owned stocks, and their value.

Financial Records of New York Hill (Boxes 25-26, folders 648-70) contains a ledger, cash book, and journal for 1871-89, which all present similar information on company expenses. The ledger and journal are organized by account, while the cash book is chronological. Information on the company's financial affairs just prior to the Hague-North Star take over can be found in statements of receipts and disbursements for 1889-93 (folders 653-56), paid vouchers, and bank books. The statements, usually covering several months, are similar to the journal. Those for 1890-93 show New York Hill's President W. B. Bourn advancing money to the company.

[Series VIII. North Star Mining Company](#): Although the North Star mine was established in 1851, the earliest records in this collection date from its incorporation in 1867. Over the years the company reincorporated several times, usually when new investors bought into North Star. In 1887 Hague became president and the largest stockholder of the North Star and used his position to invest in the surrounding mines. In 1929 North Star merged with the Empire and became Empire Star, which was then purchased in turn by the Newmont Company. Eventually North Star became part of the New Verde Mines, which sold the mines and equipment in 1958.

The records of the North Star Company are extensive and generally complete until 1900. *Executive Records*, which document decisions on development and finance, and *Operation, Ore and Bullion*, and *Financial Records*, which show how the decisions were enacted, provide a full history of the North Star Company.

Executive Records occupy Boxes 27-48. The minutes of the board meetings for 1867-87 (folder 673) contain copies of the certificate of incorporation, by-laws, list of original subscribers to capital stock, and the agreement by which North Star purchased quartz lodes and mining claims at Lafayette and Weimer Hills. Between 1880-84 the corporate officers of North Star did not meet. A new company, formed in 1884, eventually bought the assets of the existing company, but until 1887 two North Star corporations existed.

The new company's minutes (folder 674) include copies of many incorporation documents found in the earlier minutes. In 1887 North Star and the Grass Valley Water Company came to an agreement which led to a service contract. This same year a transfer agency was established in New York to facilitate trading on Wall Street. North Star's minutes often include copies of important agreements as well as lists of stockholders and their votes. The 1896 volume (folder 675) is similar to the preceding two volumes. The last volume, covering 1922-30, shows that the meetings are being held in Jersey City and later New York City. The volume ends with a series of printed and typed letters that document the merger North Star with the Empire Company.

"Copies of minutes and material from meetings" contains copies of the minutes, proxies, ballots, lists of stockholders, advertisements of meetings, financial statements, and important agreements. Material from 1897-1904 covers a period for which no official minutes exist.

North Star's correspondence (Boxes 28-43) has been organized by office and arranged chronologically. Letters from the New York office to the San Francisco office (Boxes 28-30, folders 715-43) were written by the president or assistant secretary to the secretary (for a list of North Star's corporate officers, see [Appendix 1](#)). Much of this correspondence documents the transfer of reports and information between North Star's offices. These letters can be useful in deciphering the company's bookkeeping practices. Although the president resided in New York, all major records were kept in San Francisco until 1898, when the New York office received reports directly from the Grass Valley office. In 1889 and 1895 Empire mine reports were enclosed in many North Star letters, suggesting that some tie existed between the two

companies. The purchase of New York Hill and Massachusetts Hill in 1894 was probably contemplated as early as 1891, when the New York office asked for maps of those mines. Repeated mention of the Grass Valley Water Company in 1894 suggests that North Star was running the company several years before they formally merged. There is mention of a court case involving Scadden Flat in 1896, perhaps a title dispute. In 1897 North Star was involved with the Mount Pleasant Gold Mines Company. In fact, every major acquisition or deal in which North Star was involved between 1885-99 is mentioned in these letters (see also the later section Special Projects and Reports, Box 44).

Letters received at North Star's San Francisco office (Boxes 30-33, folders 744-90) are from the superintendent in Grass Valley to the president or secretary. They concern daily business, and usually report financial information or accompanying a report. From 1884-85 the lists of drafts, later kept separately, were filed with the North Star correspondence. Also included are letters from local suppliers and lawyers. Two frequent correspondents are Searls & Searls, lawyers on retainer in Nevada City, and McKay & Co, local grocers-dry goods merchants. Letters received in North Star in New York, after the corporate office was moved there, have been filed with letters received at San Francisco.

Although there are a few earlier letters, the daily communication between the Grass Valley and San Francisco offices begins in 1884. Superintendents report on machinery, such as the equipment received when North Star bought the works of the Scotia mine in 1884. Flooding in the mines in the winter and lack of water power in the summer were frequent topics. Letters in 1885-86 often touch on the tribute system, used in most Grass Valley mines. Emilie R. Abadie, superintendent 1886-94, was particularly worried about fires in the mines. Although he wrote long, detailed letters describing equipment and progress in the shafts, most of his letters consisted of a single line noting what drafts were drawn, bullion shipped, and sulphurets assayed and sold. In 1889 Abadie's letters mention labor problems, hinging on wage versus tribute reimbursement systems and racial tensions between management and miners. Although most of the superintendent's letters to the New York office focus on conditions at the mine, one gets a hint of North Star's corporate dealings. A series of 1894 letters by Hague to Jennings, in their capacity as corporate officers of the Magenta Company, suggests Magenta was one of the many properties acquired by North Star. There are scant references to Hague's interests in Cripple Creek, Colorado and the Anaconda mine in Butte, Montana (1895). In 1895-96 North Star was involved in legal battles over Irish American and Scadden Flat mines. In 1898 a printed letter from Frank A. Leach requests statistics for a publication by the United States Mint about metal production on the Pacific Coast.

Letters sent from San Francisco corporate headquarters (Box 33, folders 791-96) are from the president or secretary to the superintendent in Grass Valley. These are letterpress copybooks consisting of copies of letters in the earlier section "Received at Grass Valley" (folders 744-90).

Letters received by North Star's Grass Valley office (Box 33, folders 791-96) are to the superintendent from the president or secretary in San Francisco, from office staff, miners, and vendors. Many of the letters from the San Francisco office concern record keeping and what reports should be circulated. In the 1880s, renting or buying a mill and securing water power are major topics. A few letters in the late 1880s refer to the employees, some making derogatory comments about Cornish miners. There are hints of an association between North Star and Empire as the North Star president compares their expenses in September 1889 and asks Empire to cooperate on water expenses in 1892. During 1891-92 letters from the corporate officers and from attorney Fred Searls discuss James Kenney's law suit over a mining accident. In the following years legal problems arise over the Star Placer claim and the Irish American mine. The mid-1890s was a period of expansion for the company, and many claims and deeds are mentioned in the letters (see also the latter section Special Projects and Reports, Box 44). Power supply at North Star is discussed ever more frequently in the 1890s, becoming the overriding topic by 1894 as the company plans to build a new power plant. Electrical Engineering Company, Fulton Engineering and Ship Building Works, Pelton Water Wheel Company, Rix Company, and Risdon Iron & Locomotive Works correspond with the North Star superintendent regarding proposals, agreements, and installation of equipment. The collection also contains occasional letters from miners and engineers seeking work, and letters from present employees. Letters from miner's wives in 1895 and 1908 give some idea about living conditions and relationships between workers and the mine superintendents. Letters bidding for the North Star's sulphurets, usually from Pioneer Reduction Company, Puget Sound Reduction Company, or Shelby Smelting & Lead Company become common in the 1890s. From 1896 to 1904 there is a stream

of letters from Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, usually advising the company that North Star was not liable for various mine accidents. After 1904 North Star corresponds with other insurance companies. Letters of 1898 demonstrate that Arthur D. W. Foote is keeping the books for the Grass Valley Water Company, which North Star had absorbed. In the early 1900s, the majority of the letters are routine business communications from the office in San Francisco and vendors. In 1906-07 there are letters from the Grievance Committee of Grass Valley Miner's Union, No. 90 Western Federation of Miners ask for wage raises. Letters in 1907 hint at trouble between the North Star and Empire, and J. Ross Browne is called in to referee. A letter in 1909 from Mrs. Ballou offers to sell land to the company: "I was told you were buying up all the mines and mining ground you could get."

Letters sent from North Star's Grass Valley office (Box 43, folders 928-34) are from the superintendent to vendors and corporate offices. These are actually letterpress copybooks duplicating material found in the section "Received at San Francisco" (Boxes 30-33). Most are either routine business communications to the San Francisco corporate offices or about equipment to merchants. There are some financial reports which were enclosed in the letters. A 1894 letter seeks advice on hiring men "either on days' pay or Tribute." In 1895 almost every letter concerns contracts to build the power plant and hoisting works. A Grass Valley Water Company contract to supply Empire with water was copied with a February 1899 letter.

The Insurance section (Boxes 89-103) contains policies protecting North Star's hoist, offices, and quartz mill. These are organized by the year of signing. After 1895, the Stockbridge works and buildings are also insured. After 1895 the company takes out liability insurance against employee injury.

Accident Documents (Box 43, folders 936-45), dating mostly from the twentieth century, consists of paperwork involving the Department of Safety--Mining Division of the California Industrial Accident Commission. For information on North Star's reaction to mining accidents in the nineteenth century see letters concerning insurance in Boxes 36-40, folders 822-85.

The section Agreements, Claims, Deeds, (Boxes 43, folders 946-77) contains agreements, deeds, indentures, quit-claim deeds, land petitions, and many other documents transferring property and mineral rights to and from the North Star Company. There are also agreements or contracts governing labor relations and equipment. For 1896 there is a bound volume, arranged alphabetically, of tributer contracts.

Court Actions (Box 44, folders 978-83) contains papers from law suits involving the North Star Company.

Special projects and reports (Box 44, folders 984-1007), arranged chronologically by event, contains papers related to various mines, reports, or machinery. Many of these projects are also discussed in the North Star correspondence. A series of reports for October 1919 by "Operative #37" (folder 1007) concerns activity in the Central North Star shaft and at various miners' meetings. They give some information on unionization in Grass Valley.

Stock documents of North Star (Boxes 45-46) contain a variety of material related to stock ownership and value. The ledger, subscriptions, receipts of stock sold, transfer slips, assessment ledger, and various lists of stockholders record stockholders names, number of shares owned, and when stocks were transferred. Taken together they document the history of the ownership of the North Star from 1867-99, except for the years 1886-88. The assessment ledger notes when stockholders were asked to send additional money, but information on dividend payments can only be found in the financial accounts. The authorizations to buy mining properties (Box 46, folders 1033-34) note the need for capital in order to finance North Star's 1894 expansion. The letters to stockholders (folder 1035) also explain the company's needs, give a history of the mine, and describe the assets in 1897 and 1899.

Operation Records of North Star (Boxes 47-53) contain a series a weekly reports spanning 1884-1901 and monthly mining reports covering 1888-1901, each group recording different information. The weekly reports (folders 1043-69) track the quantities of ore extracted and processed, sulphurets obtained, as well as supplies used (wood, water, electricity) and men employed. This information is broken down to give details on ore costs in terms of supplies, men, and processing, and to trace the origin of the ore. The types of job (air driller, foremen, engineers, stokers) are also included. Most reports consist of a printed form with an attached handwritten narrative. North Star's monthly mining reports (folders 1070-1237) record the extension of the shafts and progress on the levels or drifts. This information is divided by company and contract/tribute work.

Other North Star operation reports are limited to a specific shaft or function, like tribute or mill work. Tribute statements for 1891-96 (folder 1240), arranged chronologically and then by tributer, record costs of milling and supplies (presumably services supplied to tributers by the company) and the number of cars of ore tributers extracted. The North Star mill reports (folder 1241) note supplies used and running-time of the mill, but only for 1898-1901. The Stockbridge shaft reports are a mixture of letters by the North Star assistant superintendent, pay roll lists, monthly narrative progress reports, supply lists, and other documents which together describe operations at the shaft. Finally, there is a twentieth-century map of the North Star properties and separate maps of the Champion and New York Hill mines (Boxes 53, folders 1246-47; Box 119, folder 2398).

Ore and Bullion Records, (Boxes 53-54) consist of the North Star Company's amalgam-bullion-sulphuret records and ore-and-waste records along with specific records for Massachusetts Hill and Champion. The amalgam-bullion-sulphuret records (folders 1248-64) report the value and quantity of bullion/sulphurets retrieved from ore (company and tributers) and processing charges. The second volume of each set holds summary statements. Biweekly amalgam-bullion-sulphuret records (folders 1265-70) were transferred into the above records and only lack the final bank values, shipping and refining costs, or net credit at the bank. North Star's ore-waste records (Box 54, folder 1287; Box 104, folders 2303-13), covering the period 1886-1903, report the source and quantity of ore. There are totals for the different levels, and company versus tributer quartz. These reports are accompanied by information on the lengths of the drifts and shafts.

Financial Records (Boxes 55-89) comprise the largest and most comprehensive set of records in the collection, although they only begin in 1884 after North Star's first major reorganization. Annual statements (Box 55, folders 1288-89) for the 1890s summarize the monthly statements. These annual statements record receipts and disbursements, representing the mine's operating expenses, and they include the office expenses for New York, San Francisco, and Grass Valley. The monthly statements tend to be more detailed than the annual and duplicates are filed with the superintendent's statements and vouchers (Box 55, folders 1292-94; also in Boxes 57-66, folders 1408-1502). Often, monthly accounts such as "statement of amount due by North Star" are filed with general monthly statements. The journals (folders 1290-91A) record similar financial information, but in more detail since individual expenses are listed. Moreover, the journals are keyed to the vouchers used to pay the bills.

North Star's tabulated statements (Box 107) were kept by Grass Valley for inspection by the San Francisco and New York offices in lieu of analyzed statements (see letters from New York to San Francisco, Box 28, folder 716-19). Tabulated statements, spanning 1890-99, are a series of expense accounts of mining labor, surface labor, mining supplies and materials, milling supplies and materials, power, miscellaneous, and tribute. Each account contains monthly entries and is broken down into labor costs per stopes and crosscuts, costs of individual material, cost of water for compressor, and hoisting. There are separate entries in red for Massachusetts Hill in 1896 and Stockbridge in 1897. In 1898 there are separate volumes for North Star and Stockbridge and one recording both. For 1888-97 the tabulated statements are summarized in yearly reports (Box 107, folders 2330-31). Analyzed statements of disbursements (Box 55, folders 1295-96; Boxes 108-09, folders 2344-58) list information on the expenses of ore production, waste versus quartz, tribute versus company, and supply and personnel expenses. There are two sets of bound volumes as well as duplicate paper documents.

Box 55 contains a series of North Star's specific accounts on tribute, the New York office, wood, and purchasing Massachusetts Hill mine.

Superintendent's statements and vouchers (Boxes 55-66) are a comprehensive monthly package of reports on the financial affairs of North Star's mine. Each month's report contains vouchers dated by when the bill was paid. From 1885-92 all the vouchers relate to the San Francisco office, but from 1893-96 there are some Grass Valley vouchers, and finally from 1897 all vouchers are from the mine. Starting in 1897 each month contains a monthly statement of receipts and disbursements, tribute statements, pay roll statements, and "daily returns of water sold to North Star" by Grass Valley Water Company. County and city tax receipts are enclosed in the November packages.

The last section of North Star's *Financial Records* consists of various documents related to drafts and checks. There are lists of the superintendent's drafts, checks drawn on the secretary of the company, the drafts themselves, and checks drawn by the secretary and president on the Bank of California.

Pay Roll Records for the North Star consist of the statements filed in the superintendents' statements and vouchers (Boxes 57-66, folders 1408-1502) and time books (Box 89, folders 1883-89). Time books, which are similar to the pay roll records, note the name, occupation, days worked, total days, wages paid, and rate per day. The list is divided into surface, underground, mill, central shaft, and improvement. The wage sheets, which span a few years in the 1920s, are organized by worker and record wage and bonus amounts.

[Series IX. Rocky Bar Gold Mining Company](#): The Rocky Bar mine, founded in 1850, was taken over by the Mount Hope Company in 1856 and then by A. Chavanne & Co, which gained possession in 1858 when Mount Hope defaulted on a loan. The Chavanne company renamed itself the Rocky Bar Company and the mine was run independently until purchased by North Star during 1891-93. The records in this series date from 1863, after Chavanne had been in possession for several years. There are few *Executive Records* except for stock documents which tell the history of the mines ownership from 1863 to 1893. There is a 1865 map of the Rocky Bar mine and a financial journal for 1864-84 (Box 90, folder 1913). Finally, there are a variety of accounts, covering mine expenses, salaries, dividends, lumber, and other matters, for the years 1864-66 and 1870-77, written in the back of the stock ledger (Box 90, folder 1909). A history of the Rocky Bar starting with its incorporation in 1863 can be found in Box 90, folder 1908.

[Series X. Tribute Mining Company](#): Tribute, located on New York Hill in 1879, was eventually taken over by North Star in 1896. There are minutes of board meetings for the entire life of the company (Box 90, folder 1915), as well as extensive stock documentation (folders 1918-21). Together these records tell the story of Tribute's search for a buyer and its eventual purchase by James D. Hague.

[Series XI. Other Mining Companies and Associations](#): The papers in this series (90-93) are arranged alphabetically by company and then by record type (see Summary Outline of Record Types, pages 33-34). The majority of the companies are Grass Valley mines, of which many were eventually purchased by Hague and the North Star. The records of A. Chavanne & Co., early owners of the Rocky Bar, consist of some of the earliest deeds in the collection, chronicling the history of claims in the Massachusetts-New York Hill area. The Chavanne company took over the Rocky Bar from the Mount Hope Company, which is also represented here. Michael Brennan, superintendent of the Rocky Bar mine in 1858, was involved in the financial scandal that led to Chavanne's takeover and the collection contains a copy of his suicide letter (folder 1961A).

Three of the groups are from areas other than Nevada County. Murphy Mining company was in Nye County, Nevada, which was probably the location of the Twin River Mining District and the Twin River Consolidated Mining Company (Boxes 93, folders 2068-74). Since Hague was president of the Twin River company, he may explain its presence in this collection as well as other non-Grass Valley records. The Yaqui-Providencia Mining Company (folders 2083-84) was incorporated in Arizona and worked mines in Mexico, perhaps in Sonora. Records of non-mining groups include American Powder Packing Company, Marysville and Nevada Power and Water Company, and the Mine Workers Protection.

Unidentified mining records are at the end of this series. There are deeds recording the transfer of land and mineral claims in and around Grass Valley from 1857 to 1899. Several maps show the situation of claims in the area in 1867, at the turn of the century, and in 1930. Also included are photographs of unidentified buildings and workers, as well as some landscape prints from the Giant Gold Mining Company.

[Series XII. Printed Material](#): This series consists primarily of chronologically arranged printed pieces about mining or Grass Valley found among the corporate records. There are local newspapers from Grass Valley, including issues with histories of the mines. Other printed material centers on mining, including a special centennial issue of the *Virginia City Times* and a 1949 publication, *Drama of the Comstock*. A 1902 pamphlet on Nevada County by a local promotion committee contains histories as well as illustrations of the mines (Box 2111). Articles on the Grass Valley Historical Museum document its founding.

Oversize contains material from Series I-XII. The arrangement, based on the size of the material, parallels the order of the collection. SUMMARY OUTLINE OF RECORD TYPES The following is an outline of the arrangement of the papers used for each series. EXECUTIVE RECORDS --Incorporation, By-Laws, Minutes ---Certificate of incorporation ---Articles of incorporation ---By-laws ---Minutes of directors/stockholders

meetings ---Copies of minutes and material from meetings --Correspondence ---New York to San Francisco
---Received at San Francisco ---Sent by San Francisco ---Received at Grass Valley ---Sent by Grass Valley
--Insurance --Accident Documents --Agreements, Claims, Deeds --Court Actions --Special Projects
and Reports --Stock Documents ---Ledger ---Subscriptions ---Receipts of stock sold ---Transfer journal
---Transfer slips ---Assessment ledger ---Statements of issues of stock ---Register of stockholders ---
Names and addresses of stockholders ---List of stockholders ---Certificates ---Sale of delinquent stock ---
Irrevocable stock power ---Proxies ---Account of sale of stock for assessment and charges ---Receipts for
stock certificate tax OPERATION RECORDS --Monthly reports --Weekly reports --Daily journal --Maps and
diagrams --Mine development --Maps and diagrams ORE AND BULLION RECORDS FINANCIAL RECORDS
--Annual statement --Ledger --Cash book --Journal --Monthly statement --Tabulated statements --
Analyzed statements --Trial Balances --Monthly tribute statements --Various accounts --Superintendent's
statements and drafts, or --Statements of receipts and disbursements, or --Paid drafts, vouchers, receipts
--Bills sent to secretary for payment --Receipts --Lists of drafts drawn --Drafts --Bank book --Check stubs --
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Collection Contents

Series I: Empire Mines and Investment Company, 1902-24

0.75 linear feet

Sometime prior to 1902, this company was known as Original Empire Mill and Mining Company (Series XI). In 1929 Empire merged with the North Star mines and became Empire Star Mines Company Ltd. (Series II).

EXECUTIVE RECORDS

b. 1, f. 1	Annual report and accounts	1902 Dec 31
	Agreements, claims, deeds Grouped by transaction (A to B, B to C, etc.) and arranged chronologically.	
b. 1, f. 2	Land, mineral rights sold to Lloyd P. Larue	1907
b. 1, f. 3-28	Land, mineral rights sold to Lloyd P. Larue	1909-15
b. 2, f. 29-39	Land, mineral rights sold to Lloyd P. Larue	1915-17
b. 2, f. 40-41	Land, mineral rights sold by Lloyd P. Larue to William B. Bourn	1911-12
b. 2, f. 42-44	Land, mineral rights sold by William B. Bourn to Empire	1905, 1912
b. 2, f. 45	Land, mineral rights sold by Lloyd P. Larue to Empire	1910
b. 2, f. 46-47	Land, mineral rights sold by Lloyd P. Larue to Empire	1916-17
b. 3, f. 48-52	Land, mineral rights sold by others to Empire	1916-18
b. 3, f. 53-56	Land, mineral rights sold by others to Empire	1918-20
b. 3, f. 57	Mineral patents	1913
b. 3, f. 58	Claim of Panama Lode	1917 Oct 10
b. 3, f. 59	Indenture, Empire to John T. Hopper (unsigned)	1924 Oct

OTHER MATERIAL

b. 3, f. 60	Photographic postcards of mine workers	ca. 1906-18
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Series II: Empire Star Mines Company Ltd., 1930-41*0.5 linear feet*

Formed by the merge of the Empire (Series I) and the North Star (Series VIII) in 1929, this company was succeeded by the New Verde Mines Company (Series XI).

EXECUTIVE RECORDS

Accident Documents

b. 3, f. 61	California Industrial Accident Commission trial	1936 Aug 12
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b. 3, f. 62-63	Agreements, claims, deeds	1929-30
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Court actions

b. 3, f. 64	Empire Star vs. Grass Valley Bullion Mines (U.S. District Court)	1935 Oct 23
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b. 3, f. 65	Empire Star vs. Cooley Butler, Walter Butler, Fred Kalenborn, et al (California Superior Court)	1941 Jan 8
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Special projects and reports

b. 3, f. 66	[Gladys-Belle Mine, report by Rush T. Sill]	1930 Apr 1
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OTHER MATERIAL

b. 3, f. 67	Orders for equipment	n.d.
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	Design for book cover, <i>Gold: The Story of the Empire Star Mines</i> See: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2123	n.d.
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Series III: Gold Hill Mining Company, 1877-1903*17.25 linear feet*

Gold Hill was taken over by North Star in 1903 and information on the mine after that date can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

EXECUTIVE RECORDS

Incorporation, By-Laws, Minutes

b. 3, f. 68	By-laws	1890
b. 3a, f. 69b. 3b, f. 70	Minutes of directors/stockholders meetings	1877-1903
b. 3, f. 71	Copies of minutes and material from meetings	1889

Correspondence

b. 4, f. 72	Received at San Francisco	1884
b. 4, f. 73-85	Received at San Francisco See also: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2124	1890-93
	Received at San Francisco See: Sent by Grass Valley, Box 9, folder 190	1894
b. 4, f. 86-94	Received at San Francisco See also: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2124	1895-96
b. 5, f. 95-104	Received at San Francisco	1896-97
b. 6, f. 105-29	Received at San Francisco See also: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2124	1897-99
b. 7, f. 130-62	Received at San Francisco	1899-1903
b. 8a, f. 163	Sent by San Francisco	1890-95
	Sent by San Francisco See: Folders 87-162, copies are filed with letters received at San Francisco.	1896-1903
b. 8, f. 164-89	Received at Grass Valley	1899-1903
b. 9a, f. 190b. 9b, f. 191b. 9c, f. 192	Sent by Grass Valley	1890-1898, 1902

Agreements, claims, deeds

b. 9, f. 193	Agreement	1882
b. 9, f. 194	Agreement	1890
b. 9, f. 195	Agreements	1896-97

Court actions

EXECUTIVE RECORDS > Court actions (continued)

b. 9, f. 196	In re Gold Hill, opinion of E. W. McGraw	1898-99
b. 9, f. 197-98	Peabody Mining Company vs. Gold Hill (9th US Circuit Court)	ca. 1899
Special projects and reports		
	Pump sketches See: Oversize, Box 114, folder 2373	[1897]
b. 9, f. 199	Memorandum of papers sent to C. H. Lindley	1903 Mar 31
b. 9, f. 200	"Early Mills and Mines" by Melville Attwood in <i>The Mining and Electrical Review</i>	n.d.
Stock documents		
b. 9d, f. 201	Ledger	1877-1903
b. 9e, f. 202	Transfer journal	1877-1903
b. 9f, f. 203	Assessment ledger	1878-1903
b. 9g, f. 204	Certificates	1877-97
	Sale of delinquent stock See: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2125	1895 Dec 4
b. 9, f. 205	Proxies	1890-91
b. 9, f. 206-07	Proxies	1898-1900
b. 9, f. 208	Proxies	1903
b. 9, f. 209-10	Miscellaneous papers	1895, 1903, n.d.
OPERATION RECORDS		
b. 10, f. 211-12	Mine and mill monthly statement	1896-97
b. 10, f. 213-44	Weekly reports	1896-1900
b. 11, f. 245-72	Weekly reports	1900-1902
b. 11a, f. 273	Mine development	1896
b. bsd, folder 274	Maps and diagrams See also: Oversize, Box 95, folder 2142	1897-98
ORE AND BULLION RECORDS		
b. 11b, f. 275	Amalgam account	1896-98, 1902-03
	Memorandum of bullion See: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2126	1902-03
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FINANCIAL RECORDS (continued)

b. 12, f. 276	Annual statement Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1897
b. 12, f. 277	Annual statement Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1898
b. 12a-12b, f. 278-79	Ledgers Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1877-1903
b. 12c-12d, f. 280-81	Cash books Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1877-1903
b. 12, f. 282-86	Monthly statements Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1896-1901
b. 12, f. 287	Monthly statements Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1903
b. 12, f. 288	Trial balances Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1890
b. 12, f. 289-90	Trial balances Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator. See also: Oversize, Box 114, folder 2374	1896-98
b. 12e, f. 291	Trial balances Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1901-03
b. 12, f. 292-93	Monthly tribute statements Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	1897-98
b. 12, f. 294-315	Superintendent's statements and drafts Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator. See also: Oversize, Box 95, folders 2143-50 Restricted until conservation work completed	1890-91
b. 13, f. 316-57	Superintendent's statements and drafts Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator. See also: Oversize, Box 95, folders 2151-64 Restricted until conservation work completed	1892-97

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b. 14, f. 358-71	<p>Superintendent's statements and drafts</p> <p>Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.</p> <p>See also: Oversize, Box 95, folders 2159-64 Restricted until conservation work completed</p>	1897
b. 15, f. 372-87	<p>Superintendent's statements and drafts</p> <p>Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.</p> <p>See also: Oversize, Box 95-96, folders 2159-76 Restricted until conservation work completed</p>	1897-98
b. 16, f. 388-402	<p>Superintendent's statements and drafts</p> <p>Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.</p> <p>See also: Oversize, Box 96, folders 2165-83 Restricted until conservation work completed</p>	1898-99
b. 17, f. 403-19	<p>Superintendent's statements and drafts</p> <p>Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.</p> <p>See also: Oversize, Box 96, folders 2177-95 Restricted until conservation work completed</p>	1899-1900
b. 18, f. 420-32	<p>Superintendent's statements and drafts</p> <p>Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.</p> <p>See also: Oversize, Boxes 96-97, folders 2184-2206 Restricted until conservation work completed</p>	1900-1901
b. 18a, f. 433-37	<p>Superintendent's statements and drafts</p> <p>Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.</p> <p>See also: Oversize, Boxes 97, folders 2196-2206 Restricted until conservation work completed</p>	1901
b. 19, f. 438-49	<p>Superintendent's statements and drafts</p> <p>Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.</p> <p>See also: Oversize, Boxes 97, folders 2207-18 Restricted until conservation work completed</p>	1902
b. 19a, f. 450-54	<p>Superintendent's statements and drafts</p> <p>Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.</p> <p>See also: Oversize, Boxes 97, folders 2219-23 Restricted until conservation work completed</p>	1903
b. 20, f. 455-57	<p>Bills sent to secretary for payment</p>	1900-02

FINANCIAL RECORDS (continued)

b. 20a, f. 458	Receipts	1896-1903
b. 20b-20c, f. 459-60	Check stubs	1890-96
b. 20d-20g, f. 461-64	Check stubs	1899-1903
PAY ROLL RECORDS		
	Pay roll records See: Superintendent's statements and drafts, Boxes 13-19A, folders 316-454	1897-1902
b. 20, f. 465	Pay roll record	1942 Feb
INVENTORY RECORDS		
b. 20h, f. 466	Ledger	1897-98
	Monthly mine and mill storehouse report See: Superintendent's statements and drafts, Boxes 13-19A, folders 316-454	1897-1902
b. 20, f. 467	Wood accounts	1897-1900

Series IV: Granite Hill Mining & Development Co.

0.75 linear feet

EXECUTIVE RECORDS

Insurance

Policy	1899 Nov 6
See: Oversize, Box 114, folder 2375	

Agreements, claims, deeds

b. 20, f. 468	Agreement, indenture, lease	1880
b. 20, f. 469-74	Agreements, indentures, instruments See also: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2127	1893-98
b. 20, f. 475-76	Indentures, notice of mining location, partial abstract regarding mining claim	n.d.

Court actions

b. 20, f. 477	Mary J. Larimer vs. Martin Ford (U.S. District Court)	1878-80
b. 20, f. 478	Van Orden vs. Granite Hill, Martin Ford (California Superior Court)	1895
b. 20, f. 479-81	John J. Ryan vs. Granite Hill (Dept. of Interior, General Land Office)	1898-1900, n.d.
b. 20, f. 482-86	John J. Ryan vs. Granite Hill (California Superior Court) See also: Oversize, Box 98, folder 2224	1900 Mar

Special projects and reports

b. 20, f. 487	Affidavits of labor performed and improvements made	1896-98
b. 20, f. 488	Secretary's reports	1897
b. 20, f. 489	Report by U.S. Surveyor Samuel J. Alderman	1898

OPERATION RECORDS

b. 21, f. 490	Daily journal T. F. Phillips	1897-99
b. 21, f. 491	Map	
b. bsd, folder 492	Maps	1898-99, n.d.

ORE AND BULLION RECORDS

b. 21, f. 493	Report on bullion, amalgams, assays, and samplings	1897
	Daily amalgam reports See: Box 21, folder 490, back of volume.	1897, 1899

FINANCIAL RECORDS

b. 21, f. 494	Receipts of sale of Granite Hill Mine, Martin Ford to Company	1895-97
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FINANCIAL RECORDS (continued)

b. 21, f. 495	Tax receipt	1898 Nov 25
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PAY ROLL RECORDS

b. 21, f. 496	Time book Two sets of records in the volume, company and contract/tributer	1896-99
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OTHER MATERIAL

b. 21, f. 497	Miscellaneous papers	1881, n.d.
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Series V: Grass Valley Water Company*4.25 linear feet*

This company started off with financing from the Original Empire Mill and Mining Company in 1884. They were bought out by the North Star in 1898, although the company was being managed by North Star as early as 1894. Further information can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

EXECUTIVE RECORDS

Incorporation, By-Laws, Minutes

b. 21, f. 498	Articles of incorporation	1884 Dec
b. 21a, f. 499	By-laws	1889 Feb 1
b. 21b, f. 500	Minutes of directors/stockholders meetings	1884-99
b. 21, f. 501-13	Copies of minutes and material from meetings	1889-99

Correspondence

b. 22, f. 514	Received at San Francisco	1885-86
b. 22, f. 515	Received at San Francisco	1889-90
b. 22, f. 516	Received at San Francisco	1893-95

Agreements, claims, deeds

b. 22, f. 517-19	Agreements, deed	1885-87
b. 22, f. 520	Agreement, certificate of secretary of state, indenture	1889, 1893
b. 22, f. 521	Certificate of secretary of state, letter requesting termination of agreement	1899-1900

Special projects and reports

b. 22, f. 522-24	Empire - North Star Pipe	1884-86
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Stock documents

b. 22a, f. 525	Ledger	1885-89
b. 22b, f. 526	Transfer journal	1885-89
b. 22c, f. 527	Certificates (blank)	n.d.
b. 22, f. 528	Statement of issues of stock	1892
	List of stockholders See: Oversize, Box 98, folder 2225	1891 May
b. 22, f. 529	Irrevocable stock power	1894 Jul 6
b. 22, f. 530-31	Proxies	1890, 1899
b. 22, f. 532	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1889

EXECUTIVE RECORDS > Stock documents (continued)

b. 22, f. 533	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1893-94
OPERATION RECORDS		
b. 22, f. 534	Daily water supply and log book	1888-96
	Daily returns of water sold to North Star See: North Star Superintendent's statements and vouchers, Boxes 57-66, folders 1408-1502	1894-97
FINANCIAL RECORDS		
b. 22, f. 535	Annual statement	1893
b. 22, f. 536-38	Annual statement	1895-97
b. 22e, f. 539	Ledger	1885-89
	Copy of ledger postings See: Oversize, Box 98, folder 2226	1885-92
b. 22, f. 540-41	Trial balances	1892, 1897
b. 22, f. 542	Accounts with Empire Company	1885-98
b. 22, f. 543	Empire Company water accounts	1892-93
b. 22g, f. 544	Water and labor accounts	1888-97
b. 22, f. 545	Secretary's statement of receipts and disbursements	1885-93
b. 22, f. 546-49	Paid drafts, vouchers, receipts	1884-86
b. 23, f. 550-77	Paid drafts, vouchers, receipts See also: Oversize, Box 114, folder 2376	1886-98
b. 23, f. 578	List of drafts drawn, general	1888-93
b. 23, f. 579	List of drafts drawn in favor South Yuba Water Co.	1888-93

Series VI: Massachusetts Hill Mining Company, 1866-95

1.5 linear feet

Massachusetts Hill was taken over by North Star in 1894 and information on the mine after that date can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

EXECUTIVE RECORDS

Incorporation, By-Laws, Minutes

Certificate of incorporation 1888 Oct 11
[See: Oversize, Box 115, folder 2377](#)

b. 24a, f. 580	By-laws	1888 Nov 5
b. 24, f. 581	Minutes of directors/stockholders meeting	1889 May 8
b. 24, f. 582	Minutes of directors/stockholders meeting	1891 May 16
b. 24, f. 583	Minutes of directors/stockholders meeting	1893 May 10

Agreements, claims, deeds

b. 24, f. 584	Indenture, promise to pay	1866 Feb 6
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Stock documents

Certificates (blank) n.d.
[See: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2128](#)

b. 24, f. 585	Proxy	1890 May 14
b. 24, f. 586	Receipt for stock certificate tax	1889 Apr 18

ORE AND BULLION RECORDS

b. 24, f. 587	Ore estimates	1899
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FINANCIAL RECORDS

b. 24, f. 588-95	Receipts	1888-95
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Series VII: New York Hill Mining Company, 1871-95*5 linear feet*

New York Hill was taken over by North Star in 1894 and information on the mine after that date can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

EXECUTIVE RECORDS

Incorporation, By-Laws, Minutes

b. 24, f. 596	Certificate of incorporation	1871 May 3
b. 24b, f. 597	By-laws	1889 Jun 29
b. 24, f. 598	Application for dissolution and accompanying material	1894
b. 24c, f. 599	Minutes of directors/stockholders meetings	1871-94
b. 24, f. 600-04	Copies of minutes and material from meetings	1871-77
b. 24, f. 605-15	Copies of minutes and material from meetings	1885-94

Correspondence

b. 24, f. 616-21	Received at San Francisco	1885-90
b. 24, f. 622-24	Received at San Francisco	1892-94
b. 24, f. 625	Sent by San Francisco	1880-94
b. 25, f. 626-27	Sent by Grass Valley	1885-86

Agreements, claims, deeds

b. 25, f. 628-29	Agreement, release and confirmation	1879, 1881
b. 25, f. 630-31	Indenture, assent, deed	1886, 1894

Stock documents

b. 25a, f. 632	Ledger	1875-89
b. 25b, f. 633	Transfer journal	1875-89
b. 25c, f. 634	Assessment ledger	1875-95
b. 25, f. 635	Statements of issues of stock	1892
	List of stockholders See: Oversize, Box 98, folders 2227-32	1885-90
	List of stockholders See: Oversize, Box 98, folders 2233-34	1892, n.d.
b. 25, f. 636	Proxy	1890 Mar 25
b. 25, f. 637	Certificate of increase of the capital stock	1875 Jul 29
b. 25, f. 638	Account of sale of stock for assessment and charges	1885 Dec 28

EXECUTIVE RECORDS > Stock documents (continued)

b. 25, f. 639	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1889
b. 25, f. 640	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1891-92
b. 25, f. 641	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1894
OPERATIONS RECORDS		
b. 25, f. 642-45	Weekly reports	1885-86
ORE AND BULLION RECORDS		
b. 25, f. 646-47	Memoranda of bullion	1885-86
FINANCIAL RECORDS		
b. 25, f. 648	Ledger	1871-89
b. 25e, f. 649	Cash book	1871-89
b. 25, f. 650	Journal	1871-89
b. 25, f. 651-52	Statements of receipts and disbursements See also: Oversize, Box 98, folders 2235-47	1885-86
b. 25, f. 653-56	Statements of receipts and disbursements	1889-93
b. 26, f. 657-66	Paid vouchers See also: Oversize, Box 98, folder 2248	1885-94
b. 26, f. 667	Bank book (Swiss American Bank; F. Berton & Co.)	1875-85
b. 26, f. 668-69	Bank book and checks (Alfred Borel & Co.)	1885-94
b. 26, f. 670	Miscellaneous accounts	1885, 1889
PAY ROLL RECORDS		
	Pay roll records See: Statements of receipts and disbursements, folders 651-52	1885-86

Series VIII: North Star Mining Company*53 linear feet*

In 1929 North Star merged with the Empire becoming the Empire Star (Series II). Eventually North Star became part of the New Verde Mines which sold off the mines and equipment in 1958 (Series XI).

EXECUTIVE RECORDS

Incorporation, By-laws, Minutes

b. 27, f. 671	Certificate of incorporation	1899 Apr 7
b. 27, f. 672	Certificate of incorporation	1922 Apr 12
b. 27, f. 672A	By-laws	n.d.
b. 27a, f. 673	Minutes of trustees/stockholders meetings	1867-87
b. 27b, f. 674	Minutes of directors/stockholders meetings	1884-96
b. 27c, f. 675	Minutes of directors/stockholders meetings	1896
b. 27, f. 676	Minutes of directors/stockholders meetings	1922-30
b. 27, f. 677	Copies of minutes and material from meetings	1873
b. 27, f. 678-80	Copies of minutes and material from meetings	1879-80
b. 27, f. 681-706	Copies of minutes and material from meetings See also: Oversize, Box 99, folders 2249-53	1884-97
b. 28, f. 707-12	Copies of minutes and material from meetings	1898-99
b. 28, f. 713-14	Copies of minutes and material from meetings See also: Oversize, Box 99, folder 2254	1904, n.d.

Correspondence

b. 28, f. 715-24	New York to San Francisco	1885-91
b. 29, f. 725-38	New York to San Francisco	1892-97
b. 30, f. 739-43	New York to San Francisco	1898-99
b. 30, f. 744-45	Received at San Francisco	1879, 1881
b. 30, f. 746-56	Received at San Francisco	1884-86
b. 31, f. 757-70	Received at San Francisco	1886-92
b. 32, f. 771-82	Received at San Francisco	1893-98
b. 33, f. 783-85	Received at San Francisco	1899
b. 33, f. 786	Received at San Francisco	1904-05
b. 33, f. 787	Received at San Francisco	1908
b. 33, f. 788-90	Received at San Francisco	1915-17, n.d.

EXECUTIVE RECORDS > Correspondence (continued)

b. 33a-33c, f. 791-93	Sent by San Francisco	1867-81
b. 33d-33f, f. 794-96	Sent by San Francisco	1884-99
b. 34, f. 797-808	Received at Grass Valley	1886-91
b. 35, f. 809-21	Received at Grass Valley	1892-95
b. 36, f. 822-33	Received at Grass Valley	1896
b. 37, f. 834-46	Received at Grass Valley	1897-98
b. 38, f. 847-59	Received at Grass Valley	1898-99
b. 39, f. 860-74	Received at Grass Valley	1899-1901
b. 40, f. 875-91	Received at Grass Valley See also: Oversize, Box 115, folder 2378	1902-05
b. 41, f. 892-907	Received at Grass Valley	1905-08
b. 42, f. 908-22	Received at Grass Valley	1908-09
b. 42, f. 923	Received at Grass Valley See also: Oversize, Box 99, folder 2255	1911-13
b. 42, f. 924	Received at Grass Valley	1916, 1918
b. 42, f. 925	Received at Grass Valley	1920-21
b. 42, f. 926	Received at Grass Valley	1925, 1928
b. 42, f. 927	Received at Grass Valley	1936
b. 43a-43d, f. 928-31	Sent by Grass Valley See also: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2129	1884-1900
b. 43e-43g, f. 932-34	Sent by Grass Valley	1904-07
Insurance		
	Policies See: Oversize, Box 99, folders 2256-57	1884-85
	Policies See: Oversize, Boxes 99-103, folders 2258-96	1887-99
	Policies See: Oversize, Box 103, folders 2297	1915
b. 43, f. 935	Book for recording policies	1889

Accident Documents

EXECUTIVE RECORDS > Accident Documents (continued)

b. 43, f. 936-37	Monthly reports to California Industrial Accident Commission, Dept. of Safety, Mining Division	1917-18
b. 43, f. 938	Agreement	1891-92
b. 43, f. 939	Reports	n.d.
b. 43, f. 940-41	Coroner's inquisitions	1904-05
b. 43, f. 942	Coroner's inquisitions	1930
b. 43, f. 943-44	Trials before the California Industrial Accident Commission	1923, 1927
b. 43, f. 945	Trials before the California Industrial Accident Commission	1936
Agreements, claims, deeds		
b. 43, f. 946-47	Agreements, indenture	1861, 1868
b. 43, f. 948-49	Agreements, offer to lease mining claims	1873, 1878
b. 43, f. 950-51	Agreement, power of attorney	1887-88
b. 43, 43h, f. 952-57	Agreements, assent of stockholders, indenture, land petition Includes bound volume "Contracts with outside tributers," stored in box 43h, folder 954.	1894-99
b. 43, f. 958	Agreement	1901
b. 43, f. 959-62	Agreements, indenture, specifications for pump, order by Board	1903-06
b. 43, f. 963-64	Agreements, agreements of license	1909-10
b. 43, f. 965-71	Agreements, agreements of license, indenture, location notices, land petitions	1913-19
b. 43, f. 972	Agreement, indenture	1921
b. 43, f. 973-76	Agreements, contracts, leases	1925-28
b. 43, f. 977	List of title papers sent to New York	
Court actions		
b. 44, f. 978	North Star vs. Central Pacific Ry. Co. (U.S. Land Office)	1891, 1914
b. 44, f. 979	Carson City Gold & Silver Mining Company vs. North Star (9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals)	1897 Oct 18
b. 44, f. 980-82	In the matter of application by North Star for exclusion of lands from Nevada Irrigation District (Before Board of NID)	1924
b. 44, f. 983	Nevada Irrigation District vs. North Star et al (California Superior Court)	1926 Sep 20
Special Reports and Projects		
b. 44, f. 984	Lodestar Quartz Mine	1888, 1892

EXECUTIVE RECORDS > Special Reports and Projects (continued)

b. 44, f. 985	[Shanghai] Consolidated Quartz Mine	1889 Oct 30
b. 44, f. 986	Walworth Mine	1890-94
b. 44, f. 987	Reilly, Wright property (Oro Flat Mine) See also: Oversize, Box 104, folder 2298	1891-95
b. 44, f. 988	Massachusetts Hill properties See also: Oversize, Box 104, folder 2299	1893-95
b. 44, f. 989	Watt & Company mining claim	1893-95
b. 44, f. 990	Great Britain Quartz Mine	1894
b. 44, f. 991	Star Placer Mine	1894 Feb 20
b. 44, f. 992	Sinking pump	1895
b. 44, f. 993	Southern Quartz Mine	1895
b. 44, f. 994	Dipper Quartz Mine	1896 Dec 29
b. 44, f. 994A-B	North Star power plant	1898, 1963
b. 44, f. 995	Mount Pleasant mine inventory of machinery	1900 Feb
b. 44, f. 996	Hoisting engine See also: Oversize, Box 104, folder 2300	1900
b. 44, f. 997	Strike and Root Lode claims	1901
b. 44, f. 998	Great Bear Quartz Mine	1904-05
b. 44, f. 999	Report with appendix on examination of certain mining properties in the vicinity of Grass Valley by Louis Janin	1908
b. 44, f. 1000	Report on the Geology of the North Star Mine by Ernest Howe	1910 Mar
Champion Mines		
b. 44, f. 1001	Report on the geology of the Champion Mines by Ernest Howe	1911 Feb-Mar
b. 44, f. 1002-03	Report on development	1911, 1919
b. 44, f. 1004	[Champion Mines, Report of J. B. Stapler]	1918 Feb 15
b. 44, f. 1005	[Report on the Golden Gate Mines by Fred M. Miller]	1912 Aug 15
b. 44, f. 1006	New Ophir Mine and Daisy Hill Mine	1916
b. 44, f. 1007	Operative's report on activity in Central Shaft and at mine worker's Protective League meetings	1919 Oct
Stock documents		
See also "Copies of minutes and material from meetings" (Boxes 27-28, folders 677-713) for lists of stockholders and proxies		
b. 45a, f. 1008	Ledger	1867-84

EXECUTIVE RECORDS > Stock documents (continued)

b. 45, f. 1009	Subscriptions	ca. 1867
b. 45, f. 1010-11	Receipts of stock sold	1884
b. 45, f. 1012-19	Transfer slips	1888-95
b. 46, f. 1020-23	Transfer slips	1896-99
b. 46a, f. 1024	Assessment ledger	1869-85
b. 46, f. 1025	Statements of issues of stock	1892
b. 46b, f. 1026	Register of stockholders	1887-99
b. 46c, f. 1027	Names and addresses of stockholders	ca. 1888
b. 46, f. 1028	Lists of stockholders	1885 Sep
b. 46, f. 1029	Lists of stockholders	1888 Jan
b. 46, f. 1030	Lists of stockholders See also: Oversize, Box 104, folder 2301	1895-96
b. 46, f. 1030A	Certificates (blank)	ca. 1860, 1880
b. 46, f. 1031	Sale of delinquent stock See also: Oversize, Box 104, folder 2302	1879, 1885
b. 46, f. 1032	Proxies	1890
b. 46, f. 1033-34	Stockholders' authorizations to buy mining properties	1894
b. 46, f. 1035	Printed letters to stockholders	1897, 1899
b. 46, f. 1036	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1878-79
b. 46, f. 1037	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1881
b. 46, f. 1038	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1884-89
b. 46, f. 1039	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1891-94
b. 46, f. 1040	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1896
b. 46, f. 1041	Miscellaneous papers	1886,'89,'98,n.d.
OPERATION RECORDS		
b. 46, f. 1042	Monthly reports	1887
b. 46, f. 1043-69	Weekly reports	1884-1901
b. 47, f. 1070-99	Monthly mining reports See also: Oversize, Box 115, folders 2379-82	1888-90 Jun
b. 48, f. 1100-41	Monthly mining reports See also: Oversize, Box 115-16, folders 2382-85	1890 Jul-93

OPERATION RECORDS (continued)

b. 49, f. 1142-77	Monthly mining reports See also: Oversize, Box 116, folders 2386-88	1894-96
b. 50, f. 1178-1201	Monthly mining reports See also: Oversize, Box 116-17, folders 2389-90	1897-98
b. 51, f. 1202-25	Monthly mining reports See also: Oversize, Box 117, folders 2391-92	1899-1900
b. 52, f. 1226-37	Monthly mining reports See also: Oversize, Box 117, folders 2393	1901
b. 52a-52b, f. 1238-39	Daily reports	1897, 1929
b. 53, f. 1240	Tribute statements	1891-96
b. 53a, f. 1241	Monthly North Star Mill records	1898-1901
b. 53b-53c, f. 1242-43	Stockbridge Shaft reports	1896-1900
b. 53, f. 1243A	Gold Hill reports	1904
b. 53, f. 1244	North Star production	1934, n.d.
b. 53, f. 1245	Proposal for mine development	post-1894
	Maps of North Star properties and mines See: Oversize Box 119, folder 2398	ca. 1914
b. bsd, folder 1246	Map of the Champion mines claims	n.d.
b. bsd, folder 1247	Map of New York Hill mine	1890

ORE AND BULLION RECORDS

Amalgam, bullion, and sulphuret records

Two sets of bound volumes; paper duplicates of sulphuret reports and amalgam, bullion reports

b. 53d-53e, f. 1248-49	Bound volumes, set 1	1884-96
b. 53f-53g, f. 1250-51	Bound volumes, set 2	1884-96
b. 53, f. 1252	Amalgam, bullion reports (paper records)	1889
b. 53, f. 1253-54	Amalgam, bullion reports (paper records)	1891-92
b. 53, f. 1255-64	Sulphuret reports (paper records)	1888-97

Biweekly amalgam, bullion, and sulphuret reports

ORE AND BULLION RECORDS > Biweekly amalgam, bullion, and sulphuret reports (continued)

b. 54a, f. 1265	Bound volume	1887-91
b. 54, f. 1266-70	Paper records	1887-91
b. 54, 54c-54c, f. 1271-73	Daily amalgam and bullion records	1892-1904
b. 54, f. 1274-86	Bullion slips and assay certificates	1887-98
	Ore and waste records	
	Paper documents duplicate bound volume	
b. 54, f. 1287	Bound volume	1886-1903
	Paper documents	1886-96
	See: Oversize Box 104, folder 2303	
	Massachusetts Hill ore delivered to North Star mill reports	1896
	See: Oversize Box 105, folder 2314	
	Champion assays	1917-20
	See: Percipatate and bar assays, p. 50-79 of Box 90, folder 1938A.	
	Summary of ore records	1889
	See: Oversize, Box 105, folder 2315	
FINANCIAL RECORDS		
	Annual statements	1888
	See: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2130	
b. 55, f. 1288-89	Annual statements	1890-97
	See also: Oversize, Box 94, folders 2131-36	
b. 55a, f. 1289A	Cash book	1896
b. 55b, f. 1290	Journal	1884-93
b. 55c, f. 1291	Journal	1896 May
b. 55, f. 1291A	Journal	1899-1900
b. 55, f. 1292-94	Monthly statements	1884-87
	For the years 1884-93, these documents duplicate information in the Journal (Box 55, folder 1290). Similar information for the years 1894-97 can be found in superintendent's statements and vouchers (Boxes 57-66, folders 1408-1502)	
	See also: Oversize, Box 105, folders 2316-18	
	Monthly statements	1893-99
	See: Oversize, Boxes 105-07, folders 2319-29	
	Tabulated statements	

FINANCIAL RECORDS > Tabulated statements (continued)

	Summaries See: Oversize, Box 107, folders 2330-31	1888-97
	Tabulated statements of superintendent's monthly account See: Oversize, Box 107, folders 2332-43	1890-99, n.d.
	Analyzed statements	
	Summaries See: Oversize, Box 119, folder 2399	1890-91
	Monthly analyzed statement of disbursements (multiple copies)	
b. 55e, f. 1295	Bound volume, set 1	1888-91
b. 55, f. 1296	Bound volume, set 2	1888-91
	Paper documents See: Oversize, Box 108, folder 2344	1888
	Paper documents See: Oversize, Box 108-09, folders 2345-58	1891-99
	Monthly tribute statements See: Superintendent's statements and vouchers Boxes 57-66, folders 1408-1502	
	Monthly tribute statements See: Oversize, Box 119, folder 2400; Boxes 112-13, folders 2359-66	1897-1904
	Tribute and wood ledger	
b. 55g, f. 1297	Wood accounts, p. 1-170	1884-96
b. 55g, f. 1297	Monthly tribute statements, p. 198-355	1886-96
b. 55g, f. 1297	Tribute accounts, p. 361-411	1885-86
b. 55, f. 1298-1306	Accounts current of New York transfer agency	1888-97
	Accounts of crushings of tribute ore	
b. 55h, f. 1307	Stockbridge, p. 19-34	1896-1901
b. 55h, f. 1307	New York Hill, p. 51-52	1900-01
b. 55h, f. 1307	Gold Hill Shaft, p. 150-55	1903-04
b. 55, f. 1308	Massachusetts Hill purchase account	1895
b. 55, f. 1309	Homes purchase accounts	1920-21
b. 55, f. 1310-11	Miscellaneous accounts	1895, ca. 1898

FINANCIAL RECORDS (continued)

b. 55, f. 1312	Superintendent's statements and vouchers Some secretary's vouchers from San Francisco office included	1867
b. 55, f. 1313-19	Superintendent's statements and vouchers Some secretary's vouchers from San Francisco office included	1878-84
b. 56, f. 1320-66	Superintendent's statements and vouchers Some secretary's vouchers from San Francisco office included in the early years	1885-89
b. 57, f. 1367-1414	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1890-94
b. 58, f. 1415-30	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1894
b. 59, f. 1431-44	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1895
b. 60, f. 1445-54	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1895
b. 61, f. 1455-64	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1896
b. 62, f. 1465-74	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1896
b. 63, f. 1475-84	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1896-97
b. 64, f. 1485-92	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1897
b. 65, f. 1493-1500	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1897
b. 66, f. 1501-02	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1897
b. 66, f. 1503-04	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1899, 1928
	Drafts and checks	
	List of superintendent's drafts See: Letters received at San Francisco, Box 30, folders 746-56	1884-85
b. 66, f. 1505-13	List of superintendent's drafts	1885-86
b. 66, f. 1514-22	List of superintendent's drafts	1888
b. 67, f. 1523-35	List of superintendent's drafts	1888-89
b. 68, f. 1536-50	List of superintendent's drafts	1889-91
b. 69, f. 1551-69	List of superintendent's drafts	1891-92
b. 70, f. 1570-86	List of superintendent's drafts	1892-94
b. 71, f. 1587-1604	List of superintendent's drafts	1894-95
b. 72, f. 1605-22	List of superintendent's drafts	1895-97
b. 73, f. 1622A-31	List of superintendent's drafts	1897-98
b. 73a, f. 1632	List of superintendent's drafts	1896-98

FINANCIAL RECORDS > Drafts and checks (continued)

b. 73b-73f, f. 1633-37	Record of drafts	1884-98
b. 73g-73h, f. 1638-39	Paid drafts	1887-97
b. 73i, f. 1640	Superintendent's draft stubs	1897-98
b. 73, f. 1641-47	Superintendent's drafts	1884-85
b. 74, f. 1648-61	Superintendent's drafts	1885-86
b. 75, f. 1662-69	Superintendent's drafts	1886-92
b. 76, f. 1670-76	Superintendent's drafts	1892-93
b. 77, f. 1677-83	Superintendent's drafts	1893
b. 78, f. 1684-89	Superintendent's drafts	1893-94
b. 79, f. 1690-97	Superintendent's drafts	1894
b. 80, f. 1698-1708	Superintendent's drafts	1894-96
b. 81, f. 1709-18	Superintendent's drafts	1896-97
b. 82, f. 1719-24	Superintendent's drafts	1897
b. 83, f. 1725	Superintendent's drafts	1898
b. 83, f. 1726-27	Bank books	1884-93
b. 83a-83e, f. 1728-32	Check stubs	1884-96
b. 83, f. 1733-51	Checks	1884-86
b. 84, f. 1752-77	Checks	1886-88
b. 85, f. 1778-1801	Checks	1888-90
b. 86, f. 1802-25	Checks	1890-92
b. 87, f. 1826-49	Checks	1892-94
b. 88, f. 1850-69	Checks	1894-95
b. 89, f. 1870-82	Checks	1896
PAY ROLL RECORDS		
	Pay roll records	1894-97
	See: Superintendent's statements and vouchers, Boxes 57-66, folders 1408-1502	
b. 89a-89d, f. 1883-86	Time books	1884-93

PAY ROLL RECORDS (continued)

Time books

b. 89e, f. 1887	North Star	1897-1901
b. 89f-89g, f. 1888-89	Stockbridge development	1897-1902
b. 89, f. 1890-95	Payment of wages sheets	1919-20
b. 90, f. 1896-97	Payment of wages sheets	1921, 1923

INVENTORY RECORDS

b. 90a, f. 1898	Ledger	1887-88
b. 90, f. 1899	Gold Hill invoice of machinery	ca. 1904
b. 90, f. 1900	Miscellaneous papers	1901

Series IX: Rocky Bar Gold Mining Company*3 linear feet*

From 1856-58 the Rocky Bar mine was owned by the Mount Hope Company (Series XI) which was then taken over by A. Chavanne & Co (Series XI). Rocky Bar was eventually taken over by North Star during the period 1891-93 and information on the mine after that period can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

EXECUTIVE RECORDS

Correspondence

b. 90, f. 1901	Letters	1877
b. 90, f. 1902	Letters	1891-92
Agreements, claims, deeds		
b. 90, f. 1903	Indenture	1863
b. 90, f. 1904-06	Agreements	1891, 1893
Special Reports and Projects		
b. 90, f. 1907	Field notes and survey of mine	1871 May 22
b. 90, f. 1908	History of the Rocky Bar	post-1929
Stock documents		
b. 90b, f. 1909	Ledger	1864-91
Day book		
b. 90c, f. 1910	Cash book, p. 1-27	1863-66
b. 90c, f. 1910	Cash book, p. 278-280	1881-83
b. 90c, f. 1910	Assessments, p. 30-79	1879-86
b. 90, f. 1911	Certificates (mostly blank)	1878-93
OPERATION RECORDS		
b. 90, f. 1912	Map of the Rocky Bar mine	1865 Jan 12
FINANCIAL RECORDS		
b. 90e, f. 1913	Day book (journal)	1864-84
	Accounts	1864-66, 1870-77
	See: Stock ledger, p. 31-32, 111-207, Box 90, folder 1909	

Series X: Tribute Mining Company, 1877-96*1.25 linear feet*

Tribute was eventually taken over by North Star in 1896 and information on the mine after that date can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

EXECUTIVE RECORDS

Incorporation, By-Laws, Minutes

b. 90, f. 1914	By-laws	1879
b. 90, f. 1915	Minutes of directors/stockholders meetings	1879-96
b. 90, f. 1916	Copies of minutes and material from meetings	1896 Jun 26
Correspondence		
b. 90, f. 1917	Correspondence (resignations and transfer of company)	1896
Stock documents		
b. 90g, f. 1918	Ledger	1877-96
b. 90h, f. 1919	Transfer journal	1879-95
b. 90i, f. 1920	Certificates (mostly blank)	1879-96
b. 90, f. 1921	Certificates	1896 Mar 23

ORE AND BULLION RECORDS

b. 90, f. 1922	Ore records	Jan
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Series XI: Other Mining Companies and Associations, 1853-1925*3 linear feet*

The companies are arranged alphabetically and material within each group follows the organization used throughout the collection. Four of the groups are from areas other than Nevada County and this information has been noted. Unidentified mining records are placed at the end of this series.

A. CHAVANNE & CO. QUARTZ MINE

This company took over the Mount Hope Company (Series XI) in 1858 and eventually became known as the Rocky Bar Company (Series IX).

b. 90, f. 1923	Agreements, claims, deeds See also: Brennan's letter which was found with these documents, Box 91 folder 1961A.	1853-59
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ADAMS HILL CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY

b. 90, f. 1924	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1879-81
b. 90, f. 1925	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1884

AMELIA GOLD MINING COMPANY

b. 90, f. 1926	Bank book (F. Berton & Co.)	1880-81
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AMERICAN POWDER PACKING COMPANY

b. 90, f. 1927	Statements of issues of stock	1892
b. 90, f. 1928	Receipt for stock certificate tax	1896 Apr 1

BADGER HILL COMPANY

b. 90, f. 1929	Agreements, claims, deeds	1858 May 4
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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLAIM

b. 90, f. 1930	Agreements, claims, deeds	1859 Oct 8
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CALIFORNIA MINING COMPANY

b. 90, f. 1931	Agreements, claims, deeds	1901 Apr 29
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CENTRAL NORTH STAR MINING COMPANY

This company was probably absorbed by the North Star sometime in the 1890s and information on the mine in the twentieth century can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

b. 90, f. 1932-34	Agreements, claims, deeds	1894, 1899
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CHAMPION MINES

The Champion mines were taken over by North Star in 1911 and information on the mine after that date can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

b. 90, f. 1935	Agreement, Champion to J. M. O'Brien, selling properties to North Star	1911
b. 90, f. 1936	Austin Walrath vs. Champion (US Circuit Court): Brief of appellee	1895 Oct

CHAMPION MINES (continued)

b. 90, f. 1937	Report on the Champion group of mines by John Ross, Jr.	1908 Jul 5
b. 90, f. 1938	Champion mines production 1893-1910	[1910]
b. 90j, f. 1938A	[Financial ledger] Unclear if all the records in this volume refer to the Champion Mines	1892-93
b. 90, f. 1939	Receipts from North Star for development work in Champion mines	1911
CINCINNATI GOLD MINING COMPANY		
b. 90, f. 1940	Copy of records claiming Cincinnati Hill Quartz Mine	1910 Apr 23
b. bsd, folder 1940A	Copy of records claiming Cincinnati Hill Quartz Mine	1910 Apr 23
CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY		
b. 90, f. 1941	Agreements, claims, deeds	1875 Jan
EDMONTON LEDGE ORE COMPANY Formerly known as the Morse & Currier claim.		
b. 90, f. 1942	Agreements, claims, deeds	1864-65
b. 90, f. 1943	Agreements, claims, deeds	1867
EMMET CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY		
b. 90, f. 1944	Receipt for stock certificate tax	1878
b. 90, f. 1945	Receipt for stock certificate tax	1882, 1884
FRANCIS RANCH		
b. 90, f. 1946	Agreements, claims, deeds	1855 Feb 8
GIANT GOLD MINING COMPANY Photographs by Ed. E. Johnson		
	Middle Tunnel, Giant Mine (albumen) See: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2137	ca. 1860-1920
	Sierra Buttes--[Looking East] (albumen) See: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2138	ca. 1860-1920
GRASS VALLEY CALIFORNIA GOLD EXTRACTING COMPANY		
b. 90, f. 1947	Prospectus, stock certificate, mining claim	
HAMBURG MINING COMPANY		
b. 91, f. 1948	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1878-82
b. 91, f. 1949	Receipt for stock certificate tax	1884
HAWPATCH COMPANY		

HAWPATCH COMPANY (continued)

b. 91, f. 1950	Agreements, claims, deeds	1866, 1873
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HUESTON HILL QUARTZ LODE

b. 91, f. 1951	Agreements, claims, deeds	1863 May 1
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IDAHO - MARYLAND QUARTZ MINE

Map

[See: Oversize, Box 113, folder 2367](#)

INDEPENDENCE GOLD MINING COMPANY

b. 91, f. 1952	Checks and bank account	1911-12
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LUCK-NOW CLAIM

b. 91, f. 1953	Agreements, claims, deeds	1858 Jun 19
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MAGENTA CONSOLIDATED GOLD MINING COMPANY

This company was probably taken over by the North Star in 1894 and information on the mine after that date can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

b. 91, f. 1954	Statements of issues of stock	1892
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b. 91, f. 1955	Proxy	1890 May 14
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b. 91, f. 1956	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1891-94
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MAMMOTH SILVER MINING COMPANY

b. 91, f. 1957	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1878-79
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MARYSVILLE AND NEVADA POWER AND WATER COMPANY

Marysville, located in Yuba County, is adjacent to Nevada County.

b. bsd, folder 1957A	Map of pipeline	1908 Dec 10
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MINE WORKERS PROTECTION LEAGUE

[See also: North Star special reports section, Box 44 folder 1006](#)

b. 91, f. 1958	Letter from trial commissioners charging W. E. Maxwell with defrauding the league	
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MINT GOLD AND SILVER MINING COMPANY

b. 91, f. 1959	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1878-79
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MORTIMER MINING COMPANY

b. 91, f. 1960	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1878
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b. 91, f. 1961	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1882, 1884
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MOUNT HOPE COMPANY

This company ran the Rocky Bar mine (Series IX) from 1856-58, and was then taken over by the A. Chavanne & Co. (Series XI) which later became the Rocky Bar Mining Company (Series IX).

b. 91, f. 1961A Copy of letter by superintendent Michael [Brennan] on his death, 1858 Feb 21 ca. 1858 Feb

MURPHY MINING COMPANY

This company operated mines in Ophir Canon, Nye County, Nevada.

b. 91, f. 1962 Minutes of directors/stockholders meetings 1873 Jul 17

b. 91, f. 1963 Letter to James D. Hague 1871 Aug 1

b. 91, f. 1964 Agreements, claims, deeds 1871, 1873

b. 91, f. 1965 Receipts 1870-71

NEW VERDE MINES COMPANY

This company succeeded the Empire Star Mines Company Ltd. (Series II) and seems to be one of the last mining corporations of Grass Valley.

b. 91, f. 1966 Flyer advertising sale of mining and mill equipment of Pennsylvania Mine, Zeibright Mine, North Star Mine, Murchie Mine, Empire Mine 1958 Sep

b. 91, f. 1967 Inventory [1958]

OMAHA CONSOLIDATED GOLD MINING COMPANY

Correspondence

1890

[See: Gold Hill letters received at San Francisco, Box 4, folder 73-74.](#)

Agreements, claims, deeds

1892 Apr 9

[See: Oversize Box 94, folder 2138](#)

b. 91, f. 1968 Drafts used to purchase Gold Hill stock 1890 Jun

b. 91, f. 1969 Receipt 1878 Dec 21

ORIGINAL EMPIRE MILL AND MINING COMPANY

Sometime after 1897, this company became known as Empire Mines and Investment Company (Series I).

b. 91, f. 1970 Letter 1883 Dec 21

Insurance policy

1896 Feb 1

[See: Oversize, Box 113, folder 2368](#)

b. 91, f. 1971 Description of lands conveyed in deeds, William B. Bourn to Empire, 1879 Sep n.d.

b. 91, f. 1972 Statements of issues of stock 1892

b. 91, f. 1973 Proxies 1890

b. 91, f. 1974 Receipts for stock certificate tax 1878-80

b. 91, f. 1975 Receipts for stock certificate tax 1882

ORIGINAL EMPIRE MILL AND MINING COMPANY (continued)

b. 91, f. 1976	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1884-85
b. 91, f. 1977	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1889
b. 91, f. 1978	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1892-94
	Water accounts See: Series V, Box 22, folder 543.	

ORIGINAL HIDDEN TREASURE MINING COMPANY

	Correspondence See: North Star Correspondence, Received at San Francisco, Boxes 30-31, folders 749-61	1885-86
b. 91, f. 1979	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1878-81
b. 91, f. 1980	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1884, 1887

PIONEER REDUCTION WORKS OR COMPANY

b. 91, f. 1981-2003	Bullion slips and assay certificates	1895-97
b. 92, f. 2004-21	Bullion slips and assay certificates	1897-99
b. 92, f. 2022-29	Bullion slips and assay certificates	1904
b. 92, f. 2030-46	Bullion slips and assay certificates	1906-08

PITTSBURGH MINING COMPANY OR CLAIMS

b. 92, f. 2047	Agreements, claims, deeds	1873 Jan 25
b. 92, f. 2048	Simon Novitzky vs. Robert McCook, David McCook	1875 Feb

PLACER CREEK MINE

b. 92, f. 2049	Agreements, claims, deeds	1874 Nov 13
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PRIMROSE VALLEY RANCHE

b. 92, f. 2050	Agreements, claims, deeds	1856 Jan 26
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PROVIDENCE GOLD MINING COMPANY

b. 92a-92b, f. 2051-52	Ore assays	1898-99
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RIVER MINES COMPANY

b. 92, f. 2053	Agreements, claims, deeds	1919 Apr 29
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ROGERS QUARTZ MILL

b. 92, f. 2054	Agreements, claims, deeds	1891 Sep 18
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SCADDEN FLAT GOLD MINING COMPANY

The Scadden Flat mine was taken over by North Star in 1895 and information on the mine after that date can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

b. 92, f. 2055	Scadden Flat vs. Elizabeth Scadden (California Supreme Court)	1897 Oct
b. 92, f. 2056	Stock certificates	1895 Aug

SHAMROCK COMPANY

b. 92, f. 2057	Agreements, claims, deeds	1865 Jan 25
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STOCKBRIDGE QUARTZ MINING COMPANY

The Stockbridge mines were taken over by North Star in 1894 and information on the mine after that date can be found in the North Star records (Series VIII).

b. 92, f. 2058-65	Agreements, claims, deeds See also: Oversize, Box 94, folder 2140	1861-68
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b. 92, f. 2066	Agreements, claims, deeds	1876
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b. 93, f. 2067	Agreements, claims, deeds	1898 Sep 7
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TWIN RIVER CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY (NEVADA)

This company operated mines near Twin River, Nevada, which is probably in Nye County.

	Certificate of incorporation See: Oversize, Box 119, folder 2401	1872 Jul 3
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b. 93, f. 2068	Correspondence	1871
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b. 93, f. 2069-71	Agreements, claims, deeds	1873-74
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TWIN RIVER MINING DISTRICT ([NYE COUNTY], NEVADA)

b. 93, f. 2072	By-laws (two copies)	1864 Aug 1
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b. 93, f. 2073	Amended laws (two copies)	1864 Sep 1
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b. 93, f. 2074	Certificates and field notes of land surveys in Nye County	1865 Sep
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WARD BEECHER CONSOLIDATED MILL & MINING COMPANY

b. 93, f. 2075	Receipts for stock certificate tax	1878-81
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WASHINGTON MINING COMPANY

b. 93, f. 2076	Stock certificate	1879 Sep 4
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b. 93, f. 2077	Receipt	1881 Oct 25
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WESTERN GRAVEL MINE

b. 93, f. 2078	Agreements, claims, deeds	1874 Oct 13
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WESTERN MINES CONSOLIDATED		
b. 93, f. 2079	Correspondence	1928
b. 93, f. 2080	Writ of attachment	1925 Jun 27
WHITE & SHILOH MINING COMPANY		
b. 93, f. 2081	Miscellaneous papers	n.d.
WOLF CREEK QUARTZ MINING COMPANY		
b. 93, f. 2082	Stock certificates (blank)	ca. 1891
YAQUI-PROVIDENCIA MINING COMPANY		
This company was incorporated in Arizona and worked mines in Mexico.		
b. 93, f. 2083-84	Agreements, claims, deeds	1907, 1909
UNIDENTIFIED MINING RECORDS		
Executive Records		
b. 93, f. 2085	Correspondence, Charles W. Kitts to J. H. Hammond	1889
b. 93, f. 2086	Correspondence, L. Gilson to Charles E. Johnson	1892
b. 93, f. 2087	Agreements, claims, deeds	1857
b. 93, f. 2088	Agreements, claims, deeds	1860-66
b. 93, f. 2089-90	Agreements, claims, deeds	1864-65
b. 93, f. 2091	Agreements, claims, deeds	1876
b. 93, f. 2092-93	Agreements, claims, deeds	1882, 1889
b. 93, f. 2094	Agreements, claims, deeds	1899
b. 93a, f. 2095	Accident records, p. 179-207	1913-20
b. 93, f. 2096	Legal notes	ca. 1890
b. 93, f. 2097	Stock assessment certificates	1885 Sep
Operation Records		
b. 93, f. 2098	Annual report	n.d.
	Mines samples and mapped by Joy See: Oversize, Box 119, folder 2402	1931-32
	Map of Grass Valley - Nevada City mining claims and mills See: Oversize, Box 119, folder 2403	1867
b. 93, f. 2099	Map of Grass Valley - Nevada City mining claims and mills	1899-1900

UNIDENTIFIED MINING RECORDS > Operation Records (continued)

	Maps of Grass Valley - Nevada City mining claims See: Oversize, Box 113, folder 2369	1930, n.d.
Ore and Bullion Records		
b. 93, f. 2100	Memorandum of bullion	1887 Apr 28
	Assay records, p. 3-160 See: Box 93, folder 2095	1899-1900
b. 93, f. 2101	Notes on processing	n.d.
b. 93, f. 2102	Printed form, receipt for James J. Ott assay office	ca. 186-
Financial Records		
b. 93b, f. 2103	Ledger	1890-91
b. 93c, f. 2104	Cash book	1878-81
b. 93, f. 2105	Miscellaneous accounts	1868-71
Pay Roll Records		
b. 93, f. 2106	Time book	1898-1903
Other Material		
Photographs		
	Mine buildings (albumen) See: Oversize Box 113, folder 2370	1892
b. 93, f. 2106A	Mine buildings	1990
b. 93, f. 2107	Miner at worker	1990
b. 93, f. 2108	Negatives for prints in folders 2106-07	ca. 1940
	Miners and machinery (albumen) See: Oversize Box 94, folder 2141	n.d.

Series XII: Printed Material*0.5 linear feet*

The material consists primarily of printed pieces about mining or Grass Valley found among the corporate records. The series is chronologically arranged.

b. 93, f. 2109	New Year's Song, 1876 as sung by Ned Barry, at Buckley's Varieties (describes San Francisco)	1876
	<i>Grass Valley Daily Union</i> See: Oversize, Box 119, folder 2404	1890 May 9
b. 93, f. 2110	"The Stewart Mining Bill," <i>Mining and Scientific Press</i>	1893 Feb 11
b. 93, f. 2111	Nevada County Promotion Committee. <i>Nevada County California</i> .	1902
b. 93, f. 2112	"Englebright for Congress," <i>Transcript Print</i> (Nevada City, California)	1908 Oct 7
b. 93, f. 2113	"The Gold Ores of Grass Valley, California" by Ernest Howe, <i>Economic Geology</i> . vol. XIX no. 7	1927 Nov 7
	<i>Drama of the Comstock</i> by Paul Smith (Virginia City, Nevada) See: Oversize, Box 119, folder 2405	1949
b. 93, f. 2114	"Brief History of Columbia," <i>Mother Lode Magazine</i> "	ca. 1950
b. 93, f. 2115	<i>Desert</i>	1951 Dec
b. 93, f. 2116	California Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Mines. <i>Mineral Information Service</i> . vol. 6 no. 4	1953 Apr 1
	<i>The Arizona Republic</i> See: Oversize Box 119, folder 2406	1953 Jun 28
	<i>The Union</i> (Grass Valley - Nevada City, California) May 1, 1954 issue contains history of Empire and North Star. See: Oversize, Box 119, folders 2407-08	1954, 1962
	"1860--Pony Express Centennial--1960." <i>Virginia City Times</i> (Virginia City, Nevada) The issue contains a story on the Savage Mine, Virginia City, Nevada, which is documented in the collection Savage Mining Company and Associated Records, WA MSS S-1318 See: Oversize Box 113, folder 2371.	1960
	<i>American Gold News</i> (San Andreas, California) See: Oversize, Box 113, folder 2372	1961
b. 93, f. 2117	Grass Valley Historical Museum	1961
b. 93, f. 2118	The Cathedral of the Hills The First Methodist Church	1962
b. 93, f. 2119	Printed form, "Preliminary Report upon the _____ Quartz Mine	n.d.
b. 93, f. 2120	Maggie Hutchinson's essay on Sugar Loaf Mountain, Nevada County	n.d.

b. 93, f. 2121	Blotters advertising insurance companies and typewriters	n.d.
b. 93, f. 2122	Miscellaneous papers	n.d.

Oversize*17.5 linear feet*

Oversize, contains oversize material from Series I-XII. The arrangement is based on the size of the material but also parallels the order of the collection.

SERIES II. EMPIRE STAR MINES COMPANY LTD.

Other Material

b. 94, f. 2123	Design for book cover, <i>Gold: The Story of the Empire Star Mines</i>	n.d.
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SERIES III. GOLD HILL MINING COMPANY

Executive Records

b. 94, f. 2124	Correspondence - Received at San Francisco	1890,96-97
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b. 94, f. 2125	Stock documents - Sale of delinquent stock	1895 Dec 4
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Ore and Bullion Records

b. 94, f. 2126	Memoranda of bullion	1902-03
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SERIES IV. GRANITE HILL MINING & DEVELOPMENT CO.

Executive Records

b. 94, f. 2127	Agreements, claims, deeds - Agreements, indentures, instruments	1898
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SERIES VI. MASSACHUSETTS HILL MINING COMPANY

Executive Records

b. 94, f. 2128	Stock documents - Certificates (blank)	n.d.
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SERIES VIII. NORTH STAR MINING COMPANY

Executive Records

b. 94, f. 2129	Correspondence - Sent by Grass Valley	1898 Jul 15
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Financial Records

b. 94, f. 2130	Annual statement	1888
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b. 94, f. 2131-36	Annual statements	1890-95
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SERIES XI. OTHER MINING COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Giant Gold Mining Company

b. 94, f. 2137	Photoprints by Ed. E. Johnson - Middle Tunnel, Giant Mine (albumen)	ca. 1860-1920
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b. 94, f. 2138	Photoprints by Ed. E. Johnson - Sierra Buttes--[Looking East] (albumen)	ca. 1860-1920
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Omaha Consolidated Gold Mining Company

SERIES XI. OTHER MINING COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS > Omaha Consolidated Gold Mining Company (continued)

b. 94, f. 2139	Agreements, claims, deeds	1892 Apr 9
	Stockbridge Quartz Mining Company	
b. 94, f. 2140	Agreements, claims, deeds	1865 Nov 14
	Unidentified Mining Records	
	Other material	
b. 94, f. 2141	Photoprints - Miners and machinery (albumen)	n.d.

SERIES III. GOLD HILL MINING COMPANY

	Operation Records	
b. 95, f. 2142	Maps and diagrams	n.d.
	Financial Records	
	Restricted fragile material. Restricted until conservation work has been completed. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	
b. 95, f. 2143-50	Superintendent's statements and drafts	1890-91
b. 95, f. 2151	Superintendent's statements and drafts	1893
b. 95, f. 2152-64	Superintendent's statements and drafts	1895-97
b. 96, f. 2165-95	Superintendent's statements and drafts	1898-1900
b. 97, f. 2196-2223	Superintendent's statements and drafts	1901-03

SERIES IV. GRANITE HILL MINING & DEVELOPMENT CO.

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b. 98, f. 2225	Stock documents - List of stockholders	1891 May
	Financial Records	
b. 98, f. 2226	Copy of ledger postings	1885-92

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b. 98, f. 2233	Stock documents - List of stockholders	1892
b. 98, f. 2234	Stock documents - List of stockholders	n.d.
	Financial Records	

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b. 99, f. 2251-53	Incorporation, By-Laws, Minutes - Copies of minutes and material from meetings	1888-90
b. 99, f. 2254	Incorporation, By-Laws, Minutes - Copies of minutes and material from meetings	n.d.
b. 99, f. 2255	Correspondence - Received at Grass Valley	1912
b. 99, f. 2256-57	Insurance - Policies	1884-85
b. 99, f. 2258-62	Insurance - Policies	1887-88
b. 100, f. 2263-71	Insurance - Policies	1889-91
b. 101, f. 2272-80	Insurance - Policies	1892-94
b. 102, f. 2281-87	Insurance - Policies	1895-97
b. 103, f. 2288-96	Insurance - Policies	1897-99
b. 103, f. 2297	Insurance - Policies	1915

Special Reports and Projects

b. 104, f. 2298	Reilly, Wright property (Oro Flat Mine) 1893 Mar 8	
b. 104, f. 2299	Massachusetts Hill properties	1893 Oct 27
b. 104, f. 2300	Hoisting engine	ca. 1900

Stock documents

b. 104, f. 2301	List of stockholders	1896
b. 104, f. 2302	Sale of delinquent stock	1879, 1885

Ore and Bullion Records

b. 104, f. 2303-13	Ore and waste records - Paper documents	1886-96
b. 105, f. 2314	Massachusetts Hill ore delivered to North Star mill reports	1896
b. 105, f. 2315	Summary of ore records	1889

Financial Records

b. 105, f. 2316-18	Monthly statements	1885-87
b. 105, f. 2319-22	Monthly statements	1893-94

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Tabulated statements		
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b. 107, f. 2335-43	Tabulated statements of superintendent's	1893-99, n.d.
Analyzed statements		
b. 108, f. 2344-45	Monthly analyzed statements of disbursements - Paper documents	1888, 1891
b. 109, f. 2346-51	Monthly analyzed statements of disbursements - Paper documents	1892-94
b. 110, f. 2352-55	Monthly analyzed statements of disbursements - Paper documents	1894-96
b. 111, f. 2355A-57	Monthly analyzed statements of disbursements - Paper documents	1896-98
b. 112, f. 2358	Monthly analyzed statements of disbursements - Paper documents	1899
b. 112, f. 2358A	Superintendent's statements and vouchers	1893 Nov
b. 112, f. 2359-64	Monthly tribute statements	1897-1902
b. 113, f. 2365-66	Monthly tribute statements	1903-04
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Idaho - Maryland Quartz Mine		
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Original Empire Mill and Mining Company		
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Unidentified Mining Companies		
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b. 113, f. 2370	Other material - Photoprints--Mine buildings (albumen)	1892
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b. 113, f. 2371	"1860--Pony Express Centennial--1960." <i>Virginia City Times</i> (Virginia City, Nevada)	1960

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SERIES III. GOLD HILL MINING COMPANY

Executive Records

b. 114, f. 2373	Special projects and reports - Pump sketches	[1897]
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Financial Records

b. 114, f. 2374	Trial balances	1896-97
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SERIES IV. GRANITE HILL MINING & DEVELOPMENT CO.

Executive Records

b. 114, f. 2375	Insurance Policy	1899 Nov 6
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SERIES V. GRASS VALLEY WATER COMPANY

Financial Records

b. 114, f. 2376	Paid drafts, vouchers, receipts	1886
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Executive Records

b. 115, f. 2377	Incorporation, By-Laws, Minutes - Certificate of incorporation	1888 Oct 11
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SERIES VIII. NORTH STAR MINING COMPANY

Executive Records

b. 115, f. 2378	Correspondence - Received at Grass Valley	1904 May 25
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Operation Records

b. 115, f. 2379-83	Monthly mining reports	1887-91
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b. 116, f. 2384-89	Monthly mining reports	1892-97
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b. 118, f. 2394-97	Monthly mining reports	1902-05
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b. 119, f. 2398	Maps of North Star properties and mines	ca. 1914
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Financial Records

b. 119, f. 2399	Analyzed statements - Summaries	1890-91
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Twin River Consolidated Mining Company (Nevada)

b. 119, f. 2401	Certificate of incorporation	1873 Jul 5
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b. bsd, folder 2404	<i>Grass Valley Daily Union</i>	1890
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b. bsd, folder 2406	<i>The Arizona Republic</i>	1953 Jun 28
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b. 120, f. 2455	Box 30, folder 746
b. 120, f. 2456-69	Box 30-31, folders 748-61
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Appendix 1: Officers of mining companies

Most of the men listed wrote letters in their official capacity and this material can be found in the correspondence sections of Executive Records. Corporate officers are often mentioned in the minutes, which are also found in Executive Records.

EMPIRE COMPANY

Presidents

Hague, James D. 1897 *

Bourn, William B. 1899-07

* Hague's other positions include: president of Twin River Consolidated Mining Company; president of Original Empire Mill and Mining Company.

Vice-presidents: Griffith, Edwin L. 1899

Secretaries: Ward, J. Walter 1899-04

Superintendents: Watt, Mr., 1867; McKay, David Jr., 1884-86; Starr, George W., 1892-07

GOLD HILL MINING COMPANY

Presidents: Ivory, M. B., 1877-78; Coleman, Edward, 1878-90; Hopkins, E. W., 1890-1900

Vice-presidents: Scott, H. [T.], 1890-99; Hopkins, Timothy 1899

Secretaries: Ogden, F[rederick], 1877-78; Hill, George W. 1878; Grow, C. A., 1890-1900

Superintendents: Lord, George, 1877-[96]; Dawson, F. R. P., 1896-97

GRANITE HILL MINING COMPANY

Secretaries

Roberts, E. A. 1897-98

Presidents

Kirk, H. S.

Superintendents

Harvey, James F. 1895

Phillips, T. F. 1896-99

Walker, Robert 1899-1900

GRASS VALLEY WATER COMPANY

Presidents

Bourn, William B. 1885-89

Hague, James D. [1889]-99

Vice-president

Bourn, William B. 1889-96

Bishop, Charles R. 1896-99

Secretaries

Ward, J. Walter 1897-99

Superintendents

Walker, Robert 1894-98

NEW YORK HILL MINING COMPANY

Presidents

Pinkham, S 1874-75

Byrne, James K. 1875-76

Becker, B. A. 1876-78

Watt, Robert 1878-89

Morrow, R. F. 1879, pro-term president

Bourn, William B. 1889-93

Hague, James D. 1893-94

Vice-president

Hague, James D. 1890-93

Bourn, William B. 1893-94

Secretaries

Jennings, David A. 1874-75 *

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Jennings other positions include: secretary of Mint Gold and Silver Mining Company, Mortimer Mining Company, Mammoth Silver Mining Company; Hamburg Mining Company, Ward Beecher Consolidated Mill & Mining Company, Original Hidden Treasure Mining Company, Emmet Consolidated Mining Company, Magenta Consolidated Gold Mining Company, and American Powder Packing Company; treasurer of New York Hill Company.

Herrmann, F. J. 1875-78

Leighton, John B. 1879-89

Jennings, David A. 1889-94

Superintendents

Snyder, Jos. 1874-76

Johnston, George 1876-89

NORTH STAR MINING COMPANY

Presidents

Peachy, Archibald C. 1867

Dean, W. E. 1868-69

Harmon, A. K. P. 1869-78

Parkhurst, D. L. 1879
Dean, W. E. 1879-84
Durbrow, A. K. 1884-87 (old North Star Company)
Bourn, William B. 1884-87
Hague, James D. 1887-99
Agnew, George B. 1908-15
Vice-presidents
Cutter, H. F. 1885-89
Bourn, William B. 1887, 1890-92
Secretaries
Colburn, T. W. 1867
Jennings, David A. 1870-97
Ward, J. Walter 1897-1900
Pagan, W. D. 1900-07, 1922-28
Dodge, Cleveland E. 1928
Assistant secretaries
Olmsted, William N. 1888-90, 1892
Pagan, W. D. 1892-99
Superintendents
Coleman, Edward 1867
Rodda, William Henry 1867
Beckwith, Henry 1868
Crossman, James H. 1868
Hoyt, Dudley 1869-72
Moore, Stephen 1872
Stoddart, A. W. 1884-85
Abadie, Emilie R. 1886-94
Marshall, Thomas 1894-95
Robert, P. R. 1895-96
Foote, Arthur De Wint [1896]-1929
Bedford, Robert H. 1920-31
ROCKY BAR MINING COMPANY
President
Berton, Francis 1863

Coleman, Edward 1878

Hague, James D. 1893

Secretaries

Hill, George W. 1878

Marshall, Thomas 1893

Superintendents

Chavanne, L. 1863-[66]

Silvester, Henry 1885

TRIBUTE MINING COMPANY

President

Heyman, Jacob 1879

Taylor, M. [C.] 1879-96

Hague, James D. 1896

Secretaries

Cheva[nne], Edouard 1863

Weissbein, Jacob 1879-96

Marshall, Thomas 1896

Selected Search Terms

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Gold mines and mining -- California -- Grass Valley
Hydraulic engineering -- California
Labor unions -- California -- Grass Valley
Mine pumps
Miners -- California -- Labor unions
Mines and mineral resources -- California -- Grass Valley
Mining engineering -- California -- Grass Valley
Mining machinery

Geographic Names

California -- Economic conditions
Grass Valley (Calif.) -- History
Nevada County (Calif.) -- History
Nye County (Nev.)

Genres / Formats

Account books
Agreements -- United States
Bankbooks -- United States
Cashbooks -- United States
Check Stubs -- United States
Checks -- United States
Daybooks -- United States
Deeds -- United States
Insurance policies -- United States
Letterpress copybooks -- United States
Maps -- United States
Minutes -- United States
Payrolls -- United States
Receipts -- United States

Occupations

Gold miners -- California
Mining Engineers, -- California

Names

Abadie, Emilie R.
Agnew, George B.

Bourn, William B.
Dawson, F. R. P.
Foote, A. D. (Arthur DeWint), 1849-1933
Grow, C. A.
Hague, James D. (James Duncan), 1836-1908
Hammond, John Hays, 1855-1936
Hopkins, E. W.
Howe, Ernest, 1875-1932
Jennings, David A., d. 1897
Johnston, George, fl. 1876-1889
Lord, George
Marshall, Thomas, fl. 1890-1896
Phillips, T. F.
Robert, P. R.
Stoddart, A. W.
Walker, Robert, fl. 1894-1904
Ward, J. Walter

Corporate Bodies

Champion Mines
Empire Mines and Investment Company
Empire Star Mines Company Limited
Gold Hill Mining Company
Granite Hill Mining & Development Company
Grass Valley Water Company
Massachusetts Hill Mining Company
Mine Workers Protection League (Grass Valley, Calif.)
New York Hill Mining Company
North Star Gold Mining Company
North Star Mines Company
North Star Mining Company
Original Empire Mill and Mining Company
Rocky Bar Gold Mining Company
Stockbridge Quartz Mining Company
Tribute Mining Company
Twin River Mining District (Nye County, Nev.)