

Guide to the R. E. Blair Collection of Western Oil and Mining Investment Prospectuses

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CREATOR: Blair, R. E.

TITLE: R. E. Blair collection of Western oil and mining investment prospectuses

DATES: 1928–1941

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.5 linear feet (7 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of promotional material, including form letters, maps, reprints of newspaper articles, and publications, that describe oil and mining investment opportunities in various Western states, including Texas, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico, during the time period of the Great Depression. The materials were sent to R. E. Blair as a prospective investor in oil and mining ventures.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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This collection received a medium level of processing in 2009. Processing included removing items from plastic enclosures, rehousing items in acid-free folders and boxes, organizing material into groups according to geographical location, and then organizing material within geographical groupings alphabetically by business name based on the letterhead. Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles were largely supplied by staff during processing.

R. E. Blair

R. E. Blair was a resident of Keene, New Hampshire during the late 1920s to the early 1940s.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The collection is organized into four series: I. Texas Oil Investments, 1928-1941. II. Colorado Oil and Mining Investments, 1928-1940. III. Oil and Mining Investments in Other States and Mexico, 1928-1941. IV. Other Investment Material, 1929-1941.

Collection Contents

Series I: Texas Oil Investments, 1928-1941

1.47 linear feet (4 boxes)

Series consists of prospectus material for oil investment opportunities in Texas or with Texas-based companies. Specific geographical areas in Texas include Blanco County, Callahan County, Cooke County, Howard County, Jones County, LaSalle County, Mills County, Pecos County, and Shackelford County, among others. Also found is some prospectus material for other types of investments, such as the Bayou Chane salt dome.

Arranged alphabetically by business name.

b. 1, f. 1	A. H. Bowers	1929
b. 1, f. 2	Albert Spencer	1935
b. 1, f. 3	Andy Lacy Oil Royalties	1929
b. 1, f. 4	Arthur H. Wray	1935-1936
b. 1, f. 5	B. J. (Joe) Hall	1936
b. 1, f. 6	Banner & Elmore	1935
b. 1, f. 7	Bayou-Chane Salt Dome	1933
b. 1, f. 8-9	Ben Banner	1931-1935
b. 1, f. 10	Biltmore Oil Company	1928
b. 1, f. 11	Bob Elmore	1935
b. 1, f. 12	Bob McCann	1928
b. 1, f. 13	Bunker & Company	1929
b. 1, f. 14	C. A. Bonds & Company	1929
b. 1, f. 15	C. C. Massey	1929
b. 1, f. 16	C. J. Mellen	1929-1930
b. 1, f. 17	C. M. Joiner	1934-1935
b. 1, f. 18	C. M. Williams	1936
b. 1, f. 19	Clyde D. Lane	1939-1941
b. 1, f. 20	Consolidated Grain & Cotton Company	1933
b. 1, f. 21	Daniel C. Regan	1930
b. 1, f. 22	E. B. Tinsley	1929
b. 1, f. 23	E. R. Cosby	undated
b. 1, f. 24	E. W. Jarman & Company	1928

b. 1, f. 25	Earl P. Corley	1928
b. 1, f. 26	Ekman Investment Company	1928
b. 1, f. 27	Frank P. Fildes & Company	1928-1929
b. 1, f. 28	Forest Oil Corporation	1930
b. 1, f. 29	Frank E. Haynes	1935
b. 2, f. 30	General Minerals Company	1932-1933
b. 2, f. 31	Geo. H. Campbell	1935
b. 2, f. 32	Gibraltar Trust & Finance Company	1928
b. 2, f. 33	Greene Oil & Refining Company	1928-1929
b. 2, f. 34	Guillot Company	1928
b. 2, f. 35-37	H. J. McMullen	1928-1930
b. 2, f. 38	H. H. Hoffman	1935
b. 2, f. 39	Harry W. Elliott	1931
b. 2, f. 40	Howard M. Jones	1931
b. 2, f. 41	Investment Forecast	1928
b. 2, f. 42	J. F. Morrissey Company	1935
b. 2, f. 43	J. H. McKenzie	1933
b. 2, f. 44	J. L. Tomberlin	1930
b. 2, f. 45	J. M (Joe) Burnham	1929-1936
b. 2, f. 46-47	James L. Nelson (Nelson Holding Company)	1928-1932
b. 2, f. 48	Joe Hoover	1929
b. 2, f. 49	John W. Westbrook Company	1935
b. 2, f. 50	Kennedy Rogers	1929
b. 2, f. 51	Kenneth E. Liebhart	1928-1929
b. 3, f. 52	Lincoln D. Steele	1929
b. 3, f. 53	Lloyd Oil Corporation	1928-1929
b. 3, f. 54	Logan Fain	1928
b. 3, f. 55-57	M. N. Shoemaker	1927-1929
b. 3, f. 58	Manning & Company	1928-1929
b. 3, f. 59	Midfield Royalties Inc.	1931

b. 3, f. 60	Mid-Tex Company	1929
b. 3, f. 61-63	Oil & Market Barometer	1933-1935
b. 3, f. 64	Original Developers Pool	1928
b. 3, f. 65	The Permian Company	1929
b. 3, f. 66	Priest & Company	1928-1929
b. 3, f. 67	R. D. Kercheval	1928-1929
b. 3, f. 68	R. E. Moore, Inc.	1929
b. 3, f. 69-70	R. Franklin Smith	1929-1936
b. 3, f. 71	R. G. Baker	1928
b. 3, f. 72	R. L. Crawford	1936
b. 3, f. 73	Ralph R. Malone	1930
b. 3, f. 74	Rio Neches	1930
b. 4, f. 75	Steele & Company	1928
b. 4, f. 76	Sun Royalty Company	1931
b. 4, f. 77	T. G. Shaw	1928
b. 4, f. 78	Terry Morgan	1935
b. 4, f. 79	Texas Petroleum Company	1929
b. 4, f. 80	Texas Royalty Company	1928
b. 4, f. 81	Trans-Pecos Royalties	1928
b. 4, f. 82	W. A. Greves	1929-1930
b. 4, f. 83	W. A. Patterson	1928
b. 4, f. 84	W. A. Robinson	1929
b. 4, f. 85	W. D. "Andy" Anderson	1929
b. 4, f. 86	Western Royalty Exchange	1928
b. 4, f. 87	Wales & Company	1928
b. 4, f. 88	War. Wood Hunt	1933
b. 4, f. 89	World Oil Company	1928-1929

Series II: Colorado Oil and Mining Investments, 1928-1940

0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)

Series consists of prospectus material for oil and mining investment opportunities in Colorado or with Colorado-based companies.

Arranged into two subseries: Oil Investments and Mining Investments. Material within subseries arranged alphabetically by business name.

Oil Investments

b. 5, f. 90	Frank Job	1935
b. 5, f. 91	Macon & Company, Inc.	1937, 1939
b. 5, f. 92	R. M. "Dick" Barnholt	1936
b. 5, f. 93	Rocky Mountain Company	1929
b. 5, f. 94-95	Walter Knox & Company	1929-1930

Mining Investments

b. 6, f. 96	B. E. Simpson & Company	1933-1935
b. 6, f. 97-98	Carroll & Company, Inc.	1932-1940
b. 6, f. 99	Chas. S. Downing	1936
b. 6, f. 100	Cripple Creek Development Corporation	1935
b. 6, f. 101	David Garrett & Company	undated
b. 6, f. 102	Donald A. McCallum	1930
b. 6, f. 103	Downs & Company	1935
b. 6, f. 104	Fred W. Miller & Company	1935-1937
b. 6, f. 105	Foreman & Company	1933
b. 6, f. 106	Gleason & Company	1928
b. 6, f. 107	Gold Hub Mines Company	1936
b. 6, f. 108	Golden Gilpin Ore Reduction & Refining Company	1935
b. 6, f. 109	J. N. Caldwell	1929
b. 6, f. 110	James J. Spillane & Company	1936
b. 6, f. 111	John C. Martelon	1929
b. 6, f. 112-113	Kamp & Company	1929-1937
b. 6, f. 114	Kenneth C. Wilson	1928
b. 6, f. 115	Marrin Bell & Company	1935
b. 6, f. 116	McDowell Mines, Inc.	1937

Mining Investments (continued)

b. 6, f. 117	Mytus Gold Corporation	1939
b. 6, f. 118	R. E. Young & Company	1933
b. 6, f. 119	P. B. Rosebrough & Company	1934-1935
b. 6, f. 120	Stern-Stovall Corporation	1935
b. 6, f. 121	United Empires Gold Mining Corporation	1935
b. 6, f. 122	Ute Gold Mining Company	1928
b. 6, f. 123	Valley Production Company, Inc.	1939
b. 6, f. 124	Western States Mining Company	1929
b. 6, f. 125	Wm. F. Ryan	1936-1937

Series III: Oil and Mining Investments in Other States and Mexico, 1928-1941

0.3 linear feet (14 folders)

Series consists of prospectus material for oil and mining investment opportunities in various states and in Mexico.

Arranged alphabetically by state, and then alphabetically by business name.

Arkansas		
b. 7, f. 126	American Diamond Corporation	1929
b. 7, f. 127	Merchants & Farmers Bank	1929
Arizona		
b. 7, f. 128	Comstock-Dexter Mines, Inc.	1935
Indiana		
b. 7, f. 129	Roy S. Cameron	1940
Louisiana		
b. 7, f. 130	Hubert Dickey	1939
b. 7, f. 131	Humphreys Oil Corporation	1939
Mexico		
b. 7, f. 132	Jno. Cabot McDonald & Company	1928
Nevada		
b. 7, f. 133	Pryce & Company	1935
b. 7, f. 134	Western Ore Milling Company	1935-1936
New Mexico		
b. 7, f. 135	Tract Headquarters	1941
Oklahoma		
b. 7, f. 136	Big Indian Royalty Pool	1930
b. 7, f. 137	Carrol Holiday	1939
b. 7, f. 138	James K. McKenzie	1939
b. 7, f. 139	National Bond & Mortgage Company, Inc.	1930

Series IV: Other Investment Material, 1929-1941*0.1 linear feet (4 folders)*

Series consists of various financial and investment-related publications and subscription offers.

b. 7, f. 140-141	The Oil News	1932-1933
b. 7, f. 142	Oil and Mining Publications	1929-1941
b. 7, f. 143	Subscription Offers	1932, undated

Selected Search Terms

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

Subjects

Investments -- United States
Mines and mineral resources -- Arizona
Mines and mineral resources -- Colorado
Mines and mineral resources -- Nevada
Petroleum -- Colorado
Petroleum -- Louisiana
Petroleum -- New Mexico
Petroleum -- Texas

Genres / Formats

Form letters
Promotional materials
Prospectuses

Names

Blair, R. E.