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CONSOLIDATED VIRGINIA MINING CO. COLLECTION

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The Consolidated Virginia Mining Co. on the Comstock Lode at Virginia City, Nevada, was organized in 1867, but the sinking of a shaft was delayed for two years. The lode was difficult to find, work stopped, and the stock fell considerably in 1870. In 1871, James Flood began to buy stock in Consolidated Virginia and, joined by John Mackay, James Fair, and William O'Brien, formed the Bonanza Firm. They bought the land owned by the Consolidated Virginia Mining Co. and hoped to find rich ore in that section between the Gould & Curry and the Ophir mines. In 1873, they struck the "Big Bonanza," which produced over \$100 million of ore from 1873-82. The firm bought control of the adjoining Ophir and Mexican mines in 1877. Although the firm dominated the Comstock from 1876-95, when Mackay sold the interests to San Francisco stockbrokers, the last dividend was paid in 1880. The Con-Virginia was the most successful mine on the Comstock and one of the few to pay more in dividends than it levied in assessments. In the 1930's, the company was reactivated to mine and mill the lower grade ore still remaining. The reactivated firm in 1933 collected old maps and also made detailed new maps of the older workings, level by level. These 112 large rolled maps (which include one signed by Charles Frederick Hoffmann) show various mines and mining claims on the Comstock Lode in addition to Con-Virginia.

Some high-grade veins were found and production continued until 1942 when gold mining activity was curtailed because of wartime restrictions. After this time, the mine operated only sporadically and correspondence ceases in 1955.

Provenance: Purchased from Neil Weinstein, May 9, 1975

Number of pieces: Approximately 1,300 pieces

Period covered: 1876-1955

Subject matter: Nevada - mines and mineral resources
Comstock Lode
Mining industry and finance

Persons represented: Zeb Kendall (account book and many letters as president of the firm)

Important or interesting items: Hoffmann Charles Frederick.
General Map of Comstock Mines [c. 1879]. Map 1

Osborne, W. L. Consolidated Virginia and Ophir Mines:
Assay Plans (10 maps showing details of original level
workings). 1933-1934. Map Roll 16

Consolidated Virginia Mining Co. Minutes of the Board
of Directors. 1932-1935. Box 1

Con-Virginia Diamond Drill Logs and correspondence.
1950. Box 4

Physical description: Good condition

Arrangement of collection:

Section I - Correspondence and business papers

- Box 1 - 1921-1939, Dec.
- Box 2 - 1939-1948 (bound group)
1940-1942
- Box 3 - 1943-1946
- Box 4 - 1947-1953
- Box 5 - 1954-1955

Section II - Volumes

Consolidated Virginia Mining Company

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| Vol. 1 | 1919-1920 | Ledger |
| 2 | 1920-1923 | Stock Ledger & Transfer Journal |
| 3 | 1921-1924 | Stock Ledger & Transfer Journal |
| 4 | 1921-1932 | Stock Certificate Account Book |
| 5 | 1923-1934 | Cash Book |
| 6 | 1926-1935 | Ledger |
| 7 | 1928-1935 | Journal (account book) |
| 8 | 1932-1935 | Cash Book |
| 9 | 1933-1934 | Cash Book |
| 10 | 1935-1937 | Loans and Interest Journal |
| 11 | 1935-1937 | Pay Roll Ledger |
| 12 | 1935-1946 | Stock Certificate Account Book |
| 13 | 1937-1939 | Pay Roll Ledger |

Other

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| 14 | 1921-1935 | Ophir Mining Co. - Stock Ledger &
Transfer Journal |
| 15 | 1931-1935 | Zeb Kendall, Mrs. Zeb Kendall, Abe
L. Kendall - Joint Account Book |
| 16 | 1936-1938 | Mexican Gold & Silver Mining Co. -
Account Book |

Section III - Map Rolls

<u>Map Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>GENERAL</u>		
1	General map of surface claims for Comstock Mines, including California, Consolidated Virginia, Best & Belcher, Gould & Curry, Savage, Hale & Norcross, Chollar, Potosi, Bullion, Exchequer, Yellow Jacket, and Sutro Tunnel. Cloth-backed - ink. HOFFMANN, Charles Frederick, cartographer.	/1879?
2	General map of levels and inclines for Ophir, Consolidated Virginia, Best & Belcher, Gould & Curry, Savage. Draft, pencil and ink. Cloth-backed.	
3	General map of surface claims for Capital, Alta, Lady Washington, Justice Mill Site, Woodville, North Monumental, Monumental, Echo, Silver Hill Mining Co., Gold Canon Creek, Devil's Gate Toll Road. Ink on brown paper.	
4	General map of surface claims from Lone Cabin Placer to Sunshine. Ink and pencil draft on white paper.	
5	General map of surface claims, including Fairfax, July Lode, Plutus, Miami, Ohio, Shamo, March, Rocky Bar. Ink and pencil on printed Plat Claim Form.	1900<

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| 6 | Alpha, Emma, Star of the West, Ohio, Como Chief. Surface claims. On verso: pencil notations. Ink on white paper. |
| 7 | Alpha, Exchequer, Bullion. Surface claims. Black and red ink on brown paper. |
| 8 | Auer, John (ground claimed by), Bailey Mine, including Lafayette Consolidated Mining Co., Great Eastern. Surface claims. Red and black ink on brown paper. On verso: Sutro tunnel Shaft. |
| 9 | Bonanza (North) - Flowery Dist. Surface claim. Ink on brown paper. |
| 10 | Bryan (L.G.). Surface buildings, tunnels, hoist, mill, Flowery Ravine, etc. Red ink on brown paper. |
| 11 | Champion Consolidated Mining Co., including Kossuth, Webber, Silver Central Co., Carson Co.. Surface claims. Ink on brown paper. |
| 12 | Comstock (North), Pioneer (including also Spanish Co., Scorpion Silver Mining Co.). Surface claims. Red and black ink on brown paper. On verso: Gold Hill Co., Scorpion, & Sierra Nevada. |

- 13 Consolidated Virginia, California, Ophir, Vermont.
Workings. (Includes Virginia & Truckee Railroad track
and Sutro tunnel). Ink and color on brown paper.
- 14 Consolidated Virginia, California Mining Co. and sur-
rounding mines. Surface claims. Black and red ink on
brown paper.
- 15 Consolidated Virginia Mining Co., Ophir, California, 1936, Feb.
and Consolidated Virginia Mines. On oil skin.
1) 60' level
2) 145' level
3) 245' level
4) shovel-pit assay map.
SQUIRES, Howard W., cartographer.
- 16 Consolidated Virginia and Ophir Mines: Assay plans: 1933-1934
1) 75' level workings (1 oil skin, 1 colored blue
line print)
2) 123'-104' levels (1 oil skin and 1 blue line print)
3) 138'-111' levels (1 oil skin)
4) 207'-187'-163' levels (1 oil skin)
5) 237' level (1 oil skin)
6) California claim - East ore body (1 oil skin)
7) Ophir claim - North Extension - 146' level (1 oil
skin)
8) Ophir - A & A Workings (Blocks C-D-E-F) (1 oil skin)
9) Ophir - Mexican and Boucher Winze 250' level (1 ink
and color and 1 oil skin colored)
10) Composite map of Ophir and Consolidated Virginia
workings - negative photostat. OSBORNE, W. L., cartographer.
- 17 Consolidated Virginia corresponding to Ophir (level 1921<
maps). Oil skin ink and color.
1) Con Virginia 1000'
2) Con Virginia 1200
3) Con Virginia 1500
Ophir 1366
4) Con Virginia 1550
Ophir 1400
5) Con Virginia 1600
Ophir 1445
6) Con Virginia 1650
Ophir 1500
7) Con Virginia 1700
8) Con Virginia 1750
Ophir 1600
9) Con Virginia 1800
10) Con Virginia 1950
11) Con Virginia 2050
Ophir 1900
12) Con Virginia 2150
Ophir 2000

- 18 Consolidated Virginia - Bonanza. Shaft map, cross section. On oil skin.
- 19 Consolidated Virginia Mining Co. - Cyanide Mill designed by Lou M. Louis. Twenty blue prints (and 3 duplicate copies). 1935, Aug. 21
POWELL, C. A., cartographer.
- 20 Consolidated Virginia - Savage & Norcross - Ventilating. Map to accompany report on ventilating system at North End Mines. Blue print. 1914, Jan.
LIDDELL, Chas. A., cartographer.
- 21 Consolidated Virginia Mining Co. - Mine Dumps (printed with MS. notations) 1947, Dec.
1) Con Virginia Dump (2 blue prints)
2) Ophir Dump
3) Ophir Dump
4) C.C. Dump
5) C.C. Dump, Brewery Dump.
SQUIRES, Howard W., cartographer.
- 22 Cosmopolitan Stope (incomplete?). Ink on brown paper.
- 23 Croton & North Ophir, Conflict between. Surface claims. Ink and pencil on brown paper.
- 24 Fairfax, Spring Garden, Butcher. Surface claims. Ink on brown paper.
- 25 Fairfax, Vermont, Venis [sic] and others. Surface claims. Ink and color on oil skin.
- 26 Gold Lead, Margarita, Comstock. Surface claims. Black and red ink on brown paper.
- 27 Golden Eagle Mine & Independent. Inclines. Draft, pencil.
- 28 Joe Scates. Surface claim. Pencil draft on brown paper.
- 29 Juniper Claim, Golden Era Claim, Prospect Claim. Surface claims. Ink on brown paper.
- 30 Justice Blaine. Surface claim. Pencil draft on brown paper. On verso: draft. 1901, Oct. 5
MORAN, W. T., cartographer.
- 31 Margarita, Marsano, Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, Esperance, Manhattan Consolidated. Surface claims. Ink on brown paper.
- 32 Mary Ann, Northern Light, Butcher, Vermont, Venis [sic], also North Consolidated Virginia, Kearsarge, Light, California Consolidated, Joe Scates. Surface claims. Ink, outlined in color on brown paper.
- 33 Mexican Shaft and Mt. Blanc Shaft. Pencil draft on oil skin.
- 34 Monte Cristo Mine. Surface Claim. Draft, pencil and ink.
- 35 New York-Nevada Mining Co. Claims, Gold Hill Mining District, Storey Co. Blue print with MS. notations. NICKERSON, Geo. S., cartographer.

- 36 Northern Belle, Golden Eagle, Oest, Boston. Surface
claims. Blue print. On verso: pencil notations.
- 37 North Ophir, Scorpion & others. Surface claims. Ink
on brown paper.
- 38 Ophir - shaft and stope maps
1) Portion of Ophir works - 2000'-2700' level
2) Mexican shaft, Walsh shaft
3) Belcher shaft, Crown Point shaft
4) Consolidated Virginia shaft
5) ?
- 39 Ophir Claim - North Section, Potential Ore Reserves. 1934
G. Mc.M. Ross, data. Blue line print with manuscript
notations and traced copy.
OSBORNE, W. L., cartographer.
- 40 Palmyra District. West Rapidan. Surface claims. Ink
on brown paper.
- 41 Potosi. Cross section. Ink on brown paper.
MORAN, W. T., cartographer.
- 42 Russian Gold & Silver Mining Co. Claim and North Point
Mine. Surface claims. Ink on brown paper.
- 43 Savage Incline. Black and red ink, pencil.
- 44 Savage & Norcross Combination Shafts.
- 45 Savage, Norcross & Co.: Sacramento Surface claims.
Draft, pencil and ink.
- 46 Senator, showing Sutro tunnel and Julia Consolidated
mine. Surface claims. Ink on brown paper.
- 47 Shamo Co. Also containing Fairfax, Spring Garden and
Butcher. Surface claims. Ink on brown paper.
- 48 Sheerin & Holman, Corey Jay Boer. Surface claims.
Pencil and ink draft on brown paper. On verso: two
other mines.
- 49 Sheridan Co. Lassen Lode, Virginia Claim. Surface
claims. On brown paper.
- 50 Silver Hill and adjoining mining claims (Succor White
Lead, Snell, Justice & others). Ink draft on brown
paper. On verso: Vivian Mine.
- 51 Silver Hill-Dageet Survey. Workings. Including Sheerin, 1908, Dec.
Holman & Cory Jay. Blue print. TAYLOR, C.C., cartographer.
- 52 Silver Leaf. Surface claim and shaft. Ink on brown 1889,
paper. Oct. 13
- 53 Utah, also Allen Consolidated Mining Co. located as
the Peruvian Claim, and Blue Jacket. Surface claims.
Ink on brown paper.
- 54 Utah, Ward, Orleans. Surface claims. Ink on brown
paper. On verso: Atlantic Company's tunnel.
- 55 Unidentified.

OTHER

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| 56 | Falette Tract. Surveyed for R. Marcoux.
Showing also the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, Roux
Gardens, and American Flat road. On brown paper. | 1876,
Dec. 13 |
| 57 | Truckee River, proposed dam. Blue print. | 1911,
June 9 |
| 58 | Virginia & Gold Hill Water Co. Pencil, traced copy. | |
| 59 | Virginia City. Mill Street and A, B, C Streets
and Mexican Shaft. Pencil draft on brown paper. | 1935,
Oct. 15 |
| 60 | Virginia City. Official map of Virginia City, as
adopted, June 6, 1865. Traced by Walter G. Reid.
Blue line print. | 1955, Mar. |
| 61 | Virginia City. Topographical maps for Virginia City
Mining Co., showing Consolidated Virginia Mining Co.
and adjoining claims. Two sheets. Blue prints. | 1944, Sep. |
| 62 | Virginia City, showing Consolidated Virginia, Ophir,
Mexican and Union Mining claims and town lots. Blue
print. | [c.1944?] |