

Historic Mines & Mining Companies: List of Publications

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This is a list of selected publications to further your research on old mines and mining companies. While this is not a comprehensive list, it includes many core works that should be consulted, particularly those in *RED*. The Library at the Colorado School of Mines owns these titles.

Journals

E&MJ (Engineering & Mining Journal) [partial index]
Metals Week
Mining and Scientific Press [includes index]
Mining Journal [includes index]
Mining Magazine [includes index]
Mining Voice
Pay Dirt (different regions/titles)
Pit & Quarry
Proceedings of the Colorado Scientific Society (1883-1954)

References & Books

General Business References

D&B Principal International Businesses
Directory of Corporate Affiliations
Standard & Poor's Corporation Descriptions
Ward's Business Directory of Major U.S. Private Companies

Mining Company Directories

Canadian Mines Handbook
E&MJ International Directory of Mining
Financial Times Mining International Yearbook
Industrial Minerals Directory: A World Guide to Producers and Processors
Jobson's Mining Year Book
Keystone Coal Industry Manual
Mining Annual Review (Mining Journal publication)
Mining Source Book
Randol Mining Directory
Who Owns Who in Mining (Roskill publication)
Mining directories for various countries

Mining Companies (Historical Directories)

American Mines Annual. 1901.
Colorado Directory of Mines. 1879.
Colorado Mining Directory. 1883.
Copper Handbook. 1900-1912/13. Continued by:

- o Mines Handbook. 1916-1931. Continued by:
- o Mines Register. 1937-1971.

Financial Post Survey of Mines. 1940-1945, 1975-1976, 1979-1982.
Mining Manual and Mining Year Book. 1915, 1917-1918, 1921.
Mining Year Book. 1933-1984.
Walter R. Skinner's Mining International Year Book. Scattered years, 1929-1978.
Western Mining Directory. 1979-1984, 1992, 1998-1999.

Colorado & Regional Mining

- Carroll, C.J., Bauer, M.A. 2002. Historic Coal Mines of Colorado. CD-ROM. Colorado Geological Survey Information Series 64.
Colorado Bureau of Mines.
Annual reports and series publications--bulletins, circulars.
Colorado Geological Survey.
Active Permitted Mine Operations in Colorado.
Open file reports on the evaluation of mineral and mineral fuel potential of State mineral lands (various counties).
Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Division: County Report series (Current Status of Colorado Mines Issued Permits Since 1973).
Colorado Mining Association (CMA) yearbook series.
Dunn, L.G. 2003. Colorado Mining Districts: A Reference.
Eberhart, P. 1981. Guide to the Colorado Ghost Towns and Mining Camps.
Henderson, C.W. 1926. Mining in Colorado: A History of Discovery, Development and Production. USGS Prof. Paper 138.
Hill, J.E. 1912. Mining Districts of the Western United States.
Hollister, O.J. 1867. The Mines of Colorado. 1867.
Industrial Minerals of Colorado. 1949.
McGregor, J.K., Abston, C. 1994. Photographs of Historical Mining Operations in Colorado and Utah from the USGS Library. CD-ROM.
Noel, T.J. 1994. Historical Atlas of Colorado. 1994.
Parker, B. 1992. Gold Panning and Placering in Colorado: How and Where.
Rooney, R. 1994. Mining in Colorado: A Selective Bibliography.
Smith, A.E. 1993. Bibliography of Colorado Mining History.
Smith, D.A. 1967. Rocky Mountain Mining Camps: The Urban Frontier.
Their Silent Profile: Inactive Coal and Metal Mines of Colorado. 1982.
USGS publications on specific counties and mining districts.
Vanderwilt, J., ed. 1947. Mineral Resources of Colorado. For an update: Del Rio, S.M., ed. 1960. Mineral Resources of Colorado: First Sequel.
Local and regional histories. There are numerous histories on Colorado mining camps, mining districts, and counties. Search the CSM Library catalog for specific titles.

Other Titles of Interest

- Fell, J.E. 1979. Ores to Metals: The Rocky Mountain Smelting Industry.*
Fossett, F. 1876. Colorado: A Historical, Descriptive and Statistical Work on the Rocky Mountain Gold and Silver Mining Region.
Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station (Ogden UT). 1983. Anatomy of a Mine from Prospect to Production.
King, J. 1977. A Mine to Make a Mine: Financing the Colorado Mining Industry, 1859-1902.
Lynch, M. 2001. Mining in World History.
McPherson, R. 2003. Modern Prospecting: How to Find, Claim and Sell Mineral Deposits.
Meyerriecks, W. 2001. Drills and Mills: Precious Metal Mining and Milling Methods of the Frontier West.
"Mining Camps Speak" series.
Newspaper (historical) index card files. For example, the Rocky Mountain News index at the CSM Library; the Denver papers index at the Denver Public Library.
Rickart, T.A. 1932. A History of American Mining.
Spence, C.C. 1970. Mining Engineers & the American West: The Lace-Boot Brigade, 1849-1933.
Twitty, E. 2002. Riches to Rust: A Guide to Mining in the Old West.
WPA histories (various regions).