

Silver Islet Mining Company fonds

1870-1884

31 cm of textual records

Administrative history

The Silver Islet Mining Company of New York purchased the Silver Islet property (known as the Woods Location), from the Montreal Mining Company in November of 1870. With A.H. Sibley as president and William Bell Frue as superintendent, Silver Islet mine became the most successful mining operation in the area with two bonanzas, the first in 1870 and the second in 1878. Its unique underwater location required the company to build a massive stone platform off the shore of Lake Superior. Richard Trethewey replaced Frue as superintendent in 1875. The company was reorganized in 1877 as the Silver Islet Consolidated Mining and Lands Company. Silver Islet mine closed in 1884, after the company failed to reveal a third bonanza and production dwindled.

Scope and Content

Silver Islet Mining Company fonds is a collection of invoices, cheques, journals, ledgers, issue books, contract books, photographs and other miscellaneous items regarding the business and financial aspects of the company.

Series B 25/1/1-3. - Invoices. - 19 cm. - 1872-1880

1) Bound invoice book, 1872-1874. Invoices pasted on pages 1- 111, the remaining pages are blank.

2) Bound invoice book, 1879-1880. Invoices pasted on pages 1- 135, the remaining pages are blank.

3) Individual invoices from 1872, 1873 and 1880. They appear to have been originally pasted on pages of invoice books (five invoices).

Series B 25/2/1-4. - Cheques. - 6 leaves. - 1870s

1) Two blank cheques in gold coin of the Silver Mining Company of Silver Islet.

2) Nine blank cheques in currency of the Silver Mining Company of Silver Islet (one cheque mounted).

3) One blank cheque of the Silver Islet Consolidated Mining and Lands Company (change of name took place in 1877).

4) One blank cheque of Wm. B. Frue.

Series B 25/3/1-3. - Journals. - 3.5 cm. - 1877, 1882, 1883-1884

1) Sales book, probably from company store. The name of Charles Hutchison is inscribed on the front, 1882.

2) Sales book, probably from company store, 1877.

3) Sales book, probably from company store. the name of J.G. Gillis is inscribed on the cover, 1883-1884.

Series B 25/4/1. - Ledger. - 1 cm. - 1870-1871

This ledger gives an account of items probably purchased from the company store. The cover and the first 22 pages are missing.

Series B 25/5/1. - Issue book. - 2 cm. - 1874-1882

The cover of the issue book is titled "Issue Book B".

Series B 25/6/1. - Contract book. - 5 cm. - 1872-1874

Pages 1-34 are used.

Series B 25/7/1-10. - Miscellaneous. - 5 cm. - 1871-1882

1) Diamond Drill Record, 1877-1880.

2) Money order issued from Silver Islet, 1876.

3) Notice of a shareholders' meeting from the office of the Silver Islet Consolidated Mining and Lands Company, 1882.

- 4) Fragment of a letter from Mrs. Williams of South Wales, dated 23 Nov. 23 [18??]
- 5) A photograph of three unidentified children.
- 6) Customs receipt, 1873.
- 7) Two Bills of Lading, 1871.
- 8) Customs declaration, 1875.
- 9) A page from Time book for Oct. 1872.
- 10) Two copies of the Constitution and By-laws of the Silver Islet Employees Benefit Society, 1880.

Notes

Formerly catalogued into the museum collection, 972.76.8,14,19; 978.35.2, 3, 4, 5a-e; 973.12.4, 5; 975.25.29; 972.177.1-3, 8a-b, 9, 10, 12; 978.61.1a-b, 2a-b; 978.25.28; 983.20.19.; 972.2.350.