William Bell Frue fonds

1871-18803 cm. of photocopied textual records

Biographical Sketch

William Benjamin Frue was born in county Down but spent most of his life in the U.S.A.. He became general superintendent of the Silver Islet Mining Co. in 1871 and was responsible for the mine's great early prosperity. He left Silver Islet in 1875 and died a few years later. He was responsible for erecting the crib work around the islet. During his tenure the mine became one of the world's richest.

Scope and Content

Series A 23/1/1 - Correspondence - 3cm. - 1871-1880

The outgoing correspondence of W.B. Frue when superintendent of Silver Islet mine, 1871-1875. Consist primarily of reports to shareholders of the company in the United States and in Europe, and some letters of a political nature. Also contains letters from John J. Marvin and C.A. Trowbridge to Richard Trethewey, Esq., later superintendent of the mine, 1878-1880.

Additional Information

Custodial History - Original in possession of W.C. Frue, Henderson, North Carolina, grandson of W.B. Frue.

Alternate Physical Form - Copy available in library, #808.86 FRU