This typescript describes the mill and milling process for lead ores at Mine La Motte. Rowland G. Hazard, a South Kingston, Rhode Island, industrialist and financier who bought the Mine La Motte Company in 1870, established the mill in 1867. The company had been in financial difficulties before its sale, and Hazard brought needed capital to the enterprise.

The new mill was designed by W. B. Cogswell, and was erected in 1876. It was partially housed in an existing building, with the milling machinery arranged to fit. The typescript describes the milling process and machinery in detail, and illustrations are provided for certain components of the equipment. Construction and repair costs for the mill and machinery are also noted.

The author of the typescript is unknown. Hazard sold his interests in Mine La Motte in 1897, one year after the date of the typescript. It is possible that the description was prepared for the information of a prospective buyer. The original typescript was enclosed in a mailing tube addressed: “to Sid St. Gemme
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