

Information Sheet

R **St. Joe Minerals Corporation.**
48 **Collection, 1864-1974.**
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These are business records from mining concerns in Missouri's "Old Lead Belt." The collection includes records from the St. Joseph Lead Company, the Doe Run Lead Company, the Bonne Terre Farming and Cattle Company, and the Mine La Motte Corporation.

The St. Joe Minerals Corporation collection represents over one hundred years of mining in the Old Lead Belt by the St. Joseph Lead Company and the other mining firms it ultimately absorbed. The collection was loaned for microfilming from records in storage at the headquarters of the Southeast Missouri Mining and Milling Division at Viburnum, Missouri.

St. Joe's forerunner, the St. Joseph Lead Company, was organized in New York in 1864. The company purchased the nine hundred acre La Grave tract in the "bonne terre" area of the Old Lead Belt, where shallow mining had been carried on for years. The company struggled to meet its expenses until 1869, when the introduction of the diamond drill led to the discovery of rich lead deposits deep underground and opened the way to deep mining and the rapid development of the area. In spite of falling prices for lead, expansion continued in the 1870s under the supervision of Charles B. Parsons at Bonne Terre. A new mill was constructed in 1883 after the original structure burned to the ground, leaving the company with a new, well-designed plant at the beginning of its most productive period in the Bonne Terre and Flat River areas. The Desloge Mining Company mill burned in 1886, after which the company was sold to the St. Joseph Lead Company. St. Joe also bought out many other small mining firms after 1900, making it the largest operator and employer in the Old Lead Belt. The collection contains materials from the St. Joseph Lead Company as well as some of the firms that it absorbed. The most complete records are those of the St. Joseph Lead Company, which include cash books, journals, ledgers, and itemized accounts of operating expenses. There are records of the Doe Run Company, which was organized in 1886 by trustees of the St. Joseph Lead Company. St. Joe eventually acquired the Doe Run Company in 1936 after a period of litigation brought by some of the Doe Run stockholders. The details of controversy are contained in the minutes of meetings of the stockholders and directors of the company.

Missouri statutes enacted in 1890 and 1891 prohibited mining companies from owning more land than absolutely necessary for mining operations, and from transacting business not specified in the state charter. In response to these laws, the St. Joseph Lead Company organized the Bonne Terre Farming and Cattle Company in 1891. St. Joe turned over all of its surface operations to the company, including land sales and rentals, house rentals, company stores, and cattle operations. The Bonne Terre Farming and Cattle Company continued to administer all of St. Joe's surface business until 1974, when it was dissolved after St. Joe moved its headquarters and operations to Viburnum. Bonne Terre Farming and Cattle Company records in the collection include journals, cash books, ledgers, and the minutes of meetings of the directors, which span the life of the company. Other mining records from firms absorbed by St. Joe include Federal Lead Company payroll ledgers, a minute book of the Pendleton Lead Company, and minutes of the meetings of the directors of the Mine La Motte Corporation. There is also an illustrated report on the Sweetwater Mining Company at Mine La Motte, written in 1926 before its purchase by the St. Joseph Lead Company.

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