

R Mine La Motte, Records, 1840-1929
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INTRODUCTION

The Mine La Motte records document mining history in Mine La Motte, a town in Missouri's Old Lead Belt. The papers include maps, letters, and stock certificates.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were loaned to University of Missouri for photocopying by John P. Skaggs on 15 July 1982 (Accession No. 132).

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Mine La Motte is a town in Madison County, Missouri, that prospered in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The town got its name from Antoine de la Motte Cadillac, the governor of French Louisiana who first explored the area. It was settled soon after an expedition in 1717 by the French and their slaves. The mining of lead in the area started immediately after settlement. The mine was the first in Missouri. Operations at Mine La Motte continued through the nineteenth century at which time many mining companies operated in the area.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Mine La Motte records contain documents relating to multiple mining companies which operated in the Old Lead Belt. It includes maps of Missouri from the 1840s, maps of land developed as mines, a letter from an official of a mining company, stock certificates, a newspaper, and an economic report. See R138, R141, and R142 for related material.

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