



Mine La Motte, Missouri Collection (R0034)

Collection Number: R0034

Collection Title: Mine La Motte, Missouri Collection

Dates: 1839

Creator: Proprietors of Mine La Motte

Abstract: The Mine La Motte, Missouri Collection contains a photocopy of a pamphlet published by the proprietors of Mine La Motte to publicize to potential capitalist interested in investing. Also included are excerpts from a speech given to the citizens of Fredericktown, Missouri by Thomas Green Clemson, geologist and mineralogist.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Mine La Motte, Missouri Collection can be found in the following collections:

Gertrude Scott Hall, "History of Mine La Motte" (R0025)

Ferris H. Van Sickle, "History of Mine La Motte" (R0026)

Mine La Motte, Missouri Records (R1347)

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Historical Note:

Mine La Motte, was probably first visited by European explorers in 1715, by Sieur Antoine de la Motte Cadillac, governor-general of French Louisiana. Philip Renault worked the mines there after 1723. Both men had grants to the area from the Crown. However, they were interested primarily in silver, and lead mining was not actively pursued. After Renault's departure in 1742, the area came to be considered public domain, and miners who had remained at the site worked it sporadically. Some of these miners asked the Spanish authorities in New Orleans for title to Mine La Motte in 1802. The title was ultimately confirmed in 1811, by an act of the United States Congress. The owners sold the property in 1838 and the new owners divided the tract into forty lots of forty acres each and offered them for three to ten year leases.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a photocopy of a pamphlet published by the proprietors of Mine La Motte to publicize to potential capitalist interested in investing. Also included are excerpts from a speech given to the citizens of Fredericktown, Missouri by Thomas Green Clemson, geologist and mineralogist. To attract investors and lease-holders, the proprietors published this pamphlet, which describes the mineralogical and physical features of the area, and which includes optimistic forecasts on the likelihood of success in mining both lead and cobalt.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 "Observation on the La Motte Mines and Domain," pamphlet, 1839

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