



St. Joseph Lead Company Annual Report (R0046)

Collection Number: R0046

Collection Title: St. Joseph Lead Company Annual Report

Dates: 1866

Creator: St. Joseph Lead Company

Abstract: The St. Joseph Lead Company Annual Report contains a photocopy of the annual report of the trustees of the St. Joseph Lead Company in Saint Francois County, Missouri. There is also a special report by geologist, J.W. Foster.

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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Donor Information: The report was loaned for photocopying to the University of Missouri by Missouri University of Science and Technology library on February 12, 1981 (Accession No. RA0059).

Custodial History: The late Henry C. Thompson of Bonne Terre, author of *Our Lead Belt Heritage*, donated his copy of the St. Joseph Lead Company's annual report to Missouri University of Science and Technology library in 1981. Thompson's penciled notation indicates that only one copy of the report is known, located at the company office in New York. The library copy was borrowed for photocopying.

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the St. Joseph Lead Company Annual Report can be found in the following collections:

St. Joseph Lead Company Business Summary Records (R0541)

St. Joseph Lead Company, Southeast Missouri Mining and Milling Division Records (R0542)

St. Joseph Lead Mining Company Papers (C0574)

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Historical Note:

The St. Joseph Lead Company was organized in 1864, to exploit the mineral resources of Missouri's lead belt region, mostly in Saint Francois County. By the turn of the twentieth century it was the largest producer of lead in the district.

Arrangement:

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

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a photocopy of the annual report of the trustees of the St. Joseph Lead Company in Saint Francois County, Missouri. There is also a special report by geologist, J.W. Foster. The report is made up of two parts: a narrative on company finances and prospects, and a geological report by J.W. Foster of Saint Louis. The narrative report includes a financial statement and an inventory of the company property at the mines. The geological report contains a sketch map showing the main openings on various tracts owned by the St. Joseph Lead Company, and a discussion of the geological strata as evidenced at several of the mines. In addition to on-site inspection, Foster talked to some of the older miners in the area, and reported their recollections of the shallow 'bonne terre' diggings, where nearly pure masses of mineral were excavated very close to the surface. Mr. Foster ended his geological evaluation with an optimistic statement on the prospects of a long-term paying operation in the area by the St. Joseph Lead Company.

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