



## **Adolph Schoenherr Papers (R0615)**

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**Collection Title:** Adolph Schoenherr Papers

**Dates:** 1906-1919

**Creator:** Schoenherr, Adolph, 1877-1966

**Abstract:** The Adolph Schoenherr Papers contain the business and personal papers of Adolph Schoenherr, a businessman and mine operator in Jasper County, Missouri. The papers concern lead and zinc mines around Webb City and Carterville, and the operations of the Schoenherr-Walton and Reliance mining companies. There are also papers concerning a proposed adoption of a child by Adolph and Beulah Schoenherr.

**Collection Size:** (1 roll of microfilm)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Other Finding Aid:** An itemized list for each folder is available in the collection's administration folder.

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Adolph Schoenherr Papers can be found in the following collections:

*Schoenherr-Walton Mining Company Records (R0486)*

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**Biographical Note:**

Adolph Schoenherr was born in 1878, to Charles and Elizabeth *Schalk* Schoenherr in Missouri. He married Nannie Beulah McClelland in November 1906, in Oklahoma. Beulah's sister, Essie was married to Cyrus S. Avery. He worked in real estate and insurance. In 1914-1915, they sought to adopt a child. Starting in 1918, Adolph began to appear as Dolph Shaner in records, perhaps to disassociate himself with his German heritage as the United States entered World War I and a heightened state of hyper-nationalism.

Adolph Schoenherr engaged in the mining business in southwest Missouri with W. F. Schoenherr, O. H. Schoenherr, H. A. Genung, and T. R. Smith in a firm styled Schoenherr Brothers & Company. In 1906, the Schoenherrs leased mineral rights to the Guinn land near Carterville from the Rhea Lead & Zinc Company. The Schoenherrs formed the Schoenherr-Walton Mining Company with William Walton in 1907. Walton obtained a one-half interest in the new mining company, for which he was to provide mining tools, machinery, buildings, and a concentrating plant. Walton was also the on-site mining superintendent. The other stockholders, W. F. Schoenherr, O. H. Schoenherr, Adolph Schoenherr, T. R. Smith, and W. E. Rogers, contributed to the lease and mining began in July 1907.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into three folders.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This series contains the business and personal papers of Adolph Schoenherr, a businessman and mine operator in Jasper County, Missouri. The operations by the Schoenherr Brothers and the formation of the Schoenherr-Walton Mining Company are documented by various leases and other papers in the collection. Folder 1 also includes papers and correspondence of the Stevison-Rogers Lead & Zinc Company and the Reliance Mining Company of Webb City, 1909-1919. This material also concerns mine leases and mining operations around Webb City and Carterville.

Folder 2 consists of statistical summaries on the operations of the Schoenherr-Walton Mining Company. Included are monthly statements of profit and loss, and comparative analyses of the company's operations from 1907 through June 1913. Many of the reports include a narrative paragraph summarizing mine operations and the fortunes of the mining company, which declined after 1911. Folder 3 contains correspondence regarding the proposed adoption by Adolph and Beulah Schoenherr of Edith DeLacy. Included are letters from the Schoenherrs to the superintendent of the Masonic Home of Missouri, Edith DeLacy, and her father, George DeLacy. The adoption proceedings were never finalized.

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