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Introduction

This is a source list of books and records pertaining to mining which may be found in the official records of the counties studied. It is composed largely of material found in the NEW MEXICO HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY, which has been abstracted with mines and mining interests in mind. The county clerks have checked these lists.

The records of New Mexico for the Colonial Period are sadly lacking. The area is rich in history and therefore should be rich in records, but there is very little to be found in county archives that antedates the American occupancy of New Mexico. Even under early American direction there seems to have been an indifference to record keeping and the preservation of recorded happenings.

The law sets forth specifically the records that are to be kept in the county offices and provides penalties for the neglect thereof. Yet, in many counties there is a failure to comply. So the fact that the law sets forth the criteria for record keeping does not mean that records required are found in all counties.

A division of archives exists in New Mexico for the handling of records that are no longer needed in counties, but which are of historic value. In 1827 the legislature enacted a measure designed to make the Historical Society the custodian of "noncurrent" records, which might be transferred by counties to that Society. The law, however, failed to define "noncurrent records" or to provide means whereby the Historical Society could adequately care for and preserve such records. It did provide, however, that records so transferred would not lose their official status as evidence. It also provided that such records should be returned to the county in case of need.

Practically all the counties studied maintain a "reception book" which is kept by the county clerk and which is the primary starting point for the researcher. It is in most instances reliable from its starting date to the present.

The titles of the record books or files are given, followed by the dates covered by them when known. Where variations in recording have been made, we have endeavored to indicate other books in which similar records may be found.

BERNALILLO COUNTY

Reception records started in 1886, 21 vols. (County Clerk).

General index, 8-17-53, 32 vols.

Mining claim record, shows grantor and grantee, date of filing, date of instrument, and book and page where recorded.

Oil and gas leases from 1925-33, 2 vols. (1869-1924 Mining claim record, 1933) in miscellaneous record. None.

Register of leases on oil and gas lands, names of lessees and lessor. Terms of lease, description of property.

Mining claim records, 1869 to date. 16 vols. Title varies, Mining records 1869-82. Gives record of location notices by which mining property is claimed by right of discovery. Certificate of proof of labor. Transcript of title and surveys made. Oil and gas leases also contained herein from 1869-1924. Chron. by date of entry. For index 1869, see General index; for 1891 see Index to mining property below.

Index to mining property 1883-1901 has a part index to "Mining claim record, 1869..." above. Shows name of owner, locator, name of mine, chron. under subdivision.

Plat records and maps 1880 to date. 336 maps on three racks. A few duplicates of 1880 in unbound maps and plats. For other surveyors' field notes see Misc. 1914-22 (one file box); for surveyors' reports to county commissioner, see Commissioner's journal 1876...and Reports of foundation of school districts.

Index to map record 1880, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District property maps 1928; unbound maps and plats 1880--.

Index to tax matters (District court). 1921 Alpha by name of defendant.

Tax cases, case number. By surnames of defendants.

Tax cases from 1921 on contained in 63 file boxes. Index 1921, 1 vol.

Tax schedules: assessor, 1880 to date--46 file drawers. Declaration of value by property owners. Names and addresses of owners, description, and location. Indexed alphabetically by school district under name of taxpayer. 1889-1920, clerk's basement.

Map--Bernalillo County 1934, hand-colored, showing school districts, land grant boundaries, township lines, section lines, etc.

County clerk--index to mining property 1883-1900. One volume has been discontinued. Part index to mining claim record (1869--).

CATRON COUNTY

Records in the county clerk and treasurer's offices go back to 1921, when Catron was formed out of what was then Socorro County.

Tax records, treasurer's office, 1921--.

Mining records in the county clerk's vault in the courthouse. Records prior to 1921 are in Socorro County Courthouse.

Mining records in Catron start in July 1921.

Mining index, by name of mine and name of the locator.

Reception record complete from 1921--. Not indexed; items listed as received.

General index to mining deeds, book number 1

Mining deeds, book A

General index to deeds, book 1

Mining location, book 5

Mining location book record, book 2

General index to real estate mortgages, book 1

Index to deeds and real estate mortgages, vol. 2 (Jan. 1937--)

Chattel mortgage index book 1

Chattel mortgages book A

Probate court docket book 1

Judgments book A

Patents book 1

General index to real estate, direct and indirect, Jan. 1, 1922--.

Index and reception record, chattel mortgages, book 2

General index to real estate from Jan. 1, 1959--.

General index to miscellaneous records, vol. 2, Jan. 1, 1937--.
Contains records of mining property, wills, last wills and testaments, oil and gas leases, bonds and oaths of office, agreements of sale, conveyances of land, range agreements.

Mortgage record book H

Mortgage record book G

Mortgage record book F

Mortgage record real estate book E

Real estate mortgage record book D

Mortgage record book C

Real estate mortgage record book B

Real estate mortgages, book A (leather-bound).

Real estate mortgages book 1 (leather-bound).

Mining deeds book 1

Mining location record book 3

Mining locations book 1

Mining location record book 7

Mining locations book 4

Miscellaneous book 1

Miscellaneous book A

Miscellaneous record B

Miscellaneous record C

Miscellaneous record D

Miscellaneous record E

Index to patents 2

Miscellaneous record F

Miscellaneous record G

General index to mining deeds, book 4

Index to patents, book 1

Tax sales certificate records, book 1

Tax deed records book 1

General index to miscellaneous book 1

Patents, book A

Catron county deed record K

Index to judgments 1

Deeds record J

Deed record I

Deed record H

Deed record G

Deed record F

Deed record E

Deed record D

Deed record book C (bound book).

Deed record book B (bound book).

Deeds book 1 (bound book).

Deeds A (bound book).

Index and reception record chattel mortgages, book 3

Patent record book B

General index to mining deeds, book 3

There are no maps and plats

COLFAX COUNTY

Reception book dates from 1887. Eleven volumes. Title varies, reception and fee book 1915-17. Two volumes are labeled Number 2, one not labeled. No index. Shows instruments, day, hour, and minute of recording; 1839 deed records on seven volumes are one volume, deed, 1864-69 shows transcripts of lands transferred from Mora County to Colfax, at the time of the creation of Colfax. Maxwell Land Grant Company lands. Index in Index to real estate, 1864 to date.

Patent records, 1880 on--. Record of patents issued under 1862 Act of Congress.

Mining deed record. County clerk's office 1886-1922. 5 vols. transfers. Also notices of placer and lode mining claims. Affidavits of sinking discovery shaft. Names of owners and locators. Location and description of property and proof of labor in some instances. Chronologically indexed alphabetically by name of locator or grantor.

Mining location book, 1897-1909. 2 volumes, locations prohibited after this date. Location notices of mineral claims within the boundaries of the Maxwell Land Grant Company and in accordance with company regulations. The company owned all mineral lands in this section by virtue of an old Spanish grant. Record is of names of persons filing on location, description of property by name of locator; handwritten on printed forms.

Mining claims Willow Creek District 1867-74. Transcription records from Mora County. 1st vol. contains by-laws of Willow Creek Mining District which were accepted as the laws governing that district. Records also minutes of the committee appointed as the governing body. Chron., no index, 1867; 1868-74 indexed by name of locator.

Ledger of mining claims, 1867-88. One volume transcript Mora County Rules governing location of mining claims in this district. Right to appropriate water for mining purposes, permit tailings from ore to flow on another's claim, etc. Also contains records of location and transfers of mining property. Chron. , no index.

Cimmaron District Mining Claims, 1867-81. One vol. Record of locations and claim ownership by right of discovery. Names, dates, location, and description of property arranged chronologically. No index.

Oil and placer claims, 1902-03. Two volumes. Record of location notice oil and placer claims, by right of discovery. Date, description, and location of claims, arranged chronologically and alphabetically by name of locator.

Oil and gas leases, 1919-28, 2 vols. 1929 on. Misc, record leases granted for oil and gas operations showing names of lessors and lessees, date and time of filing, and description of property arranged chronologically. Index can be found in Index to real estate previously referred to 1864 on above.

Water-right certificates and contracts, 1907-19. Agreements between French Land and Irrigation Company purchasers and Maxwell Irrigated Land Company and other companies.

Plat books, 1879-1963. Record of maps and plats, 1893-1900 and Record of maps and plats, 1893-1900 and 1897-1914. Title varies. Field notes. Misc, maps 1893-1908, 450 maps and blueprints; no arrangement. Official maps of Colfax County, 1922--, one volume. Total of three official plat books.

DONA ANA COUNTY

Plat book, undated. One volume topographic maps of county; areal photo shows irrigable property Elephant Butte Irrigation Project.

Maps and projects 1912--33. Road bridges, highway routes, railroads, streams, levees, laterals, drains.

Deed record, 1853--99. Instruments transferring title to real estate, etc.

General index to real property, 1853--. 1853-61, 1863-77, and 1881-91. Direct index to all instruments. Mining deed record 1882, 4 vol. , last entry 1938, title varies. Mining deeds from 1882-1907 records transfers of mineral property including mineral deeds, mining leases, mining quit-claim deeds, patents, executors' deeds, conveyance of equity.

Index proof of labor and mining claims, 1853, 2 vol. Title varies.

Mining location index, 1853-1912. Index to location record and proof of labor. By names of mines in first half of book, and by name of owner and direct index in latter half of book.

Location records, 1859-1919. Title varies. Mining claims 1859-83 and 1888-98; Mining claim deeds 1879-80; Location 1883-88; Mining claim record 1898-1913. From 1853-59 is called In deed entry record in the deed records (99 volumes).

Maps and plats; misc. 1882--. 347 maps in rack, unbound maps and plats. Made by private and county surveyors. Mining claims shown loading districts, canals, etc.

Index to maps, 1882 on. One vol. in alphabetical indexed misc. maps of entry above showing name, location, and number of map.

La Union townsite, 1874 on. Title varies. La Union and La Mesa township site, papers pertaining to formation of towns of La Mesa, Tambarino, and La Union. Correspondence of various petitioners, notice of mining location, description of land, publications of proof, etc.

Miscellaneous files, 1849-54, 1857, 1859-61, 1865-69, 1870-71, 1874-75, 1880-1922, 1925, 1929-35. Ten bundles and two envelopes. Misc. instruments include deeds, warranty, quit-claim, and mining for 1849-54, 1857, 1860-67, 1871, 1874-75, 1881-82, 1884-86, 1888-92, 1905-13, showing information as in deed record from 1850 on, described above.

Assessor's office: Miscellaneous file, 1929 on. Certif. by state tax commission of Dona Ana County, 1932, of actual valuation of railroads, telegraph company's lines, etc. , including nonproductive mineral properties and other corporation properties showing number and description of unit valuations.

EDDY COUNTY

General index, county clerk. Title: Index to real estate, deeds, mortgages, etc. , 1883, 22 volumes. Title varies, General index to deeds and mortgages from 1883-1912; Index to deed, 1912-25; 1928-35 and Index to deeds. Mortgage releases, etc. , 1926-27.

Oil and gas lease record 1919, 10 volumes. 1902-18 in miscellaneous record. Record of oil and gas leases, contracts pertaining to agreements and all other documents referring to oil and gas leases showing names of lessor dates, times of filing, etc. For index, see index of real estate deeds, above. Arranged chron. by filing date.

Contract record 1908-11. Special form contract forms for purchase of real estate showing names of principal, location and description of property. Indexed in the general index.

Mining records, 1891--. Record of location notices of both placer and lode mining claims, proof of labor, affidavit of sinking discovery shaft, and notices of oil and gas claim locations showing names of parties concerned, location, dates. Chron. by date of filing.

Alphabetical by name of locator. 1891-1906, handwritten. 1907, typed.

Maps, 1886--. 2 vol. Boundary plats and maps of all subdivisions of real estate in county including highways, etc. Arranged chron. by date of map.

Index to map files, 1886--. Index to above.

Unbound maps, 1885-1935. 114 miscellaneous maps and plats.

Miscellaneous records, 1902--. 15 vols. Record of documents for which no separate record was provided. Includes squatters' claims, notice of location of public land and leases, oil and gas lease records, 1902-18, and contract record, 1902-07, 1912.

Uncalled for recorded instruments: 1891, 1894, 1896-98, 1902, 1908-13, 1917, 1919-21, 1923, 1928. Uncalled for instruments including mining claims, 1919, patent 1920.

The assessor's office and also the treasurer's office has oil and gas assessment rolls for New Mexico, 1925, 2 volumes. Title varies, oil and gas production record, 1923-31.

GRANT COUNTY

Grant County was created by the New Mexico Territorial Legislature, January 30, 1868. The territory embraced by Grant County was taken from the western portion of Dona Ana County and was formerly part of the Republic of Mexico.

The region was originally acquired by the United States through the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848. The county of Mesilla was contemplated about the time of the Gadsden Purchase in 1853 and an 1870 map shows Mesilla County. All the present Grant County east of the Rio Gila was included in Mesilla County as well as all of Luna, most of Hidalgo, Dona Ana, and Sierra. The county presumably died in the legislature, as no mention of Mesilla was again made in the territorial laws. A great part of Grant County was at one time also included in the county of Arizona, organized by legislative act, Feb. 1, 1860. Largely on account of the Apache menace, only one settlement was attempted in Grant County up to the early part of the Nineteenth century. This settlement was Santa Rita Del Cobre, which, though established in an isolated spot in the great wilderness of plains and mountains, attracted attention because of the seemingly inexhaustible supply of copper in the vicinity. Historians seem to be uncertain as to the date of the first settlement at Santa Rita, but it is placed at approximately

1800. Tradition says that the earliest work in the mine was done by Spanish prisoners and convicts. One of the famous Apache raids was at Pinos Altos, in 1861. In 1864, when renewed mining activities again presented the opportunity for raiding, the Apaches took to the warpath and stripped the miners of their stock. First census report on Pinos Altos was in 1860 which showed 800 persons in the town, most of whom were engaged in mining. Following an Apache raid in September 1861, the white settlers deserted the country, some going north to join the Union forces and others going south to become part of the Confederate army. Santa Rita, San Jose, and the Hanover copper mines were abandoned shortly afterward. According to Bancroft, "all work in the mines of this district was suspended in the Confederate invasion of 1861-62., but revived in a small way in 1863." On August 8, 1862, history records "the Commandant of the California Column, leading a force of Union soldiers from California, found it necessary to send provisions to some destitute men, women, and children at the Birchville mine."

After the Civil War, a group of Mexican miners settled at the former site of Birchville in 1863-64, and they renamed the settlement Pinos Altos. Other city names linked with mining history were Central City, Silver City, Georgetown, Hachita, Paschal, Tyrone, Hurley, Bayard, Rio Gila Settlement, Fort West, Fort Bayard, and the Central Mining District, Georgetown District, Fluoride Flats District, Lone Mountain District, Telegraph District, Black Hawk District, etc.

In the county clerk's office:

Reception record, 1887-1914, 1918-- , eight vols.

Indexes: General index direct, grantors, mortgagors, etc. , 1933--.

General index reverse, mortgagees, 1933--.

Miscellaneous deeds, 1868-- , thirty-seven vols. ; title varies; Deeds, 1871-83; Record of deeds, 1880-88; Misc. record of deeds, 1882-89; Misc. deed record, 1884-1921. This is a record of miscellaneous deeds and includes mining location records 1868-1869; mining patent records and final certificates of mineral applications 1878-1900. One volume, deed records, 1868-1870, transcribed into mining deeds, volume 18. Mining location record, 1871-91, proof of labor mining claims 1880-91.

Miscellaneous deed record, 1871-1933. Title varies. Index to deeds, 1871-83; Index to record of deeds, 1880-88; Index to Misc. records of deeds, 1882-89; Index to misc. deed record, 1884-1921.

Tax deed record, 1937, 1905-35 in mining deeds below.

Patent record homesteads, 1886--. Title varies. Homestead claims, 1886-87; Patent record preemption, 1888-1914; Homesteads 1914-30. This is a record of land patents issued by the United States Government and by the State of New Mexico.

Index to patent record homestead, 1888--. Title varies. Index to patent pre-emption from 1888-1914; Index to homesteads 1914-30; and an Index to patent record homesteads.

Mining deeds, 1868--. Title varies: Mining record, 1873-1920; Deeds, 1880-81; mining record of deeds, 1880-83; Record of deeds, 1884-86. This is a record of all instruments affecting title to mining property. Deeds, patents, bills of sales, etc.

Index to mining deeds, 1868-1933. This is an index to mining deeds above.

Mining patent record, 1878-1900, 1905—. 1924-32 final certificates mineral applications also in miscellaneous record below. Records of patents for mineral lands granted by the federal government, dates, names of patentees, etc.

Index to mining patent records, 1905-33. This is an index to mining patent records and final certificates and mineral applications above. First half of book direct index, last half reverse index.

Register of entry of mineral lands, 1876-95. For 1924-32, look in miscellaneous record below.

Mining location record, 1871--. For 1868-69, 1871-91, in miscellaneous deeds above. For 1873-88 in mining deeds above, for 1924-32 in miscellaneous records below.

Index to mining locations, 1871--.

Proof of labor mining claims 1931--. For 1880-91, in miscellaneous deeds, above. 1893-1930 in mining deeds above. This is a record of proof of labor and mining claims showing name of party, location, etc.

Index to proof of labor, mining claim, 1931-39.

Mining exemptions, 1917-19; 1933. Record of exemptions from assessment work during years in which moratorium was in effect, showing name of owner, locations, etc. Shows also book and page of the mining record where recorded.

Mortgage record 1880--. 1880 in mining deed; 1868, 1871-79 in misc. deeds. This is a record of mortgage deeds and satisfaction of mortgage.

Index to mortgage record, 1880-1934.

Trust deed record, 1887--. For 1868-87 in misc, deeds.

Index to trust deed record, 1887--. This is an index to the trust deed record above.

Lis pendens, 1875-1910. 1936, Notices filed in county clerk's office that suit involving the payment of money has been filed in the district court.

Judgment and lis pendens record, 1875--.

Index to judgment and lis pendens record, 1875--.

Record of liens -1891--. Record of liens on material or property on labor furnished. For the years 1871-90 look in misc, deeds above.

Index to record of liens, 1891--. Index to record of liens above.

Maps and plats of Grant County, 1878-1938. One map cabinet in county clerk's office. Townsites, subdivision, parks, etc.

Notice of sale for delinquent taxes, 1934--. For 1913-14, in misc. papers below.

Record of delinquent tax sales, 1884-92, 1901-07.

Tax sale certificate record, 1900--.

Federal tax liens, 1928--.

Federal tax lien index, 1933--.

Index to chattel mortgage record 1876--. Title varies.

Index and reception of chattel mortgage, 1915--. Title varies.

Index to reception record, chattel mortgages, 1915-34.

Bill of sale record, 1887-88, 1872-87, in misc, deeds above.

Misc. papers, 1865-66, 1868-1922, 1924-25, 1927-28, 1935-38. Original and duplicate instruments in the custody of the county clerk, includes bills of sale for 1868-74-75, 1887-93, 1895, 1904, 1911-14, 1919-22, showing information as in the bill of sale record above.

Investigator should look in index to Miscellaneous Record 1903--,
nine volumes.

Papers held for recording fees, 1897--, which include warranty quit-claims, mining and mortgage deeds, lis pendens, location notices, proof of labor, transcripts of judgment contracts and agreements, etc.

Mis. papers, 1865-66, 1868-1922, 1924-25, 1927-28, 1935-38. These include agreements, 1873-77; 1888-89, 1892-96, 1935, 1938; bills of sale, 1868, 1874-75, 1887-93, 1895, 1904, 1911-14, 1919-22; deeds, warranty and quit-claim orig. 1865, 1868-78, 1882-83, 1887-95, 1899-1906, 1909-15, 1919-20, 1925, 1931, 1936, 1938; leases 1874-1881, 1891, 1894; liens, mechanics contractors, 1871-77, 1888, 1890; mining claims, abstract of title to 1865-69, 1892, 1897, 1922; mining location notices, 1865, 1870-75, 1879, 1883, 1887-95, 1897; mining claims of proof of labor 1887, 1889, 1903; patent notices for townsite of Silver City , 1874; patents homestead, 1889-93, 1898, 1903-06, 1913, 1929; proof of publication 1875, 1890, 1913-18; Pinos Altos Town Company, statement of, 1868; chattel mortgages, 1892, 1894, 1898, 1909-12.

The district court clerk has the Record book for the Sixth Judicial District from 1868-77, 1879-1880, 1882-99, 1904--.

Record for the Third Judicial District 1868-1912, 1891-95, 1901, 1905;
also in miscellaneous deeds above.

Civil docket Sixth Judicial District from 1874-98, 1915--.

Probate court has probate minutes from 1868--.

Index to probate minutes 1887--.

Taxes were assessed on real and personal property Territory of New Mexico in 1870. The records of the assessor include:

Tax schedules, 1916-17. 1920--.

State Tax Commission certificates on corporate property evaluation,
1921-27, 1931--.

Levy sheets 1924, 1926--.

Plat record, 1939-- plat of each tract of property in Grant County.

Card index to properties. This is a card index of the plat record above.

Assessment rolls, 1885-97, 1899,,

In the abstract section:

Abstract patented mineral lands 1881-1916.

Index to abstract patented mineral lands, 1881-1916 in an alphabetical index to above abstract of patented minerals lands.

Treasurer's office:

Tax receipts are recorded from 1899, 1905-10, 1915.

Delinquent taxes booked 1886-94.

Record of tax sales, 1882-93, 1916-27.

Tax deeds, 1914--.

There are no surveyor's records in Grant County.

HIDALGO COUNTY

County clerk:

General index, reverse. 1920--, 1 vol. General index to all instruments pertaining to real estate deed records, mining deeds, patents, mining deed records, and grantee of mortgage. Kind of instrument book and number of page. Alphabetically by first two letters of surname of grantee or mortgagee and chronologically,

Deed record from 1921--. 7 vol. Record of all deeds filed, including quit-claim, etc.

Transcribed deeds, 1870-1920, 3 vols. Deeds transcribed from Grant County records showing information as in deed record above.

Index to deed record, 1870-1920, 3 vols. Index to transcribed deeds above.

Patents, 1920--, 1879-1919.

Mining deeds 1920--, 5 vol. Record of transfer of title to mining property, assessment work, proof of labor, notice of intention to hold mining claim, placer location showing names of parties, description, and location of property, considerations, etc.; chron. by date.

Index in general index direct 1920--, 1 vol. General index reverse as cited above and general index to mining deeds described below.

General index to mining deeds, 1920, 1 vol. Index to mining deeds above showing in the first half of book direct index by names of grantors and grantee and book and page number. Reversed index in second half of book by grantee and grantor and book and page number. Arranged alphabetically and first letter summaries. Chronological Mineral deeds, 1870-1919, 5 vol. , Mining deeds transcribed from Grant County records showing information as in mining deeds above.

Index to mineral deeds, 1870-1919, 5 vol. Index by names of grantor-grantee, showing in the first half of the book. Second half reversed. Alphabetically first letter of surname and chronologically thereunder.

Mining location, 1920 to present date, 5 vol. Record of location notices of placer and lode mining claims, proof of labor and affidavit of sinking discovery shaft with names of parties concerned, description of property; dates of instrument and recording date; arranged chron. Indexed in following entry.

Index mining location 1920, 2 vols. Alphabetically by first name of locator. Index is of the entry above.

Mining locations 1870 to present date, 12 vol. Title varies: Location notices, 1870-91. These are location notices transcribed from Grant County records showing information as in entry above (Index mining location). Chron. by dates of filing. For index see following two entries.

Index to mining locations, 1870 to present time, 8 vols. Title varies: Index to location notices, 1870-91; Index to mining locations, entry above, showing name of mine, book and page alphabetically by name of mine.

Index to mining location, 1917 to present date, 3 vol. Index to items above on location for which exemptions have been claimed; name, claim, and amount.

Maps 1920, one map cabinet. Original maps town of Lordsburg and county.

Miscellaneous record -- 1920 to present date, 17 vol. Title varies: Misc., 1920-27. Record of documents for which no special book is provided, including contracts, leases, agreements, liens, bills of sale, etc. ; also general index to miscellaneous records 1870 to 1919 is a record of documents for which no separate book is provided, transcribed from Grant County records in miscellaneous above.

General index to miscellaneous records 1920--.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Index to mining records, Books A, B, C, D, E, and F. Alphabetical index by name of mine.

Mining records, book I. Alphabetical index, notice of location. First entry, December 7, 1880; last entry location record, April 4, 1881.

Mining records, book G. Spanish. First entry, March 7, 1877; last entry notice of location, December 13, 1880.

Mining records, book H. First entry, September 20, 1880; notice of locations last entry, February 9, 1881.

Mining records, book D. First entry, September 29, 1880; last entry October 28, 1880.

Mining records, book C. First entry, September 1880; last entry, September 1880.

Location notices, book J. First entry, April 4, 1881; last entry, June 13, 1881.

Mining claims, book A. First entry, discovery claim, June 1868. Alphabetical index. Last entry, August 1877.

Mining records, book E. Notices of location. First entry, October 2, 1880; last entry, November 17, 1880.

Mining records, book G. (Apparently a duplicate numbering of G above). Alphabetical index. First entry starts on page 10, notice of location, dated November 3, 1880; last entry, notice of location, filed September 24, 1880, and discovered September 20, 1880.

Mining location records, book K. Alphabetical index. First entry, notice of location, dated June 1881; last entry, December 1881.

Lode book L. Alphabetical index by name of mine. First entry, January 2, 1882, notice of relocation, proof of labor, location notice; last entry, August 19, 1882.

Mining records, book M. Alphabetical index by name of mine. First entry, August 19, 1882; last entry, April 30, 1883.

Mining records, book N. Alphabetical index by name of mine. First entry, notice of location of the "Bobtail Mine," April 1883; last entry, notice of location, May 13, 1884. Contains among other things proof of labor, notice of forfeiture, etc.

Mining records, book O. Alphabetical index by name of mine. First entry, May 14, 1884; last entry, June 13, 1887. Notation from Jones Taliofero that two sheets, apparently last two, were cut out of the book and sent as samples to the George D. Barnard Company of St. Louis, Mo. It is assumed there are no records on the two missing pages.

Mining records, book E. Alphabetical index by name of mine. First entry, June 13, 1887; last entry, November 26, 1892.

Mining records, book Q. Alphabetical index by name of mine. First entry, November 25, 1892; last entry, May 29, 1896.

Mining records, book R. Alphabetical index by name of mine. First entry, June 1896; last entry, June 14, 1899.

Mining records, Book S. Alphabetical index by name of mine and locator. First entry, June 13, 1899; last entry, January 3, 1901.

Mining records, Book T. First entry, location notice, November 12, 1901; last entry, January 6, 1902.

Mining records, Book U. No index. First entry, location certificate, January 16, 1902; last entry, July 5, 1902.

Mining records, Book V. First entry, July 1902; last entry, April 11, 1905.

Mining records, Book W. First entry, January 1, 1903; last entry, November 18, 1905.

Mining records, Book X. Alphabetical index by name of mine. First entry, March 1905; last entry, March 26, 1907.

Mining records, Book Y. No index. Contains notices of mining locations, affidavits of labor, improvements, etc. First entry, November 3, 1906; last entry, July 26, 1911.

Abstract mining claims, Book A. Lists name of mine, locator, abstract book page. First entry, June 1880; last entry, May 1882.

Mining records, Book Z. Notices of mining locations. First entry, August 1, 1911; last entry, June 5, 1914.

Mining records, Book A-1. No index. Notices of mining locations, proof of labor, mining claims, etc. 600 pages. First entry, June 23, 1914; last entry, February 28, 1918.

Mining records, Book A-2. Notices of mining locations and numerous petroleum, oil, asphalt, gas, gypsum locations. First entry, February 28, 1918; last entry, June 28, 1919.

Mining records, Book A-3. First entry, June 28, 1919; final entry, September 19, 1919. 600 pages.

Mining records, Book A-4. Mining location notices. First entry, June 12, 1919; final entry, June 12, 1919.

Mining records, Book A-5. Mining location notices. First entry, February 9, 1920; final entry, December 4, 1919.

Mining records, Book A-6. Location notices of placer and lode claims, proof of labor, etc. Final entry, June 18, 1926.

Mining records, Book A-7. Location notices of placer, oil, and gas claims, proof of labor, etc. First entry, June 21, 1926; final entry, July 3, 1931.

Mining records, Book A-8. Location notices. First entry, July 1931; final entry, June 29, 1935.

Mining records, Book A-9. Location notices of lode and placer mining claims, suspensions of assessment work, etc. First entry, 1934; final entry, June 30, 1938.

Mining records, Book A-10. First entry, June 1938; final entry, June 1942.

Mining records, Book A-11. First entry, June 29, 1942; final entry, June 21, 1948.

Mining records, Book A-12. First entry, June 12, 1948; last entry notice of lode mining location, filed June 26, 1952.

Mining record book A-13. Photostatic copies. First entry, June 19, 1952; final entry April 21, 1954.

Mining record book A-14. Photostatic copies. First entry, May 1, 1954; last entry, September 7, 1954.

Mining record book A-15. Photostatic record. First entry, notice of mining location, September 7, 1954; last entry, January 12, 1955.

Mining record book A-16. Photostatic record started January 12, 1955.

Mining record books A-17, A-18, A-19.

Mining record book A-20. First entry, September 1956; final entry, June 1957.

Mining record book A-21. First entry July 1959.

Mining record books A-22, A-23, A-24, A-25, and A-26. First entry, November 23, 1962; last entry, August 31, 1962.

Book E, miscellaneous, also containing contracts A; is the oldest book in the clerk's office. Indexed by grantor and grantee, handwritten. First entry is a land claim on June 12, 1869 in English and Spanish; last entry is a quit-claim deed with pages missing. Next to last entry made June 4, 1875. Book contains miscellany referred to by the clerk as a contract book labeled on outside as E Miscellaneous and contract A. Index to mining location which follows is indexed grantor to grantee and vice versa.

General index to mining locations, book A. Alphabetical index by name of mine, grantor-grantee, nature of instrument, and date. Dates noted 1877, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1886, 1882, 1887, 1886, 1887, 1888.

Index to mining locations, book B. Alphabetical index by grantee, etc.; includes dates 1882, 1882, 1883, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1900.

Index to mining locations, book C. Alphabetical index by grantor, being name of mine, and grantee. Dates noted, 1902, 1903, 1897, 1896, 1907, 1906, 1908, 1907.

Index to mining locations, book D. Dates noted, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1910, 1911, 1908, 1909, 1913, 1918, 1920.

Index to mining locations, book E. First entry, December 4, 1925; dates noted, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938.

Index to mining locations, book F. Notation in front cover: "This book begins August first 1938." Dates noted, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1944, 1948, 1949.

General index to mining location, book G. Dates noted, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955.

General index to mining locations, book H. Dates noted, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959.

Quit-claim deed record book number 21, 1937 to 1948.

Miscellaneous record A-2 is indexed in the deed index and begins 1909 to November 1, 1925, contains district court decrees, contracts, deputy sheriffs' commissions, bonds, oath of office, etc.

Miscellaneous deed record, no. 1. First entry, July 29, 1921; last entry, March 8, 1921.

Miscellaneous deed and miscellaneous record book number 2. First entry, July 17, 1908; instrument dated 1908; record March 12, 1926; last entry recorded July 22, 1929.

Miscellaneous deed and miscellaneous record 3. First entry, July 5, 1929; last entry, December 1932.

Miscellaneous deed and miscellaneous records, books 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

Miscellaneous record, book 11. Composed of photostatic copies, mortgages, quit-claim deeds, etc.; beginning June 16, 1950.

Miscellaneous records, books 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

Miscellaneous record, book 23 (starts with an affidavit, dated March 28, 1962).

General index to mining location records, book no. 1. First half of book direct general index to the name of the claim and locator or mining locations; last half by name of locator and name of claim. Dates noted, 1960, 1961, 1962. This is a direct general index to mining locations.

Mortgage record, book A. First entry 1880; last entry 1888.

Mortgage deed records books, as follows: X, B, C, D, E, F.

Amortization record, 1, mortgage deed record A1; mortgage record A3.

Mortgage deed record books A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A10, A11, A12, A13, A14, A15, A16, A17, A18, A19, A20, A21, A22, A23, A24, A25, A26, A27.

Mortgage records books 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 26, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52.

General index to deeds and patents, book A and books 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and books K, L, M, N, O, P.

Contracts pertaining to mining leases or operation will be found in the index to mining locations or general index to mining locations. Quit-claim deeds to mining property can be found in the general index to deeds and patents and also in the general index to mining locations.

Probate records for the probate court are kept in the county clerk's office. Records of estates and wills of deceased persons, letters, bonds, notes of administrations, and actions of the probate court.

There are two leather-bound copies of records of incorporation and three canvas-bound records of incorporations.

Patents will be found in the general index to deeds and patents, J, I, H, G, F, D, E, C, D.

Reception records were started in books kept in the basement. Here will be found a tax record starting in 1894. The clerk's cash book and reception book number one is a district court record which starts October 3, 1913, and apparently ends October 7 of the same year. Reception book no. 2 started December 1, 1922, and apparently goes to December 29, 1922. Dates noted in it are 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925. Apparently reception records date from 1922 on. Index to plats, book number 1 contains among other things maps of asbestos mines, atomic corporation, atom no. 1, mines and other mining claims and should be checked in connection with any research.

LUNA COUNTY

Index to deeds, 1901--. 6 vols. Titles vary. Index to deeds direct and indirect 1901 to 1915, 2 vols. This is index to all instruments affecting title to real estate, in warranty record, quit-claim record, tax deed record, mining deed record, etc.

Record tax sales certificate, direct and indirect index arranged alphabetically by surname of grantor.

Warranty deed record, 1901--. 19 vols. Title varies; deed record, 1904-13; warranty deeds, 1911-26; 1901, 1904-5, 1926 in Misc. Deed Record. (Below)

Quit-claims deeds, 1901--. 4 vols. Numbered 1 to 4. Title varies ; quit-claim deed record 1901-23; quit-claim 1923-28; and 19016, 1909, 1911-15, 1926, 1930, in misc. deed record.

Miscellaneous deed record 1901--, includes misc, instruments, corporation companies, affidavits of stock ownership, 1925 to 1926; mining claims and notice of forfeiture of 1911-29; mining property agreements 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908 showing dates and names of parties, conditions of agreement.

Oil and gas lease agreements 1925 to 1926, 1930 and 31 between operators of filling stations and oil and gas companies for installation of equipment. Also contains oil and gas leases for boring for underground oil for 1916 to 1928.

Patent record, 1901--. 3 vols. Index to patents.

Mining deed record 1901-15, 1935--. 2 vol. ; 1904, 1910, 1916-34 in miscellaneous deed record. These record transfer of title to mining property showing names above of parties, dates, consideration, description of property, and acknowledgment arranged chronologically by date of filing; for index see index to deeds above.

Mining location record 1901--. 6 vol. Record of mining locations showing name of mine and locator, notice of location, description and location of property, name of mining district, purpose and object of locators, and date of recording. Also contains affidavits of assessment work. Chron. date of location under mining district. An index of this book is found in indirect and direct index mining location below. For transcribed mining location record 1873-1880, see mining location record 1873-1880 below, one vol.

Direct and indirect index mining location 1901--. 4 vol. Index of mining location record. Affidavit of assessment work, 1905-- , 3 vols., 1901 to 1914 is in the mining location record above. These are records of affidavits that work has been performed on unpatented mining property in order to claim title. Index of affidavit of assessment work is in the following index of affidavit of assessment work 1905.

Index of affidavit of assessment work 1905--. 2 vol. Mining claims, options to purchase 1905, 1909, 1914, 1920, 1926, 1927, 193G, in miscellaneous deed record, entry above. 1912-13, 1928, 1937 is in miscellaneous papers record above. Contains options to purchase mining claims above, showing description and purchase price, length of time of option, amount of option, and date.

Mining location record 1873-1880. Transcribed from Grant County. Mining locations showing information as above in the mining location record. Index may be found in index to deeds direct and indirect 1868.1906, one volume, transcribed.

Mining and miscellaneous, transcribed Grant County 1862 to 1902.
3 vols. Transcribed records affecting mining activities, real estate and personal property, and other misc. instruments , assessment records, bills of sale, deeds, quit-claim, liens, miners and mechanics liens, water rights, mining claim, escrow agreements, agreements to purchase mining claims, mining contracts held by banking corporation until paid for, mining contracts 1891 to 1896, mining leases 1882 to 1883, 1889 to 90, 1898-99, mining location claims 1880-82, 1884-1885, 1888-93, 1895-99, showing information as in mining record location above. Mining claims and notice of forfeiture of for 1883-4, 1887, 1889, 1892-93, 1896-98; Mining claims, option to purchase, 1891, showing name of location and claim and amount of option. Mining claims 1880 to 1892. Mining districts, organization, 1880 to 1881 showing name and location of district Mining property, sheriffs sale, 1884 to 1900, name, location of mine, amount for which sold.

Maps of mining claims. 1909-1911, 1916, 1917 maps and plats of mining claims showing by range and section location of mines, names of owners, mines, and surveyors' claims. These are indexed in index to maps above. Some mining claims and options to purchase 1912-13, 1928, 1937 may be found in Miscellaneous papers record, 1907--two volumes, record of instruments for which no separate record is provided. Also in these files are leases on mining property 1907-10; 1923, 1936, also index to these may be found in index to miscellaneous paper 1907, three volumes.

Misc. correspondence: has miscl. correspondence between Dept. of Interior Bureau of Mines, etc. , concerning licenses and sale of explosives. (1917-1918 one bundle).

Agricultural extension agent has 1926-- administration and program files, well log division for Luna County, undated, showing strata at various depths in drilling of oil wells, names of wells, location, elevation, size of casing, and kind of soil.

Miscellaneous deed record (in county clerk's office). Oil and gas lease agreements 1925-26, 1930-31, between operators of filling stations and oil and gas companies. It also contains oil and gas leases for boring for underground oil 1916-26, 1928--.

Deed records, 3 vols. March 1881 to March 1901.

Home pre-emption, tax certificate, articles of inc. , liens, bills of sale and misc. record 1887 to 1901; 1 vol.

Mortgage record, 1 vol. 1880 to 1900.

Index to mortgages, 1 vol.

Index to deeds, 1. vol.

Probate records 1883 to 1900, 1 vol.

Mortgage records (including releases). Titles vary, 57 vols. , January 1901 to date.

Deed records. Titles vary. 44 vols., January 1901 to date.

Quit-claim deeds. 6 vols., October 1901 to December 1958; now included in deed records.

Misc. deeds. 16 vols. ,September 1911 to December 1958; now included in deed records.

Tax deed records. 2 vols. December 1936 to January 1958; now included in deed records.

Indexes to tax sale certificates. 2 vols.

Deed indexes. 10 vols., 1900 to December 1958.

Mortgage and Rel. indexes, 1900 to December 1958, 6 vols.

Real estate indexes, 4 vols., January 1959 to date.

Renewal and assignment of mortgages, 3 vols., 1901 to January 1959; now included in mortgage records.

Indexes for renewal and assignment of mortgages, 2 vols. for above, now included in real estate indexes.

Chattel mortgage indexes, 7 vols. to December 1961.

Financing statement index, 1 vol., January 1962 to date.

Marriage records, 21 vols., 1901 to date.

Commissioners' proceedings, 5 vols., April 1901 to date.

Index for above, 1 vol.

Mining deeds, 2 vols., 1901 to 1952.

Mining location records, 7 vols., April 1901 to December 1963.

Affidavit of assessment work, 4 vols., April 1901 to December 1963.

Indexes for mining locations, 4 vols., 1901 to December 1963.

Indexes for affidavit of assessment work, 1901 to December 1963,
2 vols.

Mining record, 1 vol., January 1964 to date.

Mining record index, 1 vol., January 1964 to date.

Official and miscellaneous bonds, 3 vols., June 1915 to date.

Index to bonds, 2 vols., June 1915 to date.

Misc. papers, including service discharges, notary commissions
etc., 4 vols., 1907 to date.

Index to misc. papers, 3 vols.

Articles of incorporation, including indexes, 5 vols., 1901 to date.

Power of attorney, 2 vols., 1901 to date.

Indexes to powers of attorney, 2 vols., 1901 to date.

Bills of sale, 2 vols., 1901 to date.

Indexes to bills of sale, 2 vols., 1901 to date.

Minutes and orders of probate court, 12 vols., 1901 to date.

Probate court docket, 3 vols., 1901 to date.

Patent records, 4 vols., 1901 to date.

Indexes to patent records, 2 vols., 1901 to date.

Army discharges, 2 vols., April 1944 to date.

Plat file with index.

Deming subdivisions.

Columbus subdivisions.

County subdivisions.

Mining surveys

Railroad surveys

Oil surveys

Ditch surveys

County road maps

Navy discharges, 1 vol., February 1945 to date.

Index to discharges, 1 vol., 1944 to date.

Lien records, 3 vols. (now included in mortgage records), 1901 to 1959.

Index to lien records, 1 vol., 1901 to December 1959.

Welfare lien index, 1956 to 1957, 1 vol.

List of suits pending, 2 vols., 1909 to date.

Transfer of judgment docket, 1 vol., 1901 to date.

Index to transfer of judgment, 2 vol., 1901 to date.

Federal tax lien index, 1 vol.

Clerk's reception record, 16 vol., to date.

MORA COUNTY

The county was created by act of the Territorial Legislature, February 1, 1860, from the eastern portion of Taos county, which originally was part of the seven partidos under the Mexican regime.

Mora County was carved out of Taos County. Later Mora was cut in two and the northern half was made Colfax County. A little later, in 1893, another chunk was taken from Mora County to form Union County, and in 1921, Harding County was interposed between Union and

Mora. Now Mora is bounded by Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, San Miguel, Harding, Colfax, and Taos counties.

There were no important mining districts in Mora County, but the mineral resources are of a wide variety; gold, silver, copper, and deposits of iron and coal are found.

In the Mora county clerk's office:

Reception record, 1888--, four volumes. A reception book from 1888 to 1920. Register of all instruments received for filing or recording.

Filing record, 1902, 1909-17, 1935. Record of the disposition of certain types of recorded documents, including lis pendens, tax lien of revenue service department 1935; reception record, chattel mortgages, 1909-11, 1915.

General index direct, 1835--. This is a general index to deeds from 1860 to 1910 (was recorded in 1960--). General index to deeds, 1860 to 1910; direct index to real property 1885-93.

General index indirect, 1835--, indirect index to deeds 1861-90, 1910-16, 1916-19.

Warranty deed record 1835--(recorded, 1860--).

Title varies; record of all instruments transferring title to all real estate. Includes record from Mora and other land grants from 1835-76. Shows name of Mexican political chief or Governor of Territory of New Mexico making grant. Name of constitutional alcalde placing grantee in possession; titles of possession, 1884-1912. Also contains relinquishment deed record, 1900-1907; tax deeds, 1911-20; mining deed records, 1869-81, 86, -88, -90, 1903; mining location record, 1861-87; mortgage deed record, 1837-87; trust deed record, 1908-17, 1929, 1939.

Patent record, 1888--, five volumes.

Relinquishment deed record, 1900-1904. Discontinued as a separate record; 1900-1907 in warranty deed record.

Tax deeds, 1911--, 1911-20 in warranty deed record; 1920-39 in miscellaneous records; 1940 oil placer location record (tax deeds).

Mining deed record, 1880-1902. One volume. 1869, 1881, 1886, 1888-90, 1903-- in the warranty deed record. This is a record of transfer of title to mining property.

Mining location record, 1888--. For 1861 to 1887 look in warranty deed record.

Oil placer location record (tax deeds), 1919, 1940--. For 1888 to 1901 look in the mining location record; 1901-18, 1920-- in the miscellaneous record. These are notices of oil placer locations.

Oil and gas lease record, 1918--. 1919 is also in the miscellaneous record. These are records of contracts pertaining to lease agreements. And all other documents referring to oil and gas leases showing names of lessee, lessor, date and purpose of agreement, location and description of property, amount terms, etc.

Mortgage deed record, 1887--. 1837 to 1887 in warranty deed record. This is a record of instruments serving as encumbrance on real estate.

Trust deed record. 1917-23, 1908-17, 1929, 1939, in warranty deed record; 1924-28, 1930-- in miscellaneous record.

Mortgage record, federal land bank, 1917-1931. From 1887-1917, 1931-- in mortgage deed record.

Record property transfers, 1899-1906. One volume. Discontinued.

Maps and plats, 1870-1939. One volume, 99 sheets. Real estate villages and townships, irrigation districts, AT&SF Railroad, etc.

Miscellaneous maps and plats, 1916-18, one envelope, bridge and road construction townships and locations by sections.

Delinquent taxes. Tax sales certificate record 1906--, title varies. Record of tax sales certificates, 1906-1936.

Federal tax liens, 1928, 1935, 1937-38, 1928, 1937 in clerk's miscellaneous; 1935, 1938 in tax appeals, from County Commissioners to State Tax Commission.

Chattel mortgages filed, 1915--. 1886-89, 1909-11, 1928-29, in clerk's miscellaneous papers; 1914, 1916, 1918, 1923, 1925-26 in county commissioners' miscellaneous papers.

Miscellaneous records, 1901--, record of instruments filed with the county clerk for which no special record is provided. Also contains tax deed 1920 to 1939, oil placer location records deeds 1901-1918, 1920--, oil and gas lease record 1919, trust deed record 1924-28, 1930--, chattel mortgage record (1939).

Clerk's miscellaneous record, 1868, 1871-72, 1874, 1881, 1886 -1901, 1903--. File of the miscellaneous papers of the county clerk including bill of sale, May 1921; bonds indemnity filed by county treasurer; contracts and agreements 1887, 1925-1926, 1938, including partido and contracts 1887; miscellaneous contracts and agreements, 1925-1926, agreements concerning sale and purchase of merchandise for one year.

Corporations 1881, 1886, 1890, 1912. Including articles of incorporation of the Mora Copper Mining Company in 1890; deeds, 1911, 1923, 1931, 1930-38 including quit-claim deed March 1911, 1923, Spanish warranty deed, 1931; warranty deeds, October 1936; July 1937; March 1938, information as shown in warranty deed record above.

Records of Mora County. July 1939 a partial list of old Mora County records deposited at the University of New Mexico given by the Historical Records Survey to the clerk; tax matters, 1908, 1912-14, 1917-24, 1926, 1930-31, 1934, 1939, included poll tax list for 1908, 1913 and 1917 to 1922. Affidavits of publisher of newspaper that he has published notices of sale of delinquent property and clipping publications 1912, 1914, and 1917.

In the district court clerk's office, there are civil court cases 1808-63.

Civil dockets, 1882--.

Judges civil docket 1886-91; 1912-15, 1918, 1939--.

In probate court:

Probate papers, 1893-95, 1897, 1917--.

Probate court papers 1893-95, 1897, 1917--.

Probate docket 1912--.

Probate index, 1907-11.

Probate court records, 1860-73, 1839--.

In Assessor's office:

Tax schedules, 1918--. Also 1887-1893-1895, 1898, 1912-17, and a portion of 1920-29 in Assessor's papers.

List of patents for assessment, 1913--.

Taxes 1872-75, 1879.

Assessment rolls, 1882, 1911-12, 1915, 1918-,

Abstracts of title accounts current, 1835-1887.

This is an abstract of titles of private owners in the Mora Grant.

In the county treasurer's office:

Assessment rolls 1900-1906, 1909, 1912--.

Assessment roll index 1921.

Tax receipts 1901-1904, 1910, 1914, 1917-18, 1921--.

Record of taxes collected, 1887-1900.

OTERO COUNTY

In the county clerk's office:

Reception record--1899 on.

General index to deeds, 1865--, including mining deed records from 1867 on and bill of sale records, 1886--.

Maps and plats, 1876, 1884-85, 1890, 1895, 1898, 1900-1911, 1914; 1916-22, contains oil basins; 1928, 1931, 1932, 1935; 159 loose maps.

Mining records: proof of labor 1882-1899, 1901-- affidavits of labor performed on mining property date, amount, value (1882-1899, volume 4) is transcribed record from Dona Ana County arranged chronologically; 1882-99 is indexed alphabetically by name of mine; 1901--names of locator and mine.

Mining location record 1879--(for 1919 see miscellaneous records). This is a record of mining records of location chronologically by date of recording alphabetically by locator.

Mining deed record, 1867--record of transfer of property to mining property. One volume has 1867 to 1899 and is a transcript from Dona Ana county. Indexed alphabetically by name of mine; separate index can be seen in the general index to deeds, above.

Leases and contracts 1880--title varies: Lincoln County transcript; contracts and agreements; 1880-99 record of misc, leases and contracts including leases of mining claims and lumber rights. For transfer of titles, see mining deed record above.

Miscellaneous record 1909--five volumes contains oil and gas permits.

RIO ARRIBA COUNTY

As constituted by the first legislature, January 9, 1852, Rio Arriba County comprised all of the northwest corner of the Territory and in 1880 received a strip along the San Juan River. It was one of the original nine counties of the Territory. It thus acquired an area of about 12,000 square miles and included all the region north of the thirty-sixth parallel and west of Taos County. In 1880, the legislature slightly changed the boundary between Rio Arriba and Taos counties. In 1884, San Juan County was formed from the western part of Rio Arriba, thus delineating its present boundaries.

In the county clerk's office, there are 73 miscellaneous books; 77 warranty deed books; 55 oil and gas books; and 33 mining record books. Any deeds, NOT warranty deeds, oils and gas deeds, mining deeds, or mortgage deeds are recorded in "miscellaneous."

There is a large safe in the basement of the court house which has been jammed and has not been opened for a number of years. The nature of its contents could not be reported as of June 1963.

All records, however, are complete from the time of the formation of the county.

Underlined words in this report constitute the title of a bound volume. Early books are bound in leather; later books are loose leaf, of the photographic record type. Some books are indexed and some are not, although the blank index pages are in the book. The general index is quite complete. The searcher in these records should bear in mind that there is an overlapping of material from one book to another, in as far as dates of documents are concerned. In other words, a document for one period of time might not be filed until the following period, and therefore the statement herein that a record book runs from one date to another does not necessarily mean that all documents executed within that period of time are contained in that book.

In some instances the first and last dates in the book refer to the filing stamp date of the clerk. In others, it refers to the date of the instrument. Many of the documents are in Spanish; some are in both Spanish and English.

The following records are stored in a vault in the court house basement to which access may be had:

Reception record, March 1959 to December 1960.

Reception book, August 3, 1926, to March 19, 1959.

Tax records. Titles vary. Bound copies of the Treasurer's office containing mostly amounts collected or assessed. Certificate sales for taxes is a stub record book of the tear-out type, with forms numbered 1 to 61 filled out but not torn from the book. These are for the period September 26, 1923, to September 6, 1923, all for 1921 delinquent taxes.

County clerk's fee record. Old books are kept in basement, but present books in the clerk's office.

Reception records, July 23, 1962, to June 12, 1963, in clerk's office.

The following are also in the clerk's office:

Reception record chattel mortgages no. 3. April 13, 1932. This is an index to chattel mortgages filed, ending October 19, 1936.

Index and reception record, chattel mortgages, 1952 to 1955, indexed mortgagor to mortgagee and mortgagee to mortgagor.

Index and reception record no. 3, 1942 to 1956. Indexed mortgagor to mortgagee and reverse.

Index and reception record no. 4, 1936 to 1947, mortgagor to mortgagee and reverse.

Direct index, 1852 to 1912 (reception record).

Indirect index, 1852 to 1912 (reception record).

Direct index to real property, 1912 to 1930.

Indirect index to real property, 1912 to 1930.

Indirect index to real property, 1924 to 1930.

Direct index to real property A-Z, 1931 to 1936.

Record of money judgments A, 1891 to 1963.

Wills, 1832 to September 1862, Spanish,

Day Journal, March term of court 1862, containing Spanish wills.

Deed record no. 2, Ano de 1864. Deeds for 1864.

Right-of-way easements and plats. Gives a page of plat book index showing where to find roads dedicated to the county.

Right-of-way easements book no. 1. (Photocopies) July 13, 1956, to 1958.

Record of probate court, March 1852 to January 1862.

Record of proceedings of county commissioners. In Spanish, January 1930 to December 4, 1944 (to page 564).

Record of county commissioners. February 1917 to November 6, 1929, in Spanish.

Record of wills, bound copy C, November 1898 to May 6, 1910.

Record of wills, bound copy B, December 1881 to November 1899; in Spanish.

Record of wills and testaments, book D, February 23, 1910, to July 19, 1921.

Record of wills, book E, Spanish, June 17, 1921, to August 28, 1943.

Probate court records, books D-1 and D-2.

Deeds book, No. 1, not indexed, leather. November 19, 1850, to May 1864.

Deed record B, June 1881 to June 18, 1887; Spanish.

Deed record book 3, March 12, 1869 to March 11, 1872.

Deed record no. 5, July 2, 1877 to November 1880.

Record no. 3, court record of probate court 1868. Wills, letters, guardians.

Record libris no. 1. Liens, mechanics liens, etc., May 20, 1884 to December 31, 1897.

Record book no. 1, December 8, 1883 to August 29, 1898 (mining contract on page 9 dated July 1884, powers of attorney, dated December 8, 1883 and June 9, 1884.

Wills. (Small leather-bound record book) documents dated April 8, 1863 to July 14, 1868.

Corte de comisionados de condado de Rio Arriba, April 1877 to January 1881.

Mortgage record no. 2, indexed; July 1901 to October 1905.

Copies of chattel mortgages, mortgage deeds, release of mortgages;
Spanish and English.

Mortgage record no. 3, not indexed; August 1905 to February 4, 1909.

Mortgage record no. 4, not indexed; June 14, 1906 to April 21, 1913.

Mortgage record no. 5, August 17, 1912 to April 1917.

Mortgage record. Books with this title run from book 6 to book 46, the latter being the current book in use and dating from book 5 (above) to date. (Typewritten May 1957 to December 1957 in book 29.) Photocopy format after August 1957.

Mortgage deed record 1A, December 1909 to 1916.

Oil and gas leases, book 1, April 1920 to June 1929.

Oil and gas leases, book 2, February 1926 to July 1938. Note overlapping of dates of documents.

Oil and gas leases, books 3 through 55 being a complete record of oils and gas leases from the end of book 2, above, to 1963. Later books have photocopied pages.

Following is a list of mining records:

Index of mining records, 1880-1920, by name of mine.

Indirect index of mining property, 1931 to 1954 by grantee to grantor and by location and name of claim.

Direct index to mining property, 1954 to 1962, by name of claim and by location.

Record of mines, book no. 1, July 9, 1880 to last entry May 29, 1884, latter being a placer mining claim. Contains mining claim deeds, quit - claim deeds, mining locations, mining deeds, notices of proof of labor, and power of attorney. Mining record no. 2, leather-bound, not indexed, handwritten, May 29, 1889 to January 23, 1899. Notices of location, notices of forfeiture, trustees sale, mining deeds, "Notice in lieu of labor. "

Mining record no. 3, indexed; February 1, 1899 to June 11, 1901.

Deeds, proof of labor, lode mining locations, etc.

Mining record No. 4, indexed, March 5, 1901 to September 20, 1902. notices of amended location and survey, deeds, proof of labor, notice of location, deeds, bond for deed, placer claims, etc.

Mining record nos. 5 to 33 (mining records up to 1963) book 33 is in current use. Contents substantially same as book 2, later books are loose leaf and photocopy format. No. 5 dates from June 16, 1902 to June 17, 1904, notice of location of placer mining deeds, proof of labor, notice of grouping, amended location notices.

SANDOVAL COUNTY

Reception book 1918--.

General index 1744--. Four volumes (prior to 1926). Deed record 1744-- contains notices of forfeiture of mining interest.

Quit-claim deed records, 1928--.

Index to mining record, 1937--, two volumes, labeled index to mining but is partially tax deed record, alphabetically by names of grantor and grantee.

Oil and gas lease record, 1929 (1911-28 in misc. records). Record of oil and gas leases showing date, lessor and lessee, dates of filing, etc. For index see reception book and general index.

Mining record 1903-- record of mining claims and location notice, proof of labor, mining deeds, contracts, leases, options, power of attorney. Names of parties, names and descriptions, and recording. Also contains patent records for 1907--, for index, see reception book.

Index to mining records 1926. Alphabetical index by name of grantor and grantee.

Miscellaneous record 1911--, records of instruments for which no special books are provided, including oil and gas lease records.

Map files, 1898. Maps and plats of land grants, court house plans, etc. No index.

SIERRA COUNTY

Sierra County was organized April 3, 1884, from parts of Socorro, Grant, and Dona Ana counties.

Socorro County has (in 1921) been divided into Catron and Socorro counties. Sierra County is now bounded (beginning on the northwest corner) by Catron County, northeast by Socorro County, east by Lincoln and Otero counties, south by Dona Ana and Luna counties, and southwest by Grant County. The original county seat was Hillsboro; on November 3, 1936, an election moved the county seat to Hot Springs now known as Truth or Consequences. During the late 1870's and early 1880's, the Southwest was a bloody battleground because of raids made by Geronimo, Victorio, Nane, Loco, and Cato. In 1881, the town of Chloride was attacked by a band of Indians lead by Chief Nane, killing two men and seriously wounding another, stealing many horses and cattle, and fleeing before a show of defense could be made. During the 1870's and 1880's, great mining activities were in progress and the principal deposits were discovered in this period. Town names which are closely allied to mining history are Hillsboro, Chloride, Hot Springs, Las Palomas, Kingston, Lake Valley, Monticello, Caballos Mountain District, Apache, Cuchillo, Negro, Black Range District, Hermosa, and Darry Manganese Districts.

Reception book, 1894, three volumes. Record of all instruments received by the county clerk for recording.

General index to real property 1884, four volumes. Alphabetized by name of grantors and indirect by name of grantee.

Warranty deeds, 1884--.

Index to warranty deeds, 1884-1921. Alphabet index to warranty deeds.

Reception book quit-claim deeds, 1884-1939.

Quit-claim deeds, 1884--.

Tax deed record, 1936--.

Reception book - mining deeds, 1884. This is a reception book and alphabetical index to mining deeds below.

Index to mining deeds 1884-87, 1891-1914. Alphabetical index to mining deeds above.

Mining deed record 1884, 12 volumes (A-L). Record of transfer of title to mining property showing names of parties, description of property, and also containing oil and gas leases 1920 to 1925.

Mining location record, 1884 to 1964, 29 volumes. This is a record of mining property locations showing names of locators and witnesses and names of mines, description and location of property, etc.; also contains oil and gas leases 1919, 1920, chronologically arranged.

Index to mining deeds 1884-92, 1905, three volumes. Title varies. Index to mining locations 1884 to 1892 (alphabetical index to mining location record above).

Mortgage deed record, 1884. A record of instruments serving as encumbrances on real estate.

Index to mortgages 1884 to 1910.

Oil and gas leases, 1919. 1919-20 also in mining location record above. 1920 to 25 also mining deed records above. Entry is a record of oil and gas leases showing date, names, etc.

Mechanics lien record, 1884--. Record of liens placed on property for labor performed.

Bill of sale record, 1884, three volumes; also see miscellaneous record above, for part of the bills of sale for 1884.

Maps 1888 in one filing cabinet.

List of delinquent taxes, 1885-88, 1890-97.

Delinquent taxes, treasurer's notice, 1920--.

Miscellaneous papers held for proper recording fees, 1933. A file of original miscellaneous papers held for recording fees, including releases, mining deeds, warranty deeds, mortgage deeds, and mining locations.

Articles of incorporation 1883-1936 (1883-1906 in miscellaneous record above).

Index to incorporations, 1867, 1884-1906. Alphabetical index to articles of incorporation above.

Miscellaneous records 1883--. A register of miscellaneous instruments for which no other record is kept. Contains among other things agreements, 1884-1937; notice of forfeiture 1884-1910; contracts 1886-1932; declaration in regard to ownership of land in U.S. in 1892; assets and liabilities, 1892; applications for patent 1893; minutes of stockholders meeting 1893; 1911-12; demand for mining deed, 1907; notice of lis pendens, 1884-1938

showing names of plaintiff and defendant; dates and notice of filing; proof of labor 1884, showing date and amount of labor done, name of property or mine location, foreman in charge of work, and date recorded; 1884-1936, showing names of lessor, lessee, and date of agreement; 1886-1903, 1905, showing names of locator, description, and location of land.

Mechanics lien record, 1884.

District court record includes civil court dockets 1884--.

Index to record, probate court 1884-1913. Alphabetical. Estates, wills, and probate cases, from 1884 on, all recorded in the probate court record.

In the assessor's office records of duplicate tax schedules, assessment roll, and firms and corporations required to pay occupational tax, and plats, maps and descriptive data.

In the treasurer's office, assessment rolls, tax receipt books, abstract of taxes levied on removed personal property, personal property delinquent tax list, duplicate tax sales certificates, and deeds.

Also in the treasurer's office are maps of Sierra County from 1883-1884, 1886-87, 1899, 1904, 1910-11, 1928, 1932, 1935; sixty-nine map S. Showing Armenderas Grant, Black Peak Copper Mine, Caballo Lake engineering map, maps land tenure 1883-1884, 1886, 1904, 1919, 1928, 1932; thirty-eight maps.

SOCORRO COUNTY

County clerk's office:

Lode records, 1880--. Book C, county clerk's office with the names of mines only. This is a general index to lode records. The county clerk keeps a reception book. This should be checked by anyone making a study of mining records in the county.

General index to lode records, Book no. 3, June 28, 1937--.

General index to lode records, Book no. 2, 1904--.

Mortgage record, Book 228, 1961 and 1962 (last entry 1962).

Record of tax sales certificates, no. 1, indirect. Index 1901, January 1900 to September 1915.

Record of mining claims, book G.

General index, book A.

Location certificates, book 14, starts June 1884; 1885; 1886; 1887; 1888; 1889; 1890; 1891; 1892; 1893; 1894; 1895; 1896; ending January 1, 1896.

Location certificates, 1885, vol. 14; starts July 28, 1884; Warranty deeds and leases, vol. 13, 1884, 1885.

Location records, vol. 18, 1886, deeds of trust, bills of sale, and miscellaneous. Vol. 18 is a miscellaneous book.

Mining deeds are included in volume 18, October 11, 1886, December 31, 1886; mining claim records last in the book. (Page 775 concludes book with a mining claim record.)

Journal of board of county commissioners. Book no. 1. January 20, 1885--. Spanish left. English right.

TAOS COUNTY

Originally there were nine counties in the Territory of New Mexico, established by act of the January 9, 1852, Legislature: Taos , Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, San Miguel, Santa Ana, Bernalillo, Valencia, Socorro, and Dona Ana. The lines of the original counties remained essentially the same as under the Mexican regime.

The county of Santa Ana was abolished in January 1876, the area forming it being attached to Bernalillo County.

Newspapers. The Taos county clerk has on file the following copies of various newspapers published in Taos County, most of which contain legal notices:

Taos Review, 1936; October 1939 to September 1940; 1940; 1937; 1938.

Taoseno, 1941; 1942; 1939; 1940; 1939; 1947; 1946; 1943; 1945.

Taos News, 1960-1961; 1961-1962.

Taos Valley News, January 1936 to August 27, 1936.

Revita Popular, 1933; 1932; 1934.

El Crepusculo, 1954; 1955; 1953; 1952.

The Harwood Foundation in Taos has issues of Taoseno, published during World War II, El Crepusculo, January 1949 to 1963, and scattered copies of the Red River Prospector and the Taos Valley News.

The Taos News office has an undetermined number of back copies of El Crepusculo, which was the ancestor of the present newspaper, not bound and on shelves.

County clerk's office:

Maps and Plats, vol. I, 1947 to June 1962. Contains mining claims subdivisions, national forests, estates, additions, highway maps, Fort Bergwin, and pueblo ruins.

Maps and Plats, vol. II, surveyor's maps, private lands and subdivisions. In the basement of the county court house, under the jurisdiction of the county clerk, are a number of maps, loosely rolled and in a bad state of preservation in an open carton, titled or described as follows: Taos County zoning map; Rancho del Rio Grande; 1946 school district map (tracing); a plat showing small holding claims, sec. 32, T. 24 N. , R. 11 E.; Taos County highway map; hand-drawn map in pencil of Cerro, New Mexico; engineer's official map of the Pacific southwest; overlapping land right of way, Ranchos de Taos; settlers' ditch and reservoir; Sunshine Valley canal, 1909; highway profile blueprint; plat of the proposed village of Taos; original plat of Red River City; Penasco--Rodarto--Llano project; Picuris Pueblo grant; line of Rio Hondo ditch; Animas Platco ditch, San Juan County; CWA road project 126, Cerro; plans of Taos County court house, 1932; game refuge map; Animas Plata ditch; Taos County; Randall Taos County Land Exchange; Carson National Forest; extension of Pacific Railway Company in Taos County; plat of Midnight City; plat of town of La Belle; right of way 177; plat of midnight placer claims filed June 1933; map of private claims, Taos pueblo grant, Department of Interior, August 1915; plats of CWA projects; placer mining claims map, 193132; Des Gorges property; state assessment survey; upper Red River diversions; private claims, Picuris Pueblo.

Reception records, start 1887 to 1896. Later books bring reception records up to date with no apparent breaks.

Right of Way Easements, 1921 to date.

Tax sale certificates, indexed; May 7, 1900 to date.

Estates of deceased persons, Book Y, no. 8, September 2, 1889 to May 3, 1909. Only book of record.

Deed record A-1, 1852 to 1870. Contains mortgages and deeds.

Deed record A-2, 1870, in Spanish and English. A-5 book contains 1873 to 1875. Deed series A books run to Book A-12 which ends in 1904. Series B, beginning with Book B-1 (1880) and running to Book B-12. Series C-1 starts 1855 and runs through C-12, jumping to Book A-13, -14, -15, -16, etc. , to A-76, 1963.

Mortgages, J-1, 1887 through book J-24, 1963.

Mining deeds, F-1, 1865 to 1868. Other books through F-29 (F-6, for example, is for June 1883, Copperhead Lode); book F-11A is placer location records.

General records, M-17 (September 1, 1914) to M-31 (1963).

One book unlabeled containing one patent dated February 3, 1881 to the Pueblo Indians Sangre de Cristo Grant.

Mining location records, indexed by name of mine. F-11, 1894-1929; No. 15, 1895 to 1896; F-5, 1881-1883; F-10, 1893-1895; No. 18, 1897-1899.

Libro de Testamentarios, 1851 to 1861, book BN-2.

No. 1, direct index to deeds and mortgages, grantor to grantee, 1885--.

No. 1, indirect, 1877-1938, grantee to grantor.

No. 2, direct; no. 2, indirect; no. 3, indirect and direct in one book; no. 4, direct; no. 4 indirect; no. 5, direct; no. 5, indirect; no. 6 direct; no. 6, indirect; no. 7, direct; no. 7, indirect; no. 8 direct; no. 8, indirect.

G-1, probate court and marriages, 1865 to 1905.

E-1, 1856 to 1899, marriages, mortgages, deeds, judgments.

K-1, chattel mortgages, 1888 to 1895.

L-1, articles of incorporation, 1881 to 1909. L-2 in use, current record.

B-4, formerly B-2. Probate and some deeds 1859 to 1869.

B-7, January 23, 1888 to 1904. Contains last wills and testaments, some deeds, descriptions of property, petitions and reports.

B-8, 1904 to date. Mining stock.

District court records, 1897 to September 1938. 1938 to 1963 now are kept in courtroom.

Probate court, March 17, 1881 to 1963.

One book of declaration of intention (district court), citizenship declarations for 1908, 1912, 1917.

One box of miscellaneous papers, deed 1869; Franco Quintano to Geronimo Suaso, petitions, exceptions to decrees and pleas. Papers on agency of the pueblos, January 15, 1885, Pueblo of San Geronimo de Taos; documents of Indian agent Vigil; Pueblo of Taos (defendant's exhibit in the case of the Pueblo de Taos, 1909;alcalde of the Pueblo of Taos and others); papers in El Boletin Poplar Publishing Company vs. Charles Springer et al. , 1925. (Above believed to be and are described by clerks as papers in the "Martinez Land Grant case.

TORRANCE COUNTY

County clerk has reception record from 1910 on.

General index to real property 1882, 1892, 1892-93, 1896-1902--.

Mining Claims 1920--. 1910-19 miscellaneous records; contains record of mining claims showing name, location; chronological index can be found in general index.

Mineral deeds record, 1930-1948. Records of deeds given to mining companies by individuals for mining lands, conveying of minerals only, showing location of property, names of grantee and grantor, and date of record; chronological index in general index.

Maps and plats, platbook 1916--. Mining claims.

Oil and gas record, 1919--. 1903 to 1918 may be found in miscellaneous records. Lease of land from individuals and Commissioner of Public Land for purpose of exploring and removing oil and gas deposits. Chronological order. Index must be looked up in general index.

UNION COUNTY

County clerk has Reception book 1894--.

Warranty deed index (general index) 1880--, (two unlabeled), alphabetically by name of grantor and grantee to all instruments, affecting title to real estate, General index to oil and gas lease record from 1917 on is contained in the warranty deed index.

Warranty deed record, 1881--. Title varies, tax deeds, 1927--. (1881-94 were transferred from Mora, Colfax, and San Miguel counties).

Registro de escriturs garantizads... 1887-1922. Two volumes 1887-94 transcribed from Colfax, Mora, and SanMiguel counties. 1923-- in warranty deeds record. Record of warranty deeds in Spanish showing grantor and grantee, description of property, and date of instrument and filing. Chronologically by date of recording. Index is in warranty deed index of (General Index... 1880) above.

Quit-claim deeds, 1881, 1881 - 1894 were transcribed from Mora, Colfax, and San Miguel counties. Mining deeds included; as outlined in mining deed record below.

Record of property transfers, 1899 to 1915.

Mining deed record, 1899--. Last entry 1936. For other mining deeds see warranty deeds record, 1881--, and quit-claim deeds. Notice of placer and lode mining claims and record of transfers of mineral lands, chronologically by date record and name of locator.

Maps and plats 1916--. Ten drawers map files 1888-1931, prints from original maps in Colfax, Mora, and San Miguel counties; town-sites, ranches, irrigation systems, etc.

Index to map file 1888-1931. Alphabetical index to file above.

Miscellaneous record 1891.

Miscellaneous record index 1881-1905. Alphabetical index, by grantor, to miscellaneous records.

VALENCIA COUNTY

When the Territory of Arizona was created in 1863, the subsequent forming of new counties made changes in the boundaries of Valencia County. Most notable were the enlarging of San Miguel County (the added area destined later to become a part of Guadalupe

and Quay counties) and the creation of Torrance County in 1903. In 1901, the northeast corner of Valencia was added to McKinley County.

County clerk's office:

Reception record, 1887--. For 1873-85, see deed record.

Direct and indirect index real property, 1873--. This is a general index to real property.

Deed record, 1855-1866, 1873--.

Quit-claim deed record, 1908--.

Old Spanish grants, incorporated, deed record 1930--. This consists of recorded copies of special form deeds to land sold to the old Spanish Grant Corporation of Los Angeles, California.

Tax deed record, 1937--.

Index to tax deeds, 1937--.

Record of mining claims, 1808--. Five volumes. 1887-1907 also in deed record; 1881-82, 1885, 1901 in miscellaneous papers which include a record of mining claims showing notice of location of mining claims by name of company, etc.

Index mining claims, 1881--. Alphabetic index to mining claims.

Lode book 1890. Alphabetic index of vol. A of record to mining claims above.

Mortgage record 1884--.

Deed of trust record, 1895-1911. Title varies: 1895-1907 trust deed record; 1873-94, in deed records above; 1911, in mortgage record preceding.

Deeds of release, 1890-1912. 1873 to 1889 in deed record above; 1912, in mortgage record above.

Oil and gas lease record 1925--.

Maps and plats miscellaneous 1916--, shows among other things oil and gas leases from mining lodes, land grants, subdivisions, etc.

Record of tax sales certificates, 1917-27. For 1928, see miscellaneous record, below.

Personal property chattel mortgages 1915--. 1882-89, 1891, 1893, 1896, 1901 in miscellaneous papers, below.

Index and reception record, chattel mortgages, 1915--.

Chattel mortgage record 1884-95. 1873-1921 in deed record above; 1895— in mortgage record above.

Miscellaneous record, 1910--. 1873 to 1909 in deed record above.

This is a record of miscellaneous instruments for which no other book is provided, such as agreements, contracts, options, bills of sale, liens, articles of incorporation, power of attorney, etc.

Index to deeds and documents 1873-1910--.

Miscellaneous papers, 1831, 1836, 1890, 1897-1913, 1917--. Contains bills of sale 1889, showing transfer of title to property; miscellaneous papers, letters and documents (original and some copies); certificates of incorporation 1909-12; deed warranty and quit-claim 1831, 1836, 1891, 1901, 1911, 1932, 1936; delinquent tax list 1885; record of mining claims 1881-82, 1885, 1901; chattel mortgages, 1882-89, 1891, 1893, 1896, 1900.

District court clerk has records:

Civil docket, 1882—.

District court records 1865—.

Civil cases, 1882--.

Judgment docket 1890--.

Judges civil docket, 1936—.

Criminal docket, 1888--.

Index to criminal docket, 1925--.

Criminal cases 1852--.

The following records are kept by the county clerk, as ex officio probate clerk for the probate court:

Probate court docket 1912—.

Probate court proceedings, 1847—.

Index probate court records, 1871--.

Assessor's office has the following:

Tax schedules, 1900-1931, 1934--.

Corporations 1937—.

Record of change in assessment, 1882-1901.

Assessment rolls, 1933--.

Maps and plats; map and tract book, 1934-1939.

Plat book of Valencia County, 1940--.

Maps of Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, 1927--.

Index to Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, 1934--.

Miscellaneous letters 1914-15, 1918-27, 1931--. This file contains a list of patented lands among other items.

Treasurer's office has the following:

Assessment roll 1870-74, 1882-85, 1888-1899, 1901-13, 1915-28, 1931—.

Assessment notes, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, 1931, 1935.

Tax receipts, 1883--.

Treasurer's triplicate tax receipts 1890-99, 1904-1935, 1937--.

***Mining Records in Zimmerman Library
The University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico***

An abstraction from a listing of county records at the University of New Mexico.

County records of interest to the mining industry are of direct and indirect natures. The direct records are those such as pertain to location of claims, mining records, claims and proof of labor, etc. Indirect records are those such as deeds, assessments, court cases, and the like, pertaining in some instances only to certain mines.

For the purpose of this abstraction, only county records that have a direct bearing on mining and which are on file in the University of New Mexico Library are noted. The researcher should also consider the indirect mining records, including assessment rolls, tax records, tax valuations, land deeds, maps of patented lands, etc. , which are also in the stacks in this collection.

For a complete listing of county records in the University of New Mexico Library, the reader is referred to the University's printed inventory of county records.

CLASSIFICATION KEY

Shelf numbers under 100 indicate that the records are in room 106. Numbers over 100 indicate that the records will be found in room 206 (Coronado Rooms).

County Office Designation:

B--Assessor

K--Probate Court

E--County Clerk

L- -Superintendent of Schools

F-- County Commissioners

M--Sheriff

I-- District Court

0-- Treasurer

J--Board of Education

Q--Justice of the Peace

COLFAX COUNTY

E140, Mining property record, volume 27, 1868-1872, shelf 108.

E141, Mining record, volume 9, 1867-1868, shelf 107. Mining record E141 for 1880-1881, volume 8, shelf 108.

E145, Mining record, volume 5, for 1902, shelf 108.

E140, Oil and gas leases, 1938, bundle 15, shelf 65.

E140, Mining record, bundle 1, 1917, shelf 61.

DONA ANA COUNTY

E121, Mining record warranty deeds, volume 12, for 1888 to 1901, shelf 60.

E121, Volume 4, for 1885, shelf 59.

E140, Mining record, volume 24, for 1885, shelf 52.

E140, Mining record, volume 25, for 1858, shelf 52.

E142, Mining record, general index to mining deeds, volumes 2, 3, and 4 in one bundle, no date, shelf 60. Mining record E140, volume 1, 1900 (Silver City reduction ore purchase record), shelf 54.

E970, Miscellaneous mining record, bundle 10, 1893, shelf 57.

I 201, Mining record, civil records, bundle 8, 1893, shelf 57.

GRANT COUNTY

B110, Mining record assessment rolls, roll no. 1, 1924, shelf 20.

B110, Assessment rolls, 1924, roll no. 2, shelf 20.

E140, Mining record, box 3, 1925, shelf 28.

E140, Volume (no number), 1903, shelf 28. E143, Register of mineral entries, bundle no. 1, 1890-1893, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1891, shelf 26.

- E146, Index to mining location records, volume 21, 1870, shelf 22.
- E140, Mining record (this volume unnumbered is missing) for 1870-1885, on shelf 28 originally.
- E140, Mining record (also missing), 1857--, shelf 28.
- I 201, Mining record civil files, box 17 for 1881, 1882, 1883, shelf 2.
- I 201, Mining record civil records, box 1 for 1890-1891, 1885-1891, 1887, 1889, shelf 21.
- Box 25, Supreme court and district court orders mining record, 1235, 1889, 1236, 1882, 1884 on shelf 3.
- Box 82, M201, Mining record, jail commitments, releases, and pardons, book contains 1882, 1883, 1884, and 1881 with the notation mining records in 1883, shelf 9.

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

- E146, Mining documents, index to mining location records, volume 25, 1881-82, 1889, shelf 166.
- I 201, Mining records, civil file, bundle 1, 1920, shelf 163.

SANTA FE COUNTY

- E149, Oil and gas record, bundle 1, 1925, 1933, shelf 150.

SOCORRO COUNTY

- E140, Mining, bundle 12, proof of labor, 1881-1898, 1902, 1906, 1908, 1923, 245 pages. Liens against interest in mines for labor, 1882-1883, notice of claim to mining property, 1894, one page, shelf 55.
- E146, Index to mining location records, volume 15, shelf 159.
- E146, Location to mining records, bundle 8, 1880-88, 1890-93, 1895-97, 1898, 1902-05, shelf 155.

- E146, Index to mining location records, bundle 9, 1882, 1884, 1881, 1886, 1890, and **1900**, 1881, 1883, 1884, 1882, shelf 155.
- E141, Mining deeds, bundle 11, containing E141 mining deeds, E121 warranty deeds, 1881-1898, 1906, 1913, 1917, 1929. Mining deeds: 1881-1892, 1894, 1898, 1900, 1901. Bundle contains 116 miscellaneous documents other than mining, 1880-1898, 1900, 1905, and 1920. Shelf 155.
- E145, Mining location records, volume 1, mining and other location records, 1869, 1870, 1871, known as "The Book, " shelf 155.
- E145, Mining location records, volume 2, 1882-1885, mining location and other records, book K, shelf 155.
- E145, Mining location records, volume 3, 1865-1868, 1847, known as "book B", shelf 155.
- E145, Mining records, mining location records, volume 14, 1910, 1912, shelf 190.
- E146, Index to mining location records, volume 16, no date noted, shelf 159.
- E146, Index to mining location records, volume 14, shelf 159.
- E146, Mining location records, bundle 10, 1880-91, 1894, 1896, 1920. Also contains mining location records for 1882, 1890, 1880, 1886-87, 1896-97.
- E146, Index to mining location records, bundle 7, 1878, 1880-1894, 1898, 1906, location of mines, shelf 155.
- E900, Mining records, bundle 11, claims and miners' liens, 1906, 1884, 1897, shelf 156.
- I 201, Records of a mining dispute are included in this circuit court record, bundle 15, 1904, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1929, shelf 157.

COUNTY UNKNOWN

- E980, Miscellaneous records, volume 12, 1899-1900 in an unknown county contains a mining record on shelf 190.

VALENCIA COUNTY

- E140, Mining record, volume 18, 1868-1881, shelf 185.