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1897 – 1999, Span Dates
1913 – 1924, Bulk Dates

5 feet, 5 inches (linear)

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Donated by Kathie Fellows.

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Biographical Sketch

During the early 1900s – 1920s, the Ginther family was involved in the operation of various mines in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. These mines were located in Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas, and Chihuahua. The most significant mine owned by the family was the Hercules Iron Mine in northern Mexico, of which the collection contains many detailed maps. Some Ginther family members include: Aimee, Paul, Victor, Charles, George, and Henry. The Ginther brothers were born in Alsace-Lorraine. These papers belonged to Henry (or Henri) Ginther. After Henry's death in 1921, his wife Aimee and her family took possession of the collection.

Series Description or Arrangement

This collection consists of three boxes and is minimally processed. Box 1 primarily contains personal correspondence from Henry and Aimee Ginther, but also includes a bag of ore samples, a collection of keys, a Ginther family photograph album, and correspondence from Aimee Ginther's niece Kathy Fellows, who is the donor of these papers. Box 2 contains personal correspondence, financial records, maps of mines, and other materials. Box 3 contains items removed from Box 1, such as business cards, Mexican pesos, and a small metal tin.

Scope and Content Notes

The Ginther family papers date 1897 – 1999, bulk 1913 – 1924. Types of documents include maps of mines, financial documents, personal correspondence in both English and Spanish, government documents, newspaper clippings, and various other items such as ore samples. These papers help document the Gintners' business dealings, mining operations, and personal lives during the early twentieth century.

Provenance Statement

Donated by Kathy Fellows on April 10, 2000.

Restrictions

None.

Literary Rights Statement

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Notes to the Researcher

None.

Container List

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	----	Bag of ore samples (rocks)	undated
1	----	Sets of old keys	undated
1	----	Folder with notes, inquires, and correspondence searching for a descendant of the Ginther family	1999
1	----	Ginther family photograph album	around 1913
1	1	Henry Ginther's personal correspondence	1904 – 1913
1	2	Financial receipt	1922
1	3	Personal correspondence	1912 – 1913
1	4	Personal correspondence	1914
1	5	Personal correspondence	1914
1	6	Personal correspondence	1928
1	7	Aimee Ginther's personal correspondence	1921 – 1925
1	8	Aimee Ginther's personal correspondence	1921 – 1922
1	9	Personal correspondence, including letter from Victor Ginther regarding his visit to Aimee shortly after Henry Ginther's death	1920 – 1921
1	10	Aimee and Henry Ginther's personal correspondence	1913 - 1914
1	11	Henry Ginther's personal correspondence	1920

1	12	Personal correspondence	1919
2	1	Ginthers' American & Mexican bank/financial documents	1921 – 1922
2	2	Personal letters, housing contract and inventory, information on the Hercules Iron Mines in Mexico	1894 – 1917
2	3	George Ginther obituary, financial letters to the Ginther family, letter of condolence, various other notes, and two portrait photographs	1865 – 1927
2	4	Checks and other materials from Wells Fargo Nevada National Bank and the Bank of Italy, correspondence, letters regarding the death of Victor Ginther, the Last Will & Testament of Henry Ginther, and financial letters	1920 – 1925
2	5	Receipts from Duluth Testing Laboratory, World War I political cartoons from the <i>New York Herald</i> , copy of the August 16, 1914 <i>El Paso Herald</i> .	1913 – 1915
2	6	Notarized testimony from Aimee Ginther granting Henry Ginther legal powers over Hercules Mine; notarized contract for land sale in "El Calinche" from Raymundo Allison to Gotlieb Herman; Testimony of the Writ of Adjudication of Property of the Probate Mr. Henry Ginther in favor of Mrs. Aimee Ginther; property title for Hercules Mine	1909-1923
2	7	Bidding and value estimates of Hercules Iron Mine; early 20th Century European political writings; correspondence, El Fuerte Mining and Smelting Company information pamphlets, map of Mineral de la Sierra de las Cruces	circa 1900 – 1920s; undated
2	8	Map of the Hercules Iron Mine, El Fuerte Mining and Smelting Company Pamphlet, checks to/from the State	1897 – 1920

		National Bank of El Paso, "Mining Laws of the Territory of Arizona" pamphlet, pamphlet from the American Asiatic Association, Southern Pacific Lines: Local & Through Timetables, Map showing relative position of Chicago Great Western Railroad to the remainder of the Country,	
2	9	Abstract of Title from the books of Copper Range Land (2 copies); legal document from Mexican government about mining laws; letters on the 'Baraga' land; tax documents of Henry Ginther; land grant from the State of Texas; Quit Claim Deed- Aimee Ginther to Paul Ginther; letters regarding the value of land; tax notices for land in Baraga County, Michigan; <i>Official Publication of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce</i>	1912 – 1921
2	10	Letters to Aimee Ginther regarding an incorrect payment; letters regarding "Minervas and Anexas" Mines; notarized agreement between Paul and Henry Ginther; map of planned 24 mining properties named "the Hidden"; payment documents for land in El Paso County; letter to Mrs. Aimee Ginther from the Deputy Tax Collector of Alpine, Texas	1906 – 1922
2	11	Documents and letters regarding Henry and Aimee Ginther's financial matters	1923 - 1927
2	12	Terms and Conditions/Payments for land lots to the Foundry Company of Monterrey, letters from Victor Ginther to Aimee Ginther, travel visa for Henry Ginther from the German Consulate, letter to the Mexican Government from Henry Ginther regarding tax forgiveness	undated

2	13	Early twentieth-century Valentine's Day cards; passenger list for American Line: New York to Southampton; portrait of Aimee Ginther; tax deed for land in Alpine Texas, map of Hercules Iron Mines, various financial letters from Paul, Henry and Aimee Ginther, Spanish Newspaper article, El Paso Telephone Directory; citizenship declaration for Henry Ginther from the U.S. Dept. Of State	1901 - 1922
2	14	Personal correspondence; description of Cuchillo Iron Mines, New Mexico; report on the Scales Copper and Lead properties; map and cross section of the Scales Copper and Lead Mines in Fairview, New Mexico; Mexican financial documents belonging to Aimee Ginther	1905 - 1922
2	15	Telegrams from Henry Ginther to Mr. Hermann; various American and Mexican financial and tax documents	1902 - 1922
2	16	Financial documents from Alpine, Texas; Transfer of Controlling Interest of the Hercules Iron Mines from Henry Ginther to Emilio Bronimann; other financial documents from Mexico, Los Angeles, and El Paso	1920 - 1930
2	17	Transfer of Interest from Paul and Maria Ginther to Gotleib Herma;, personal correspondence between Paul and Henry Ginther regarding the political situation in Mexico and the Hercules Mine; various other correspondence	1909 - 1925
2	18	1920 Time Tables for Southern Pacific Lines (West) Coast Line; receipt for land sale in El Paso County	1920 - 1922
2	19	Personal correspondence of Henry Ginther; last will and testament of Henry Ginther	1918

2	20	Documentation of land ownership/sales; correspondence regarding the Hercules Iron Mines and the safety of Mexico	1917 – 1918
2	21	Report on water power project on the Rio Grande River near Boquillas, Texas	undated
2	22	Map of the Hercules Iron Mine [small, torn in half]; Synopsis Report of "El Progreso" Mine; "Plano de la Mina El Progreso"; questionnaire regarding mine information	1913
2	23	<i>Report of Professor J.C. Carrera, E.M. Mining Geologist and Metallurgist, on the Tularosa Copper Basin Mining Company in the Tularosa Mining District of New Mexico</i> ; two maps of the Hercules Iron Mine; declaration from Mexican President Porfirio Diaz	1917
Map Case Drawer #16		Various maps of the Hercules Iron Mine	undated
3	---	1914 Mexican pesos	1914
3	---	Checkbooks from the Mexico City Banking Corporation [5]	1921
3	---	Kodak photographic prints of the Hercules Iron Mines [4]	1919
3	---	Small wrapped packet of business cards, small cards, and photographs	undated
3	---	Photographic prints	undated
3	---	Velvet bag containing telegrams and correspondence	-----
3	---	Checkbooks from the State National Bank of El Paso, TX [6]	1914