

JACK LAYTON COLLECTION – 1.0 LINEAR FOOT

ABSTRACT

JACK LAYTON (1848-1940) was born in San Bernardino, California, at the time of the tremendous western gold rush. Prospecting was his primary provocation and he eventually made his way to Leadville, like many at the time. “Prospecting for precious metals was a hobby which lured him to the very last of his active life, and he could talk intelligently by the hour of every mining camp and rich strike of the last century” (EVE, 11-22-40). He married Ella Layton (1859-1932) in Gypsum, Colorado in 1891.

Jack Layton is credited as being an original pioneer in the Eagle County area and was well-known throughout. Near the time of his death, he had gone completely blind and became handicapped after a troublesome knee injury. He passed away at his home in Gypsum, Colorado on November 14, 1940. He is buried in Sunset View Cemetery in Eagle, Colorado.

Other items of the Laytons including photographs and obituaries can be discovered using the Eagle Valley Library District Digital Archive or contacting the Local History Librarian (history@evld.org).

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains mining history, personal business, correspondence, and ephemera dated 1904 to 1919 and are from both Colorado and California. This small collection contains many direct historical links to Eagle & Lake County, Colorado history as well as the mining migrations typical of those in search of minerals and gold of the time period.

The Jack Layton Collection contains mining deeds, locations, certificates, and notices; personal correspondence and business such as receipts, invoices, and payments; items relating to and drafted with other prominent Eagle County business owners and pioneers; stock certificates and shares; Eagle High School commencement programs and ephemera.

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| 1 | 1 | Mining – Location Certificates, Notices.
Location Certificates, Eagle County, Colorado; quartz claims, 1909 – 1915.
Notice of Location Certificates, State of California; quartz claims. 1905, 1909.
Location Certificate, Fulford, Colorado; Victor Lode No. 1. September, 1914. |
| | 2 | Mining – Stock Certificates.
Lee Gold Grotto Mining Co. (CA), 100 shares. 1907.
Horse Mountain Mining & Milling Corporation (CO), 100 shares. 1919.
Hayseed Mining Company (SD), 2 certificates/1,000 shares. 1907. |
| | 3 | Mining – Lot contracts, deeds, and Power of Attorney (POA)
Lot Contract – Lee Hidden Treasure Gold Mining Company (ME), 1907.
Power of Attorney – Jack Layton, 1909
Mining Deed – Inyo County, CA. 1909
Warranty Deed: Fred Mayer to John Heyer. Eagle County, Colorado, 1905.
Mining Deed, Los Angeles County, CA. 1911. |
| | 4 | Election Pledges to Treasurer for expenses in upcoming election. Signed by each participant with amount of money intended to contribute. Eagle County, Colorado; September 4, 1912. |
| | 5 | Receipts, Invoices, Payments to local businesses. Includes mining, general goods, local businesses; Eagle County Treasurer (1917), Clerk & Recorder (1918). |
| | 6 | Correspondence – general, family, friends, business. |
| | 7 | Pamphlets, booklets.
The First National Bank, Eagle, Colorado: bank book, general publication, capital report to investors, 1917.
Pierce’s Memorandum account booklet
Indexed memorandum booklet
Post Office registry receipts, registration
Postcards; photographs.
W.E. Bowden collection envelope; assaying office, Leadville, Colorado.
Business, place cards. |
| | 8 | Ephemera – Eagle High School commencement programs; productions.
Local play/production bills
General misc. |
| | 9 | Ephemera – McMillan, Cliff. Estate documents; misc. |