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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Peyton B. Locker Business Papers
ID:	mss082
Date [inclusive]:	1920-1951
Physical Description:	.82 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [Collection]:	X
Abstract:	The collection contains the business records of Peyton B. Locker from his time in the petroleum, gas, and mining business.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Peyton B. Locker Business Papers, 1920-1951.
M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Locker Papers).

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Biographical History

Born in Virginia, Peyton B. Locker (1873-1955) was an American businessman and entrepreneur. He was involved in the mining, petroleum and gas industries in the mid-twentieth century and lived in New York City. In 1929, Peyton B. Locker created the Locker process for petroleum refinement which was created alongside the Harris oil-gas plant established by an associate, Leonard B. Harris. This product and process allowed for improvements in the extraction and refinement of gas/petroleum products which led to several patents.

This process and the accompanying plant formed the basis of the creation of the International Oil-Gas Corporation in the state of Delaware in 1931. Locker acted as the treasurer of the International Oil-Gas

Corporation from its formation until the mid-1940s in New York City. Throughout the 1930s and 1940s Locker was involved in several possible petroleum and mining activities throughout the United States, Columbia, Bolivia, Venezuela, and Panama.

In 1949, Peyton B. Locker was living in Westchester, New York. He was involved in the creation of a mining company alongside Luis Creel and W. C. Webster. The company was founded in Mexico City, Mexico. The Piedra Iman Mining Company sought to extract iron ore for exportation to Europe and operated in Acapulco within the state of Guerrero in Mexico.

He died in July 1955.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains the business records of Peyton B. Locker from his time in the petroleum, gas and mining business. It contains a variety of formats including correspondences, blueprints, memorandums, administrative, financial, legal and geological records from his time in these industries.

The majority of these materials relate to the International Oil-Gas Corporation's operations in the United States including the company's founding, board meetings, business processes, technical patents/intellectual property, equipment production, and communications (1931-1944). This includes a series of legal matters the company underwent in 1930s and the company's financing and billing records.

Another large component of the records contains information about mining companies including geological reports on ore, business contracts, financing documents and land agreements complete with maps.

The collection also contains advertising materials and reports surrounding a variety of mining ventures in the United States, Central and South America through the in 1930s and 1940s.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is arranged alphabetically. There are no series.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

EAD file created Encoded in EAD by Conversion and encoding by ArchProteus 2014 2014

Processing Information

The collection was processed by Edward Sean Buckley in 2022.

The collection was originally purchased and titled "International Oil-Gas Corporation records", it was retitled as the records in the collection center largely on the materials of Peyton B. Locker and contain items that predate founding of the company. The items in the collection also extend chronologically beyond records mentioning the company into different areas of business such as mining.

Acquisition Information

The collection was purchased from dealer Dauber in 1967.

Access

Access to this collection is unrestricted.

Copyright

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Controlled Access Headings

- Business and Industry
- Locker, Peyton B. (1873-1955)

- International Oil-Gas Corporation
- Petroleum industry and trade-United States
- Iron industry and trade-Mexico
- Petroleum engineering
- Contracts
- Memorandums
- Business records
- International Oil-Gas Corporation

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Administrative Overview, 1931Undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Alaska Mining Materials, 1937Undated	Box 1	Folder 2
Alaskan Mining Materials Maps, 1937	Flat-File 1	
Blueprints for International Oil-Gas, 1939	Flat-File 2	
Bol-inca Mining Corporation and Bolivian Mining, 1937	Box 1	Folder 3
Connecticut Tax Matters and Payroll, 1939-1943Undated	Box 1	Folder 4
East Texas Crude Oil, 1937Undated	Box 1	Folder 5
Frank P. Parish, 1934-1935Undated	Box 1	Folder 6
General Business Correspondence, 1920-1946Undated	Box 1	Folder 7
General Business Correspondence, 1947-1950	Box 1	Folder 8
General Business Reports and Memos, 1949-1950	Box 1	Folder 9
General Business Reports and Memos, Maps, Undated	Flat-File 3	
Harris, Leonard B., 19311935-19361940-1941Undated	Box 1	Folder 10
Harris Oil Steam Generator and Early Company Materials, 1929-193319351939-1940Undated	Box 1	Folder 11
Harris Oil Steam Generator and its Functions, Undated	Box 1	Folder 12
International Oil and Gas Corporation Charter, By laws and Meeting Minutes, 1931-19351937-1939Undated	Oversized 1	
International Oil-Gas Corporation Financing and Billing, 1931-193719391941	Box 1	Folder 13
International Oil and Gas Corporation Meeting Minutes, 1940-1944	Oversized 1	
Leonard B. Harris v. International Oil-Gas Corp., 1934-1935Undated	Box 2	Folder 1
Locker Process Reports and Records, 1934-19351937Undated	Box 2	Folder 2

Mining Newspaper Reports, 1949-1950Undated	Box 2	Folder 3
Mining Project Valle Citos Mine. Anori, Columbia, 19341937-1938Undated	Box 2	Folder 4
North Carolina Nickle Project, 1937-1938Undated	Box 2	Folder 5
North Carolina Nickle Project Maps, Undated	Flat-File 4	
Northern Mining Syndicate, Undated	Box 2	Folder 6
Panama Development Reports, Undated	Box 2	Folder 7
Personal Correspondence and Other Materials, 19211951	Box 2	Folder 8
Personal Correspondence and Other Materials, Maps, 1926	Flat-File 5	
Venezuela Mining Syndicate, 1932Undated	Box 2	Folder 9
Venezuela Reports, Undated	Box 2	Folder 10
Venezuela Reports Maps, 1931	Flat-File 6	
Webster Contracts, 1947-1951Undated	Box 2	Folder 11