

# Reno Haber Sales Papers, 1900-1968

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Sales, Reno H. (Reno Haber), 1876-1969
<b>Title</b>	Reno Haber Sales Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1900-1968 (inclusive) 1900 1968
<b>Quantity</b>	1.5 linear feet of shelf space
<b>Collection Number</b>	MC 29
<b>Summary</b>	Reno Sales (1876-1969) was an Anaconda Company mining geologist, known as "The Father of Mining Geology." Papers include a biographical sketch by Vincent D. Perry and Charles Mayer; incoming and outgoing correspondence (1957-1967); diaries (1911, 1920-1968); writings; and miscellany. The Valley Ditch Company subgroup includes correspondence (1957-1966), financial records (1945-1966), minutes (1906-1964) and other materials.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Montana Historical Society, Research Center Archives</a> Montana Historical Society Research Center Archives 225 North Roberts PO Box 201201 Helena MT 59620-1201 Telephone: 406-444-2681 Fax: 406-444-5297 <a href="mailto:mhslibrary@mt.gov">mhslibrary@mt.gov</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Collection open for research.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Biographical Note

Reno Haber Sales was born September 10, 1876, at Storm Lake, Iowa. The Sales family moved to Montana in 1881, settling near Salesville, now Gallatin Gateway. Sales graduated from Montana State College in 1898, and Columbia University, where he was awarded an engineer of mines degree in 1900. He began his professional career in 1900 as an assistant engineer for the Boston and Montana Consolidated Copper and Silver Mining Company in Butte, Montana. In 1906 he became chief geologist for the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, a position he held for more than four decades. Sales was also a principal officer of the Valley Ditch Company, an irrigation association incorporated in 1906 at Belgrade, Montana. Sales applied geology to mining operations and coordinated field and laboratory work directed toward better understanding and use of geological science in the search for ore. His honors in the fields of mining and geology included an honorary doctor of science degree from Montana State College in 1935 and selection as the first member of the Hall of Fame of the World Museum of Mining at Butte. He was also named a member of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1967 for having been president of the N-Bar Ranch near Grassrange, Montana. Sales was prominent in several

professional societies and the author of many articles and monographs, including a book-length history, *Underground Warfare at Butte*. He died on May 9, 1969, in Bozeman at the age of 92.

## Content Description

This collection contains the papers of Reno H. Sales, including diaries (1911, 1920-1935, 1937-1960, 1963-1968); incoming and outgoing correspondence (1957-1968) concerning *Underground Warfare at Butte*, the Cowboy Hall of Fame, and other matters; writings, including a draft of *Underground Warfare at Butte*; clippings, and miscellany. In addition, there is a subgroup for the Valley Ditch Company, including correspondence (1957-1968), financial records (1945-1965), legal documents, minutes (1906-1964), and organizational materials.

## Use of the Collection

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged by subgroup and series

### Location of Collection

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### Acquisition Information

Acquisition information available upon request

### Separated Materials

Photographs separated to Photo Archives. Printed material separated to Library. See lists of separated material in collection.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection

## Reno H. Sales

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Biographical Material</b>		
Box/Folder		
1 / 1	"Biographical sketch of Reno H. Sales," by Vincent D. Perry and Charles Meyer [photocopy]	undated
<b>Incoming Correspondence</b>		
Box/Folder		
1 / 2	A-W (correspondents include Anaconda Company, enclosing lists of degrees, medals, and publications; Butte Country Club; Caxton Printers re Underground Warfare at Butte; Cowboy Hall of Fame re his membership; R.N. Hunt; Vincent Perry; L.M. Sheridan, contractor for Butte Country Club; Tom Wigal)	1964-1968, undated
1 / 3	World Museum of Mining, Butte (John M. Guilbert, President; re sales of Underground Warfare at Butte; plans for the museum)	1964-1965
1 / 4	Letters of recommendation	1900, 1906
<b>Outgoing Correspondence</b>		
Box/Folder		
1 / 4	Miscellaneous	1957-1967
<b>Diaries</b>		
Box/Folder		
1 / 6-11	Diaries [24 books]	1911, 1920-1943
2 / 1-6	Diaries [24 books]	1944-1960, 1963-1968
<b>Financial Records</b>		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3 / 1	Miscellaneous	1964-1965
<b>Legal Documents</b>		
Box/Folder		
3 / 2	Butte Country Club agreement	1966
<b>Photographs</b>		
Box/Folder		
3 / 3	List of photographs transferred to the Photo Archives	
<b>Printed Materials</b>		
Box/Folder		
3 / 4	Articles re Reno H. Sales; list of printed materials transferred to the Library	1940-1969
<b>Writings</b>		
Box/Folder		
3 / 5	"A Hunting Trip to the Gallatin"	undated
3 / 6	"My Day" (includes letter of explanation from James R. Kearney, 1969)	undated, 1969
3 / 7	Underground Warfare at Butte, [proofs]	1963
<b>Miscellany</b>		
Box/Folder		
3 / 8	A.I.M.E. 146th general meeting, Mexico City	1936
3 / 9	Bibliography, citation, diploma, memorial, etc. [additional material in OVERSIZE]	1916-1969

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3 / 10	Columbia University songbook, newspaper, reunion, etc.	1900, 1942, 1945
3 / 11	The Freedom School booklet, newsletter	1961-1967
3 / 12	Invitations, menus, etc.	1904-1912
3 / 13	N-Bar Ranch sale brochure	1948
3 / 14	Proposal for intensive care unit for Bozeman Deaconess Hospital	1968
3 / 15	Reno H. Sales Stadium at Montana State University	1968

### Clippings

#### Box/Folder

3 / 16	Reno H. Sales awards, obituaries, etc.	1937-1969
3 / 17	Montana State University	1938-1968
3 / 18	Miscellaneous	1931-1966

## Valley Ditch Company

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Incoming Correspondence</b>		
<h4>Box/Folder</h4>		
4 / 1	Miscellaneous	1957-1966, undated
<b>Financial Records</b>		
<h4>Box/Folder</h4>		
4 / 2	Annual reports	1960, 1962
4 / 3	Bank statements	1949-1966

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4 / 4	Bills and receipts	1946-1964
4 / 6-7	Checks, deposit slips	1945-1963
4 / 6-7	Checkstub books [9 books]	1947-1964
4 / 8	Daybook	1945-1964
4 / 9	Worksheets	undated
<b>Legal Documents</b>		
Box/Folder		
4 / 10	Certificates, affidavit, etc.	1926, 1966
<b>Minutes</b>		
Box/Folder		
4 / 11	Minute book (also includes cash and individual cash accounts)	1906-1964
<b>Organization</b>		
Box/Folder		
4 / 12	Bylaws	undated
4 / 13	Proxies	1945-1966
<b>Printed Material</b>		
Box/Folder		
4 / 14	Extension Service circular and bulletins re irrigation	1950-1956
<b>Reports</b>		
Box/Folder		
4 / 15	U.S. Census Bureau report on irrigation	1940

# Names and Subjects

## **Subject Terms :**

Cattle Raising--Montana  
Copper Mines And Mining  
Geologists  
Geology  
Ditches

## **Personal Names :**

Sales, Reno H. (Reno Haber), 1876-1969  
(creator)

## **Corporate Names :**

Anaconda Copper Mining Company  
Valley Ditch Company (Belgrade, Mont.)

## **Geographical Names :**

Bozeman (Mont.)--medical Care  
Butte (Mont.)--Industries--Mines and mining  
N Bar Ranch (Mont.)

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