

Samuel Alexander Parnall Autobiography

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Summary Information

Repository	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Creator	Parnall, Samuel Alexander, b. 1866
Title	Samuel Alexander Parnall Autobiography
Date	October 1943
Extent	0.01 cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Language of Material	English
Mixed materials [SC_Box]	MS 1
Container	12
Abstract	Autobiography, 1943, of Samuel Alexander Parnall, a graduate of the first class of the Michigan Mining School (now Michigan Technological University) in Houghton, Michigan, and president of the alumni association from 1892-1893. Written as a letter to his half-sister, Isabella Parnall Begle, it details his experience growing up in Rockland, Michigan, his attendance at the Michigan Mining School and subsequent career as a mine engineer and superintendent around the western United States and Mexico.

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Biography

Samuel Alexander Parnall was born in 1866 in Rockland, Michigan. He attended Michigan Mining School as part of its inaugural class, graduating in 1888 with a degree as a mine engineer. He was an engineer for the Cleveland Iron Mining Company and became the Chief Engineer for six years when the company expanded to become the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Mining Company. He was later employed at Globe as the superintendent at the Old Dominion Copper Mine in Arizona and also worked at mines in Colorado and Mexico. Parnall was president of the Michigan Mining School Alumni Association from 1892-1893. The letter also describes the roles of Samuel's father, William Parnall and brother William Parnall, Jr. at National Mine, Franklin Mine, Phoenix Mines, Tamarack Mine, Cleveland Cliffs, Trimountain, and Calumet and Arizona.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

This collection consists of an autobiographical letter from Samuel Alexander Parnall, written to his half-sister, Isabella Parnall Begle.

Arrangement

Chronological

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Acquisition

An autobiographical letter from Samuel A. Parnall to his half sister Isabelle Parnall Begle was donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections on January 10, 1974 by Robert Begle.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Biographies
- Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- Houghton (Mich.)
- Rockland (Mich.)

Personal Name(s)

- Parnall, Samuel Alexander, b. 1866

Subject(s)

- Autobiographies
- Copper mines and mining

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