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James H. Gary Collection

Background Information

James H. Gary

Dr. James H. Gary has been Professor of Chemical Engineering and Petroleum Refining at the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado. During his career as professor, Dr. Gary has held numerous academic posts at the School of Mines --the principal position known to most professional persons engaged in oil shale has been Chairman of the Colorado School of Mines Oil Shale Symposium. In addition to being Chairman of the Symposium, Dr. Gary has also served as Editor of the Proceedings, making his involvement a year-round activity.

Although there have been other oil shale symposia, the Colorado School of Mines Oil Shale Symposium is regarded as the oil shale symposium --an annual "rite of spring" for oil shale. This symposium has been the result of the untiring, ceaseless work of Jim Gary.

Dr. Gary has also served as Chairman of the Oil Shale Advisory Committee for the U.S. Congress Office of Technical Assessment. This committee assembled an extensive report which is part of the James H. Gary Collection.

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The James H. Gary collection mirrors Dr. Gary's involvement in oil shale. Two thirds is devoted to reports and proceedings of oil shale meetings and symposia. The most important aspect of the collection are copies of all the Oil Shale Symposium Proceedings at Colorado School of Mines.

One archive box (Box 03) reflects Dr. Gary's interest in oil shale upgrading and refining; this box contains government documents, reports, and reprints dealing with shale oil refining.

Reflecting the long term interest in oil shale at the Colorado School of Mines, the last box in the James H. Gary Collection contains a series of interesting articles that appeared in the Quarterly of the Colorado School of Mines from 1920 to 1925.

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