

## Jerry E. Sinor Collection

## Background Information

## Jerry E. Sinor

Jerry E. Sinor began his career as a farmer in Nebraska, but his high school interest in rockets led him to obtaining a PhD in chemical engineering from the University of Nebraska and a career with the Rocketdyne Corporation in California. After obtaining several rocket fuel patents, Jerry became interested in synthetic fuels which, in 1974, led to a career in oil shale as he relocated to Niwot, Colorado. There, Jerry worked with Shell, ARCO, and Cameron Engineers (which later became Pace Consultants). While associated with Cameron Engineering and Pace Consultants, Jerry was instrumental in editing the Synthetic Fuels Quarterly, a respected journal that chronicled oil shale developments in the Piceance Basin and the surrounding 3-state region, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming since 1964. In 1985, Jerry set up his own consulting firm, J. E. Sinor Consultants, Inc. in Niwot, where he continued to produce the Quarterly and served as a consultant to various oil shale and synthetic fuel companies worldwide. Although Jerry retired in 2000, he continued publishing of the Quarterly for another year and kept a few of his clients until his untimely death in 2003

## The Jerry E. Sinor Collection

The Jerry E. Sinor Collection consists primarily of the journal that Jerry produced for nearly three decades: The Synfuels Quarterly. Also included in the Sinor Collection is a series of the Eastern Oil Shale Symposia reports along with a box of miscellaneous oil shale data. Although many of the other collections in the Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository contain some issues of the Quarterly, the Sinor Collection is unique in that it consists of a complete collection that chronicles oil shale developments from 1964 to 2001.

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