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Paul L. Russell Collection

Background Information

Paul L. Russell

Paul L. Russell is a mining engineer with a wide variety of oil shale experience with the U.S. Bureau of Mines in the following operations:

- o 1948-1950 USBM Operations, Rifle, Colorado;
- o 1953-1954 Chattanooga Oil Shale Investigation;
- o 1960-1967 Office of Assistant Director -Planning;
- o 1967-1979 Research Director, Denver Mining Research Center.

Since his retirement from the Bureau of Mines, Paul became involved in oil shale as mining engineer for SED, Inc., editor of the AIME Mining Engineering Magazine, consultant, and as author of two books on oil shale; *History of Western Oil Shale* (1980) and *Oil Shales of the World: Their Origin, Occurrence, and Exploitation* (1990).

The Paul L Russell Collection

The Paul L. Russell Collection reflects Paul's oil shale career. About half of the collection is composed of books, reports, correspondence, etc. that Paul collected during his 30-plus career with the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

The other half of the Paul Russell Collection is divided between special information and correspondence obtained in the preparation, writing, and editing his books; *History of Western Oil Shale* and *Oil Shales of the World*. There are more than three archive boxes (about five feet of shelf space) devoted to foreign oil shales.

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