

## Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository Arthur Lakes Library Colorado School of Mines

### Robert B. Crookston Collection

#### Background Information

#### Robert B. Crookston

Robert B. Crookston (1918-1988), a mining engineer, spent most of his professional career with the oil shale company (TaSCa). He was associated with the Colony I, II, and the Exxon projects at Parachute, Colorado and TaSCa's Sand Wash Project near Vernal, Utah. After 1983, Bob served as an independent consultant.

His principal interests focused on oil shale mine development, equipment and safety. In the latter area, he was a recognized expert on mine fires and explosions.

As a member of TaSCa and as a consultant, Bob was involved in travel to 31 countries where he worked towards oil shale development.

#### The Robert B. Crookston Collection

The Robert B. Crookston Collection mirrors his career. Over half of his collections contain information regarding the mining development operations of the Colony projects. Included in this collection is detailed information of mining, hauling, and crushing equipment with numerous correspondence, reports, and brochures of equipment manufacturers.

Documents concerning foreign oil shales make up a sizeable portion of the Robert B. Crookston Collection. There is an extensive number of reports on Morocco with four archive boxes containing more than 1,200 documents describing oil shale deposits in 18 foreign countries.

Written by Robert Heistand

Edited by Julie Carmen