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R **Nevada Gas, Oil and Asphalt Company.**
845 **Papers, 1903.**
 One folder.

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These are papers concerning the establishment of the Nevada Gas, Oil and Asphalt Company, a mineral exploitation and development firm in Barton and Vernon counties in southwestern Missouri.

In 1903 a group of investors and landowners in Barton and Vernon counties in southwestern Missouri associated in an effort to find and develop mineral deposits in the area. John B. Harris of Liberal, Missouri, appears to have been the leader. The participating landowners received a token payment plus shares of stock in the new firm in exchange for assigning their mineral rights to the company.

Apparently the firm was originally to have been styled as The Missouri Gas, Oil and Mining Company, Limited, with a capitalization of \$600,000 represented by 600,000 shares of stock. Mineral leases were printed in the name of that enterprise. However, the nine leases in this collection are with the Nevada Gas, Oil and Asphalt Company, with the original name of the firm crossed out where necessary. All of the leases are for land in Vernon County and are dated 1903.

There are also signed "Articles of Association," dated 26 October 1903, for an unnamed firm, but supposedly the same as or related to the Nevada company. The Articles relate that "the undersigned have associated ourselves together for the purpose of carrying on and conducting the business of digging, drilling, mining, and prospecting for oil, gas, asphalt, coal, lead and zinc and any other minerals and materials . . . , also the mining, smelting or reduction of ores, . . . and the refining, distilling of oils, asphalts or other products, . . . and to carry on the mining, coal oil, and petroleum and asphalt business . . ." The signers of these articles gave their residence addresses as Liberal in Barton County and Moundville and Bellamy in Vernon County.

There are several "sample" forms for the establishment of a mining and development firm, which apparently served as templates for the incorporation of this company. The subsequent fate of the enterprise is not known.

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