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**R1300 Renault Lead Company.
Record book, 1900-1917. One volume.
OVERSIZE**

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PROVENANCE

Mark C. Stauter donated the Renault Lead Company record book on 22 January 2013, accession SHSMO RA 1555.

HISTORY

The Renault Lead Company bore the name of Philip Renault, the French explorer of the region and its mineral resources. It followed an earlier mining enterprise of similar name, the Renault Lead Mining Company, 1877-1898. The Renault Lead Company was organized 16 July 1898 by Harry J. Cantwell, Arthur Thacher, Allan T. Simpkins, Ralph Simpkins, G. C. Pollard, and W. M. Chauvenet to mine lead in Washington County, Missouri. The mines southwest of Potosi were in the area known as Harmony, Webster, and Palmer, a region that had been mined sporadically since at least 1830. Mining at Webster revived after the Civil War and notably in 1877 when brothers Donald M. Palmer and Courtland Palmer and others organized as the Palmer Lead Company. Closely associated with the Renault Lead Company, the Palmer Lead Company took \$42,000 in promissory notes from the Renault Lead Company when it was organized, and instituted forfeiture proceedings against the Renault concern on 23 February 1912. While the Palmer enterprise produced pig lead, the Renault Lead Company seems only to have mined and hauled mineral. Mining continued during and after forfeiture proceedings. The Palmer Lead Company continued operating the Renault Lead Company, a general store and its own mines around Palmer into the 1920s. The Palmer post office closed in 1955; the mining area now is mostly within the Mark Twain National Forest.

The Renault Lead Company maintained its headquarters in St. Louis, where it marketed mineral and lead primarily from the Flint Hill, Parole and Strawberry mines, but also Bluff, Boulder, Buck Point, Coehorn, Coffee Pot, Jack Ass, Matthews, Montgomery, Morehouse, Murray, New Ishmael, Nigger Hill, Parole, Pigeon Roost, Rat Head, Shady Point, Smith, Snowden Point, Tiger, Turkey Hill, White, and other mining properties. It also received mineral from stockholder Harry J. Cantwell's personal lands.

The present collection is a single volume of 173 pages detailing the company's receipt of lead ores, 1900-1917. The volume augments a much larger collection of Renault Lead Company and Palmer Lead Company records in SHSMO-C3893, Washington County lead mining records. It is not known why this volume was separated from the larger corpus of records. Also related to the mining around Palmer are the papers of Harry J. Cantwell, SMHSMO-R677.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

This is a record book showing “Lead Ore Received by the Renault Lead Company,” from mines at Palmer in Washington County, Missouri. Entries record the date, mine origin, miner, hauler, and price paid per thousand pounds of mineral from 3 April 1900 through 4 March 1917.

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INVENTORY

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