

# Guide to the A. H. Sasse Papers

WA MSS S-3469



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-3469

**TITLE:** A. H. Sasse papers

**DATES:** circa 1907-1954

**BULK DATES:** 1922-1943

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4.88 linear feet (8 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Chiefly in English, some letters in German.

**SUMMARY:** Business correspondence, circular letters, printed promotional materials, stock certificates, deeds, leases, receipts, ledgers, and plat maps documenting A. H. Sasse's businesses and investments, circa 1907-1954.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Michael Vinson on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2018.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

A. H. Sasse was a businessman and investor in Pueblo, Colorado, circa 1907-1954. He invested in the gold mining, oil, and gas industries, and started several companies, including Fruitol Manufacturing and Supply Company, Golden Queen Mines and Investment Company, Searchlight Investments, A.H. Sasse Company, and A.H. Sasse Investments Association, which he referred to as his "Wiggletail" project.

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## Scope and Contents

Business correspondence, circular letters, printed promotional materials, stock certificates, deeds, leases, receipts, ledgers, and plat maps documenting A. H. Sasse's businesses and investments, circa 1907-1954. 12 autograph ledgers detail Sasse's investments, expenditures, and profits, including lists of investors. Includes annual lists of Sasse's properties, assets, and holdings and 4 plat maps relating to Sasse's investments in oil and gas in Arkansas, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Colorado. Includes materials relating to Fruitol Manufacturing and Supply Company, Golden Queen Mines and Investment Company, A.H. Sasse Company, Searchlight Investments, A.H. Sasse Investments Association, Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company, Owenwood Oil Corporation, Progressive Gold Mining and Milling Company, Vitek Oil and Refining Company, Bucher Smackover Trust Company, Moco Oil Corporation, Cosby Oil and Gas Company, Milton Oil Company, Royalty Products Company, Empire Chief Mining Company, Republic Insurance Company, Vindicator Development Corporation, E.L. Smith Oil Company, Champion Winkler Oil Corporation, Income Oil and Royalty Company, Silver Leaf Metals Incorporated, United Empire Gold Mines Company, Butler Oil and Refining Company, and Mytus Gold Corporation.

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## Arrangement

Arranged into three series: I. Correspondence and Business Records, circa 1907-1954. II. Ledgers, 1923-1935. III. Maps, undated.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence and Business Records, circa 1907-1954

1.67 linear feet (4 boxes)

Business correspondence, circular letters, printed promotional materials, stock certificates, deeds, leases, and receipts documenting A. H. Sasse's businesses and investments, circa 1907-1954.

Arranged chronologically.

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence and business records	1907-1921
b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence and business records	1922
b. 1, f. 3-4	Correspondence and business records	1923
b. 1, f. 5-6	Correspondence and business records	1924
b. 1, f. 7-9	Correspondence and business records	1925
b. 1, f. 10-11	Correspondence and business records	1926
b. 2, f. 12-14	Correspondence and business records	1927
b. 2, f. 15-17	Correspondence and business records	1928
b. 2, f. 18-20	Correspondence and business records	1929
b. 2, f. 21-22	Correspondence and business records	1930
b. 3, f. 23-24	Correspondence and business records	1931
b. 3, f. 25-26	Correspondence and business records	1932
b. 3, f. 27	Correspondence and business records	1933
b. 3, f. 28	Correspondence and business records	1934-1935
b. 3, f. 29	Correspondence and business records	1936-1938
b. 3, f. 30	Correspondence and business records	1939
b. 3, f. 31-32	Correspondence and business records	1940
b. 4, f. 33	Correspondence and business records	1941
b. 4, f. 34	Correspondence and business records	1942-1943
b. 4, f. 35	Correspondence and business records	1944-1954
b. 4, f. 36	Correspondence and business records	undated

**Series II: Ledgers, 1923–1935***1.05 linear feet (3 boxes)*

12 autograph ledgers detailing Sasse's investments, expenditures, and profits, including lists of investors.

Arranged chronologically.

b. 4, f. 37	Cash book	1923–1930
b. 4, f. 38	Expenses	1923–1931
b. 5, f. 39	Cash received	1923–1929
b. 5, f. 40	Paid by Wiggletail	1923–1930
b. 6, f. 41	Paid to Wiggletail	1923–1928
b. 6, f. 42	Daybook	1923–1934
b. 6, f. 43	Certificates	1923–1925
b. 7, f. 44	Cash payments	1923–1926
b. 7, f. 45	Interests	1925–1931
b. 7, f. 46	Account book	1925–1926
b. 7, f. 47	Account book	1927–1929
b. 7, f. 48	Account book	1929–1935

**Series III: Maps, undated***2.17 linear feet (1 box)*

4 plat maps relating to Sasse's investments in oil and gas in Arkansas, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Colorado.

b. 8 (Oversize), f. 49	Owned and contracted properties of Virgil Helm and Associates, Shongaloo-Webster Parish, Louisiana Oil and Gas Field	undated
b. 8 (Oversize), f. 50	Oil and gas map of state of New Mexico	undated
b. 8 (Oversize), f. 51	Section of oil map showing Arkansas geology	undated
b. 8 (Oversize), f. 52	Oil map of Colorado	undated

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## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Subjects

Gold mines and mining -- Colorado  
Investments -- United States  
Mineral investment -- Colorado  
Mines and mineral resources -- Colorado  
Mining leases -- United States  
Oil and gas leases -- United States  
Oil industries -- United States  
Petroleum -- Arkansas  
Petroleum -- Colorado  
Petroleum industry and trade -- United States  
Petroleum -- Louisiana  
Petroleum -- New Mexico  
Petroleum -- Texas

Royalty Products Company  
Searchlight Investments  
Silver Leaf Metals Incorporated  
United Empire Gold Mines Company  
Vindicator Development Corporation  
Vitek Oil and Refining Company

### Geographic Names

Colorado -- Economic conditions  
Pueblo (Colo.)

### Genres / Formats

Cadastral maps  
Ledgers (account books)  
Stock certificates

### Corporate Bodies

A.H. Sasse Company  
A.H. Sasse Investments Association  
Bucher Smackover Trust Company  
Butler Oil and Refining Company  
Champion Winkler Oil Corporation  
Cosby Oil and Gas Company  
E.L. Smith Oil Company  
Empire Chief Mining Company  
Fruitol Manufacturing and Supply Company  
Golden Queen Mines and Investment Company  
Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company  
Income Oil and Royalty Company  
Milton Oil Company  
Moco Oil Corporation  
Mytus Gold Corporation (Denver, Colo.)  
Owenwood Oil Corporation  
Progressive Gold Mining and Milling Company  
Republic Insurance Company