

The collection contains record books originating from the former gold mines Robinson Deep Gold Mining Company, Luipaardsvlei Estate and Gold Mining Company, Rietfontein Consolidated Mines and few unidentified. They cover the years 1904-1972 of gold mining operations in Johannesburg.

INTRODUCTION

The record books were found in the ceiling of a building situated on the former Luipaardsvlei Estate in 2010, and subsequently forwarded to Historical Papers.

A substantial part consisting of Petty Cash and other accounting books were given to the University of Johannesburg, History of Accounting on the Rand Project, including a Mine cash book of 1897, from the Robinson Deep G.M. Company, and a Manager's Cash Account book, from an unknown mine, 1936.

Other items were given to the Head of School, School of Mining, University of the Witwatersrand, which were mainly technical record books and maps, including the following:

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| Records | Reduction works data book, Robinson Deep, 1929-1931
Uranium plant absorption cycle, Luipaardsvlei Estate, 1964
Reduction records, Luipaardsvlei Estate, 1914-1920 and 1920-1929
Slime collection and treatment, 1954-1956 |
| Maps | General underground plan, central section, Luipaardsvlei Estate, surveyor, starting 1926
Lydenburg Platinum Areas, Dwarsriver Mine, general surface plan showing outcrop and workings, 1926
Battery Reef no.4, Luipaardsvlei Estate, 1970
Central assay plan, Luipaardsvlei Estate, Pre-Boer War
Bird Reef-Monarch-Middle closure O.R. plan, Luipaardsvlei Estate, 1970
South Reef assay plan, Luipaardsvlei Estate, 1968
Montana assay plan, Luipaardsvlei Estate, March 1970
Main Reef, extensive, Luipaardsvlei Estate, June 1968
Investigation (Upper Monarch Reef etc.), Luipaardsvlei Estate, June 1977
South Reef, Luipaardsvlei Estate, March 1970
Bird Reef "Upper Monarch" middle closure O.R. plan, Luipaardsvlei Estate, March 1970 |

COLLECTION

- 1 ROBINSON DEEP GOLD MINING COMPANY
 - 1.1 Records of white employees
2 record books, containing columns with the following information amongst others: Surface work or Mine; Name, Nationality (of which many where British); Date of birth; Date signed on; Working rate; Blasting certificate; Record with other gold mines
 - 1.1.1 1912
 - 1.1.2 1914
 - 1.2 Salaries white employees
 - 1.2.1 European Pay Roll book, August 1904 - March 1905
Including information on Overtime and Type of deductions, like Doctor, Recreation, Rent etc.
 - 1.2.2 European Pay Roll book, September 1908 - March 1909

- 1.2.3 European Pay Roll book, June 1909 - January 1910
- 1.2.4 European Pay Roll book, July 1911 - January 1912
- 1.2.5 Daily White Labour Report, 1953/54
List of the number of men in service for Surface (Engineers department, Compound, Secretariat, Reduction works) and Underground (Underground Manager and Engineering departments)

- 1.3 Working costs, 1955/56
This record books contains monthly accounts of the following, amongst others:
Tons milled; Ounces fine Gold
Summary of working costs (Operations like pumping, hoisting, ventilation, stoping etc.)
Revenue and Expenditure of Gold, silver, Osmiridium, Profit from Uranium
Summary of working costs (Labour) - including European charges and Native charges for wage, bonus, pension, Silicosis charges, Tuberculosis charges, hospitalisation etc.
Breakdown of European Labour charges, Native and Coloured Labour charges, which for both includes Silicosis charges (Liability in accordance with the 1946 and 1955 Acts)

- 2 LUIPAARDSVLEI ESTATE & GOLD MINING COMPANY

- 2.1 Register of Gold Bullion Silver etc. - shipments and realizations, 1949, 1956
includes accounts of sale of Fine Oz's to the South African Reserve Bank and Rand Refinery Ltd., Gold

- 2.2 Native Engagement Registers
These registers for African labourers include information on each recruited miner, including amongst others: Transvaal Pass no., Portuguese pass no., Native name, Tribe, Chief, Kraal, Date of engagement, Rate of pay, source of supply (labour broker), Recruiter no., Recruiting area, Room no. (hostel)
 - 2.2.1 1914-1917
 - 2.2.2 1918-1921
 - 2.2.3 1933
 - 2.2.4 1933/34

- 2.3 "Advances to Natives recruited by the Taberer Labour Organisation", 1909
Listing deductions from African labourers, with columns listing Boy's no., Amount, Payment week ending, Payment

- 2.4 Accident book
2 volumes of Accident books for every employee, containing the remaining copies, of which originals would have been removed for processing elsewhere. The accident reports for African labourers were addressed to "The Native Commissioner Krugersdorp"
 - 2.4.1 April 1931 - August 1935
 - 2.4.2 August 1935 - January 1938

- 2.5 Discharge Native Register

Discharge registers for African labourers listed amongst other information like Tribe, Source of supply (labour broker), and Reason for discharge. A column of Remarks includes reasons like: Time expired (T Ex), Undesirable, Repatriated due to accidents and illness ("amputated foot"), Rejected by Medical Officer (M.M.O) due to poor physique or X-Ray examination, Sent to Gaol, Diseases like Dysentery, Silicosis, Pneumonia, Meningitis, Bronchitis, TB and others. there would be causes of deaths of miners by accidents due to rock fall, fractured spine, fractured base of skull and others. Often miners would be transferred between mines like Geldenhuis Deep, Durban Deep, Nourse Mines, consolidated Langlaagte, Crown Mines, Randfontein South, Robinson Deep and many others, which is also indicated in the Discharge book. Later columns included are Medical Examination, Deserted, Crimes/Convictions.

2.5.1 1925-1931

2.5.2 1920-1932

2.5.3 Loose pages of various years from 1937-1948

3 RIETFONTEIN CONSOLIDATED MINES

3.1 Native Labour Supply Register, 1953

Listing under Debit accounts "Native social and welfare services", "Compound", "Native hospital"

3.2 Petty cash book, 1948-1956

Listing deposits by African labourers

4 UNIDENTIFIED MINES

4.1 Room book, 1950s

Listing accommodation for African labourers including information on Native name, Tribe, Room no., Bed no. and Remarks like Deserted, Deceased, Transferred, Repatriated

4.2 Register for loss of work, 1967-1972

Register for African labourers listing their sickness or nature of accident, Treatment, no. of shifts lost - together with Name, Tribe, Class of work, Shaft, Level

4.3 Labour Register

2 volumes of statistics relating to African labourers, listing on one side only Pass no./Portuguese no./Wristlet no., Recruiter, Tribe, Contract.

The reverse side of the pages attend to Territorial Analysis Summary as per "British South Africa" and "Tropicals", listing events like Transfers, Deserters recovered, Gaols returns.

Discharges are classified in Discharges, Rejects, Deserters, Gaols, Deaths, Sent to Lazaretto, On leave, Transfer