

Western Museum of Mining & Industry Robert G. Taylor Collection

Robert G. Taylor (b. 1921) was a United States Air Force officer, WWII veteran, and a professor of geography. This small collection consists of items relating to his Ph.D. dissertation and includes the following:

1. Bound copy of his dissertation, "Sequent Occupance of the Cripple Creek Mining District, Colorado," 444 pages, maps, illustrations. Indiana University, 1962.
2. Draft copy of his book, *Cripple Creek Mining District* (Palmer Lake, CO: Filter Press, 1973).
3. File box of 5x7 index cards containing his footnotes and bibliography.
4. One folder of documents relating to his dissertation work, 1960-1961 period. Of special interest here is a typed interview with Fred and Marie Purcell, former residents of the mining district. Fred lived in Elkton from 1895 to 1906. The interview is undated.
- 5-6. Two acid-free binders containing approximately 780 black & white photographs of structures in the Cripple Creek Mining District, organized by town and subject. These photographs were taken while Taylor worked on his dissertation and were originally in a file box before being transferred to the binders in 2024. Most of the images are 4x5 inches in size. A few larger ones are simply smaller photographs taped together to create larger views.

Taylor organized his photographs into subjects, and his classification has been retained when placing the images into photograph sleeves. The subjects are listed below, with the number of photographs in parentheses, which do not include the larger, taped-together photographs. Most of the photographs have typed identification on the reverse.

Alta Vista (6)
Altman (10)
Anaconda (12)
Arequa (6)
Bull Hill Station (7)
Cameron (17)
Coal (3)
Colorado Springs (13)
Cripple Creek, General (39)
Cripple Creek, 1894 Directory (36)
Cripple Creek, Plats (62)
Cripple Creek, Small Scale Views (24)
Cripple Creek, Medium Scale Views (12)
Cripple Creek, Large Scale Views (11)
Cripple Creek, Residences (38)
Cripple Creek, Public Buildings (33)
Cripple Creek, Transportation (9)

Cripple Creek, Street Materials (4)
Drainage (3)
Elkton (8)
Fairview Station (4)
Gillett (20)
Goldfield (32)
Independence (13)
Midway (8)
Mills, in district (26)
Mills, Colorado Springs & Florence (17)
Mound City (15)
Minor Settlements (12)
Stratton (4)
Tourist Spots (4)
Transportation (5)
Short Line Railroad (8)
Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad (7)
Midland Terminal Railroad (20)
Victor, Plats (13)
Victor, Small Scale Views (8)
Victor, Medium Scale Views (7)
Victor, Large Scale Views (11)
Victor, Residences (36)
Victor, Public Buildings (59)
Wilbur (3)
Photo Plates (38)
Other (54)–Leadville primarily and a few other mining towns
Oversized Photographs