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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
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## **Biographical/Historical Note**

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Millard M. Mauney owned forty acres of diamond-bearing land outside Murfreesboro, Arkansas, and refused offers to sell after the first diamonds were discovered in 1906 on an adjoining property. He sold thirty acres to Horace Bemis, leasing the remaining ten acres to the Kimberlite Company, consisting of Austin Q. Millar, his son Howard A. Millar, and W.L. Wilder as trustees. After Bemis died, his heirs sold their land to the Millars, who tried to buy Mauney's land. Mauney staunchly refused, even trying to buy back the land the Millars bought from Bemis. An act of arson destroyed the Millar operation in 1919. They were never able to recover from the loss.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection includes correspondence from Howard A. Millar, Consulting Mining Engineer, to the M.M. Mauney estate, reporting diamonds found on the leased Mauney land.

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## **Administrative Information**

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## Collection Inventory

1915 April 24: Howard A. Millar, et al., Murfreesboro, Arkansas, to M.M. Mauney estate, Murfreesboro, Arkansas

1915 October 11: Howard A. Millar, et al., Murfreesboro, Arkansas, to M.M. Mauney estate, Murfreesboro, Arkansas

1916 February 9: Howard A. Millar, et al., Murfreesboro, Arkansas, to M.M. Mauney estate, Murfreesboro, Arkansas

1916 June 1: Howard A. Millar, et al., Murfreesboro, Arkansas, to M.M. Mauney estate, Murfreesboro, Arkansas

1916 August 28: Howard A. Millar, et al., Murfreesboro, Arkansas, to M.M. Mauney estate, Murfreesboro, Arkansas

1918 June 25: Howard A. Millar, et al., Murfreesboro, Arkansas, to M.M. Mauney estate, Murfreesboro, Arkansas

1918 November 11: Howard A. Millar, et al., Murfreesboro, Arkansas, to M.M. Mauney estate, Murfreesboro, Arkansas