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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

George Frederick Kunz (1856-1932), well-known mineralogist and gemologist from New York City, was largely self-taught. He attended Cooper Union for two years but did not earn a degree. By the time he was twenty, he had amassed a mineral collection of over 4,000 specimens that he meticulously labeled and sold to the University of Minnesota for \$400. When he was twenty-three, he became the gem expert at Tiffany and Company, where he remained for fifty-three years, eventually becoming Vice President. From 1883-1909, he was special agent for the United States Geological Survey. He founded the New York Mineralogical Club and was a member of the American Society of Arts and Science and the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences. He was Honorary Curator of Precious Stones at the American Museum of Natural History and Curator for the New York Academy of Sciences. He wrote over 500 articles and several books, some of which are still in print today.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence written and received by George Frederick Kunz concerning precious stones and diamond from the mines in Arkansas.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

American Library Service, New York City, New York, 1963.

Collection Inventory

1885 April 23: Hodge Kimzey, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz

1885 May 6: Robert L. Kimzey, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz

1885 May 16: Hodge Kimzey, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz, Hoboken, New Jersey

1885 May 26: Hodge Kimzey, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz, Hoboken, New Jersey

1885 June 11: Hodge Kimzey, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz

1885 June 26: Hodge Kimzey, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz, Hoboken, New Jersey

1885 July 4: W.D. Etheridge, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz

1885 July 13: Hodge Kimzey, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz, Hoboken, New Jersey

1885 July 27: W.J. Kimzey, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz, Hoboken, New Jersey

1885 July 31: W.D. Etheridge, Magnet, Arkansas, to [G.F. Kunz]

1885 July 31: W.D. Etheridge, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz

1885 August 2: Hodge and W.J. Kimzey, Magnet, Arkansas, to [G.F. Kunz]

1885 August 16: W.D. Etheridge, Magnet, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz, Hoboken, New Jersey

1885 September 14: Charles F. Brown, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to George F. Kunz, Hoboken, New Jersey

1885 November 25: Charles F. Brown, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to George F. Kunz, Hoboken, New Jersey

1885 November 25: Charles F. Brown, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to George F. Kunz, New York City

1886 May 11: Hodge Kimzey, Magnet, Arkansas, to [G. F. Kunz]

1899 August 20: W. Albert Chapman, Dover, Arkansas, to George F. Kunz

1904 June 7: George F. Kunz, New York, to David T. Day, Washington, District of Columbia

1904 June 8: Ellen Dawson, Department of the Interior, to [David T. Day]

1904 July 4: Hugh Stewart, Wolfe City, Texas, to G.F. Kunz, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1904 July 19: [G.F. Kunz], New York, to Hugh Stewart, Wolfe City, Texas

1904 July 22: Hugh Stewart, Wolfe City, Texas, to G.F. Kunz, New York, New York

1904 August 25: Hugh Stewart, Tishomingo, Indian Territory, to G.F. Kunz, New York, New York

1904 October 22: [G.F. Kunz], New York, to Hugh Stewart, Tishomingo, Indian Territory

1904 November 20: Hugh Stewart, Tishomingo, Indian Territory, to G.F. Kunz, New York City, New York

1906 October 11: H.S. Washington, Little Rock, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz

1907 January 31: H.S. Washington, Little Rock, Arkansas, to G.F. Kunz

1908 February 17: Harold S. Harger, Johannesburg, to G.F. Kunz, New York

1908 March 23: [G.F. Kunz], New York, to Harold S. Harger, Johannesburg, South Africa

1908 July 11: Harold S. Harger, London, to August Zinsser, New York

1908 July 12: Harold S. Harger, London, to G.F. Kunz, New York

1908 August 18: Harold S. Harger, Johannesburg, to G.F. Kunz, New York

1911 January 24: Jesse E. Hyde, New York, to G.F. Kunz, New York

1932 February 18: J.L. Davis, Bigelow, Arkansas, to George F. Kunz, New York