

Books by MHA Members

Clark C. Spence, *A History of Gold Dredging in Idaho* (Boulder: University of Colorado Press, 2016)

A History of Gold Dredging in Idaho tells the story of a revolution in placer mining—and its subsequent impact on the state of Idaho—from its inception in the early 1880s until its demise in the early 1960s. Idaho was the nation's fourth-leading producer of dredged gold after 1910 and therefore provides an excellent lens through which to observe the practice and history of gold dredging.

Author Clark Spence focuses on the two most important types of dredges in the state—the bucket-line dredge and the dragline dredge—and describes their financing, operation, problems, and effect on the state and environment. Providing a record of Idaho's dredging history for the first time, this book is a significant contribution to the knowledge and understanding of Western mining, its technology, and its overall development as a major industry of the twentieth century.



(Map from page 2,
A History of Gold Dredging in Idaho).

Don Paulson, *Mines, Miners and Much More* (Chicago: Twain Associates, 2015)

Mines, Miners, and Much More paints a broad colorful picture of the history of gold and silver mining in the San Juan Triangle of Southwestern Colorado (Ouray, Silverton and Telluride) in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The book discusses the role of prospectors and mining entrepreneurs in creating and operating mines and covers the miner's life at the mines and in the mining towns. Chapters are also included on transportation, labor relations, mining dangers, milling and smelting gold and silver ore, the Million Dollar Highway as well as several other topics including a chapter on area mining sites that can be uan Triangle of Southwestern Colorado (Ouray, Silverton and Telluride) in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The book discusses the role of prospectors and mining entrepreneurs in creating and operating mines and covers the miner's life at the mines and in the mining towns.

Thayer, David L. and Douglas R. Thayer, *Tailings or Treasure: The Mears and Wilfley Mill* (San Juan County Historical Society, Silverton, CO.)

A social history of Otto Mears and Arthur Wilfley's joint venture reprocessing mill tailings near Silverton, CO.

Hunter Mining History Library

Ed and Cherry Hunter donated their mining history collection to the Lowell Thomas Museum in Victor, Colorado. The museum has embarked on a \$48,000 library improvement project. More than \$3,000 has already been donated in memory of Ed and Cherry.

For more information:

<http://victorcolorado.com/museumdonations.htm>