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PREFACE

It is fitting that the second volume of *History of Mining in Arizona* has been published in time for distribution at the 1992 Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration Meeting in Phoenix. Mining played a major role in the economic development of the State of Arizona. Many of the railroads and roads which now form the excellent transportation network of the state were constructed to transport supplies, minerals, and metals to and from the mining camps.

Lacking the prospectors and miners who found the rich gold, silver and copper deposits, much of Arizona would have remained an inhospitable desert inhabited only by nomadic tribes. Those early prospectors and miners whose exploits both good and bad are described in this book actually not only laid the foundation for the modern high-tech mining industry of today, but also the location of many of Arizona's major urban centers. Today Arizona's mines are still a major source of new wealth providing work for thousands of employees both at mining companies and in the associated service industry. We in Arizona are indeed indebted to those pioneer mining entrepreneurs who risked their money and often their lives to develop that inhospitable desert region in the southwestern United States now known as the State of Arizona.

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FOREWORD

Four years ago, my coeditor wrote that he hoped publication of *History of Mining in Arizona* (Volume I) and its attendant symposium would be the “nucleus for many more.” Mike’s wish has come true.

Volume II of this series on historical mining in Arizona is an exciting collection of observations, stories, and scholarly articles written on a variety of subjects. Although the “flavor” of this volume may be somewhat different than that of the first, it is certainly no less interesting. The reader is invited to compare the two volumes and determine the character of each.

As editors, we are grateful for the material contained herein. We sincerely thank the authors for their excellent endeavor. Their well-written manuscripts and their presentations at the 1992 Symposium will be forever appreciated.

As co-organizers of the Symposium, we also thank Ms. Domitrovic and Mr. Eady for their herculean effort in obtaining such fine displays to accompany the speakers’ presentations. Illustrated conferences such as these will continue to keep interest alive in minerals and mining and in all that the industry imparts to the future of Arizona.

Arizona’s mining heritage is wonderfully rich, and we have more to tell.

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