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VIRGINIA ORES CORPORATION STOCK ISSUE BOOKS

The collection of this Lynchburg, Virginia, corporation includes one book of preferred stock certificates, one book of common stock certificates, and one stock ledger listing to whom shares were sold.

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- 1-1** Stock Ledger (1917-1918)
 - 1-2** Stock Certificates (Common stock)
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The Virginia Ores Corporation was incorporated as a mining concern in Lynchburg, Virginia, on 6 April 1917. Original capital stock amounted to \$750,000 with \$200,000 shares of preferred, non-voting stock, and \$550,000 shares of common, voting stock. The original stock sold for \$1.00 per share with a proposed dividend of 7% per annum. The original board of directors included L. C. TETARD, of New York, as President, Robert. H. BLEVINS, of Lynchburg, as Vice-President, Ray O. BRANNON, of Lynchburg, as Secretary-Treasurer, R. S. BALDWIN, of New York, as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and Stanhope S. JOHNSON, of Lynchburg, as Board Member.

The corporation planned to mine manganese in Campbell County, Virginia. Plans included the development of eight hundred acres in the Evington district to mine "between one hundred and two hundred tons of manganese daily" for sale "to steel corporations, chemical companies, and the United States government."

In 1918, William Miller SHAW, of Wilmington, Delaware, became president of the corporation, with Stanhope S. JOHNSON as Vice-President, and Ray O. BRANNON, as Secretary-Treasurer.

At a meeting of the board of directors on 5 March 1921, it was recommended that the capital stock be increased to \$1,500,000, with \$1,100,000 shares of common stock, and \$400,000 shares of preferred stock, again at \$1.00 per share. The recommendation was approved at a meeting of the shareholders on 11 April 1921.

The corporation continued in existence until ca. 1928. Although no minutes of the meeting are recorded, apparently a stockholders meeting was held on 21 May 1928, with W. M. SHAW, S. S. JOHNSON, R. O. BRANNON, B. F. SHAW, T. W. MILLER, and J. F. LANE present, representing 494,300 shares, including proxies.

[Lynchburg, VA, Corporation Court, Charter Book No. 6, pp. 26-28, certified by VA State Corporation Commission 25 April 1917, recorded 1 May 1917; Charter No. 15566, Virginia Ores Corporation, *15th Annual Report of the State Corporation Commission for the Year Ending December 31, 1917* (Richmond: Davis Bottom, 1918), p. 654; *Lynchburg News*, 7 April 1917, p. 10, col. 1; Lynchburg, VA, Corporation Court, Charter Book No. 7, pp. 130-131, certified 21 April 1921, recorded 5 May 1921; *Lynchburg, Virginia, Directory, 1918* (Lynchburg: Hill Directory Co., 1918), p. 412; *Hill's Lynchburg, Virginia, City Directory, 1925* (Richmond: Hill Directory Co., 1925), p. 431. The corporation appears for the last time in this issue; Virginia Ores Corporation Stock Issue Books, Mss., MS1235, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]