



Harry A. Guess

In 1916, Harry's hard work paid off and he became the mining managing director of American Smelting and Refining Company, Inc. (ASARCO). The New York Times article reported the appointment of H. A. Guess to Board of Directors.

Harry then took upon a major role as the vice-president of ASARCO in 1917. He was in charge of mining operations and explorations.

ASARCO dedicated a research project on the samples of Buchans ore. As a result, ASARCO developed a method of separating the lead and zinc minerals in the Buchans ore. Guess' initiative was rewarded with much success as he pursued new discoveries.

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Check Out the Assay Office!



Get a taste of Greenwood's mining history by checking out the Assay Office beside the Greenwood Museum and Visitor Centre!

Assay offices were set up to test the purity of precious metals and determine the value of gold silver and copper.



Get a taste of Greenwood's World's Best Tasting Water!



In 2012, a sample of Greenwood's municipal drinking water was sent to the Berkley Springs International Water Tasting 22nd annual competition in West Virginia for judging.

Greenwood was honored with top prize with a score of 40 out of 44! Try a taste of Greenwood's world's best tasting water from the water trough!

A water trough is a long, narrow open container intended to provide drinking water to animals and livestock. Water troughs are common on farms and ranches.

The Guess Brothers

George A. Guess graduated with honours from Queen's college and the University in Kingston, Ontario. Older brother Harry A. Guess graduated with honours from Queen's University's School of Mining in 1895 at the age of 20.

Both brothers started to build a world-class reputation for themselves in the mining industry.



George A. Guess

George opened an Assay office in Midway, B.C. With the help of James J. White, George and James took eight tons of ore from the 'Susie' mine at Fairview Camp to a smelter which resulted in a net gain of \$60.

George became committee member of the Boundary Creek Mining and Commercial Associations which formed in Dec. 1897. In March of 1899 George decided to build a two-storey brick building to replace the existing assay office. The building would be used to give private lectures on mineralogy. George eventually left Greenwood in the year of 1902 for Fairview Camp.



Building that was once used as an Assay Office (now the Copper Eagle Bakery). Photo taken in 1982. George owned the building from 1899-1906. Harry owned the building from 1907-1937.

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In April 1896 Harry opened the Greenwood City branch of Guess Bros., Assayers & Chemists. The branch was originally a wooden structure located on Copper Street, next door to the Windsor Hotel, where the Copper Eagle Bakery stands today. His brother, George, joined him in the Greenwood office in March 1897. In 1899 the assay office was disassembled and relocated to Dundee Street. In the fall of 1899 the assay lab returned to the original site, now a brick structure known as the Guess Block.

In 1901 Harry joins the American Smelting and Refining Company's New York office. Guggenheim & Sons had controlling interest of this company.