



From 'coffee grinder' to museum piece

A one-ton rock crusher built in 1912 and once used north of Fairbanks on a mining claim is delivered to the University of Alaska museum by helicopter Monday. The three-unit stamp mill, known to miners as a "coffee grinder," crushes rock to extract gold. The equipment

came from the Soo Mine northwest of Pedro Mine, and is being relocated behind the museum. It was donated in 1979 by Edwin F. Stevens and Jean Bunnell Kennedy. The \$1000 mill was cheaper to deliver by helicopter than overland, according to museum Director Basil Hedrick.

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