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- Dall, William Healey 1845-1927
- Kennicott, Robert
- Ketchum, F. E
- Elliott, Henry W
- LeBarge, Michael
- Powell, John Wesley 1834-1902
- Bannister, Henry M
- Petroff, Ivan
- Allen, Henry Tureman
- United States Geological Survey (USGS)
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