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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The Big Vein Anthracite Collieries Records contains the daily fire boss reports for mining operation in McCoy (Montgomery County), Virginia, describing mine conditions.

Creator

Big Vein Anthracite Collieries

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

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Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Administrative History

Superior Anthracite Coal Company, headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, began developing the Big Vein Mine near McCoy (Montgomery County), Virginia, around 1919. One of the largest mine operations in Montgomery County, the Big Vein employed more than 300 miners at its peak in the 1930s. The mine continued to operate until 1954, but complete shutdown did not occur until 1958.

Scope and Content

This collection contains two bound volumes of daily fire boss reports for Big Vein Anthracite Collieries--owned by Superior Anthracite Coal Company--in McCoy (Montgomery County), Virginia. Each report records the date and time of mine inspection and notes conditions found by the fire boss. The reports are signed by fire bosses J. M. Albert (1926-1927) and C. D. McCoy (1929-1931) and countersigned by mine foreman D. E. Stanton. Most of the reports simply record the favorable condition of the mines in a single sentence, though a number record the presence of gas and action taken to clear it.

Related Archival Materials

Subsequent fire boss reports for Big Vein Anthracite Collieries may be found in Superior Anthracite Mines Fire Boss Reports, Ms2009-131.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Fire boss reports

Unit Date 1926-1928

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Unit Date 1926-May 1928

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