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Item No. 1: Front title: "Monongah No. 5 Workings"; back labeled: "Monongah #5 Sheet # 1". Map of surface area of mines marking plats, names, houses, barns, oil wells, cemetery, a spring, Booth's Creek, and road to Monongah. Also includes several drawings with labeled "Shaft", "Barrier pillar", "Dip Heading", etc.; and several lines with measurements, highlighted areas, and "X" markings.

Item No. 2: Front title: "Report Sheet Showing Operation of Stores during Month of July 1909 -- Fairmont Coal Company". Chart of statistics regarding operations of the Fairmont Coal Company in North-Central West Virginia.

Item No. 3: Front title: "Monongah No.5 Mine, The Consolidation Coal Co." (with scale and legend); back labeled: "# 5 Mine". Includes surface features and mine. Map of underground mine includes drawings of seams, faces, and labels of areas; also includes measurements, and written comments of "Open" and "Should be working".

Item No. 4: Front title: "Map of Fairmont Coal Region" (with legend). Map shows location of mines in counties of North-Central West Virginia.

Item No. 5: Back labeled: "Mine #6". Underground mine map includes seams, faces, and air courses. Also includes surface features of homes, schoolhouse, and Willow Tree Cemetery. Several small areas are outlined or highlighted, and labeled or marked "X".

Item No. 6: Back labeled: "Mine #8". Underground mine map includes measurements and labels of faces and seams: "cut crop of Pittsburgh seam", and "coverline of Pittsburgh seam". Also includes surface markings and labels.

Item No. 7: Front title: "Monongah #6 Mine"; back labeled: "#6 & #8". Four small maps, taped together, of both mines 6 and 8 creating a "special map" used by rescue/recovery crews as described in Davitt McAteer's book, "Monongah": "Mappers accompanied every crew. The location of each body was noted on a special map and that information was used to help identify the victims" (p.139). The notations made on the maps McAteer refers to are small red circles. A few of the circles have names written beside them. There are also "X" markings, one of which is labeled "Dynamite".

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