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Abstract

Photographic postcards documenting the C.H. Mead Coal Company, a mining company located in the Winding Gulf Coalfield in western Raleigh County and eastern Wyoming County, southern West Virginia. Includes 72 postcards issued by the Company in the 1930s in a numbered series to publicize their facilities and activities. Subjects of images include industrial infrastructure, equipment, offices, coal transport, housing, schools, stores, hospital, and portraits of managers. Some facilities are specifically identified for African-Americans. Of the numbered series of 77 postcards in this collection, numbers 1, 5, 13, 29, and 40 are missing. There are also seven photographs of similar subject matter, including one group portrait of an African-American family. These materials were collected by James Laing in connection with his 1933 dissertation "The Negro Miner in West Virginia" (available for check out in West Virginia University's Downtown Library).

Creator

C.H. Mead Coal Company

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