

**Roanoke Public Libraries
Virginia Room
Ernest F. Reynolds Collection**

Collection Description:

Repository: Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

Accession Number: 2006.7.5

Title: Ernest F. Reynolds Collection

Physical Characteristics: 2 record storage boxes

Donated by: Ernest Reynolds

Arrangement: Documents on coal mining are arranged first, alphabetically and subsequent topics are also arranged alphabetically thereafter.

Creator: Ernest F. Reynolds

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Introduction:

The collection is made up of scrapbook-like binders that held various materials related to coal mining in West Virginia and Virginia and other miscellaneous historical topics of interest to the creator. The binders were deconstructed to help consolidate material to aid researchers, while maintaining the original order of the materials. The collection consists of photos, notes, articles, and photocopies of different mediums associated with coal mining. Reynolds collection gives history and background of mines, coal mining and proves to be a well-rounded source of information regarding West Virginia and Virginia's coal heritage. Other topics such as iron furnaces are also explored in Reynolds' collection. Overall, the collection is diverse as well as complete in its range of information.

Biographical Note:

Ernest Reynolds is originally from West Virginia and moved to Roanoke later in life. He had early connections to coal mining (it is inferred that his father was a miner) and obviously nurtured a passion for the topic and similar ones that centered on West Virginia and the surrounding areas. Reynolds was also a writer and had several articles and short stories on coal mining published in various papers and magazines. Many rough and final drafts of these articles were included in the binders. Reynolds passed away in November of 2009 at the age of 92.

Scope and Content:

- The collection consists of 2 record storage boxes
- The collection is made up of various photographs, articles, maps, brochures, and photocopied materials
- The materials housed in the collection vary greatly and there is no definitive size or type of document
- The majority of Reynolds' books seem to have been constructed in the late 80s through the early 90s, while some of the copied material in the collection ranges from the early 1900s to the 2000s.

- While the collection offers a wide breadth, the most pronounced weakness noticed is that some of the materials are incomplete copies or poor quality copies of photos or articles.

Container List:

Box 1 of 2

Folder 1: Coal Mine Disasters – notes and correspondence

Folder 2: Coal Mine Disasters – articles

Folder 3: Coal Mine Disasters – photos

Folder 4: Coal Mine Disasters – photocopies

Folder 5: Coal Operators “Early Birds” – photos

Folder 6: Coal Operators “Early Birds” – brochures

Folder 7: Coal Operators “Early Birds” – articles

Folder 8: Coal Operators “Early Birds” – photocopies

Folder 9: Coal Prep – photocopies

Folder 10: Coal Prep – articles

Folder 11: Coal Prep – photos

Folder 12: Coal Prep A-M – articles

Folder 13: Coal Prep A-M – photos

Folder 14: Coal Prep A-M – photocopies

Folder 15: Coal Prep N-Y – photocopies

Folder 16: Coal Prep N-Y – articles

Folder 17: Coal Prep N-Y – photos

Folder 18: Coal Towns of W.Va. – notes

Folder 19: Coal Towns of W.Va. – photocopies

Folder 20: Coal Towns of W.Va. – photos

Folder 21: Coal Towns of W.Va. – articles

Folder 22: Coal Towns of W.Va. Affinity-Crozer – photocopies

Folder 23: Coal Towns of W.Va. Affinity-Crozer – articles

Folder 24: Coal Towns of W.Va. Affinity-Crozer – photos

Folder 25: Coal Towns of W.Va. Affinity-Crozer – notes

Folder 26: Coal Towns of W.Va. McAlphin-Stanaford – photocopies

Folder 27: Coal Towns of W.Va. McAlphin-Stanaford – articles

Folder 28: Coal Towns of W.Va. McAlphin-Stanaford – photos

Folder 29: Coal Towns of W.Va. Stotesbury-Yukon – photocopies

Folder 30: Coal Towns of W.Va. Stotesbury-Yukon – articles

Folder 31: Coal Towns of W.Va. Stotesbury-Yukon – photos

Folder 32: Coal Towns of W.Va. Stotesbury-Yukon – notes

Folder 33: Va. Coal Mines – photocopies

Folder 34: Va. Coal Mines – photos

Folder 35: Va. Coal Mines – articles

Folder 36: Botetourt County Furnaces – articles

Folder 37: Botetourt County Furnaces – photos

Folder 38: Botetourt County Furnaces – photocopies

Folder 39: Botetourt County Furnaces – notes

Folder 40: Furnaces – photos

Folder 41: Furnaces – articles

Folder 42: Furnaces – photocopies

Folder 43: Furnaces II – brochures

Folder 44: Furnaces II – notes

Folder 45: Furnaces II – photocopies

Folder 46: Furnaces II – photos

Folder 47: Furnaces II – articles

Folder 48: Va. Iron Furnaces A-M – notes

Folder 49: Va. Iron Furnaces A-M – photocopies

Folder 50: Va. Iron Furnaces A-M – articles

Folder 51: Va. Iron Furnaces A-M – brochures

Folder 52: Va. Iron Furnaces N-Z – notes

Folder 53: Va. Iron Furnaces N-Z – photocopies

Folder 54: Va. Iron Furnaces N-Z – articles

Folder 55: Wythe County Furnaces – photocopies

Folder 56: Wythe County Furnaces – photos

Folder 57: Wythe County Furnaces – notes

Folder 58: Wythe County Furnaces – articles

Box 2 of 2

Folder 1: Canaan Valley W.Va. – correspondence

Folder 2: Canaan Valley W.Va. – brochures

Folder 3: Canaan Valley W.Va. – photocopies

Folder 4: Canaan Valley W.Va. – articles

Folder 5: Canaan Valley W.Va. – photos

Folder 6: Fayette County – photocopies

Folder 7: Fayette County – articles

Folder 8: Fayette County – photos

Folder 9: Logan County – articles

Folder 10: Logan County – *History of Logan County* copy

Folder 11: McCoy Falls – photocopies

Folder 12: McCoy Falls – articles

Folder 13: McCoy Falls – photos

Folder 14: Mercer County – brochures

Folder 15: Mercer County – photos

Folder 16: Mercer County – articles

Folder 17: Mercer County – photocopies

Folder 18: Northfork County W.Va. – notes

Folder 19: Northfork County W.Va. – photocopies

Folder 20: Northfork County W.Va. – articles

Folder 21: Northfork County W.Va. – photos

Folder 22: New River Gorge – photocopies

Folder 23: New River Gorge – photos

Folder 24: New River Gorge – articles

Folder 25: Pocahontas County – photocopies

Folder 26: Pocahontas County – articles

Folder 27: Pocahontas County – photos

Folder 28: Raleigh & Wyoming Counties – brochures

Folder 29: Raleigh & Wyoming Counties – correspondence

Folder 30: Raleigh & Wyoming Counties – photocopies

Folder 31: Raleigh & Wyoming Counties – articles

Folder 32: Raleigh & Wyoming Counties – photos

Folder 33: Roanoke – newspaper clippings

Folder 34: Roanoke – miscellaneous

Folder 35: Roanoke News – miscellaneous

Folder 36: Roanoke News – newspaper clippings

Folder 37: North Carolina – postcards and collectible cards

Folder 38: Roanoke’s Heyday – photos

Folder 39: Roanoke’s Heyday – photocopies

Folder 40: Roanoke’s Heyday – articles

Folder 41: Roanoke’s Heyday – letters

Folder 42: Tazewell County – photos

Folder 43: Tazewell County – articles

Folder 44: Tazewell County – photocopies

Folder 45: Thurmond W.Va. – photocopies

Folder 46: Thurmond W.Va. – photos

Folder 47: Thurmond W.Va. – articles

Folder 48: Crimes of Mingo County W.Va. – notes

Folder 49: Crimes of Mingo County W.Va. – articles

Folder 50: Crimes of Mingo County W.Va. – photos

Folder 51: Crimes of Mingo County W.Va. – photocopies

Folder 52: *The History of Shenandoah County* Part 1 (copy)

Folder 53: *The History of Shenandoah County* Part 2 (copy)

Folder 54: *The History of Shenandoah County* Part 3 (copy)