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Historical Note

The Barnes and Tucker Coal Company laid its roots in 1872 when Thomas Barnes acquired a contract for clearing the way for a drift. Mr. Barnes, along with his brother John, opened up the Cuba Mine. The success of this mine allowed them to open up the Derby Mines and later Lancashire Mines #1 and #2. In 1893, Thomas Barnes acquired land from D. S. McAnulty, L. Plouse, and Joseph Porter, and Lancashire #4 Mine was opened. Shortly thereafter, Lancashire #3 Mine began operations. A new coal company was in business.

In 1893, Thomas Barnes became partners with Mr. C.S. D'Invillers and Mr. Alfred Tucker. The three men created the Anneston Coal Company. Three years later, in 1896, Thomas Barnes bought D'Invillers' share of the Anneston Coal Company, creating what is now known as the the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company.

In 1898, the first power plant was built. The plant supplied power to the Barnes & Tucker coal mines; it also supplied power to the town named after Thomas Barnes, Barnesboro, PA.

Thomas Barnes died in 1911. The company's holdings were inherited by his son, John Barnes. John, along with Richard T. Todhunter, successfully ran the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company from 1900 until John Barnes' death in 1930. Under their leadership, twelve new mines were opened.

Upon John Barnes' death, Miss Rachel Barnes took control of the company. She appointed John Barnes Mull, Thomas Barnes' great-grandson, Vice-President of Barnes & Tucker. John Barnes Mull eventually went on to become Chairman of the Board.

The Barnes and Tucker Coal Company was the first coal operation to use a stump air flow cleaning plant for coal. They were also one of the first to use conveyor belts. In 1949, Mr. Todhunter, Sr. convinced John Barnes Mull to import the new Samson Stripper from England so that longwall mining could be continuous.

In July 1970, ownership of the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company was taken over by Alco Standard Corporation. However, the Barnes family retained ownership of some of the mines. In 1974, the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company sold its Lancashire Mine #25 to Inland Steel Coal Company. At the same time, Barnes and Tucker sold their Lancashire Mines #24B and #24D to the Midvol Coal Company, a sister company to the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company. As of February 15, 1994, the Barnes and Tucker Company still owns Mine #20, and maintains an office in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

Scope and Content

The Barnes and Trucker papers are housed in five boxes. The records of the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company are far from complete. The company began in 1893, but records in this collection date from 1896. A forty-four year gap exists in these materials, which may be filled in by the statistical records in the Annual Report of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Mines, Bituminous Division. There are sporadic reports from 1953 through 1970. In 1970, Alco Standard Corporation acquired the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company. No records are available from after this time.

The collection consists of a mix of reports, photographs, slides, and payroll ledger books. The entire collection is housed in five boxes, which are broken down into three series. The first series contains the written reports. The second series contains some miscellaneous photographs and slides. The third series contains payroll ledger books.

Series Descriptions

Series I

This series includes reports on the various mines owned by the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, Fire Insurance Reports, and copies of photographs of the various mines that the company owned. Housed in five folders, this series covers the period from 1953 to 1961. The information in this series was arranged according to the numeration of the mines, and then chronologically. This series is located in Box 1 of this collection.

Series II

This series is comprised of photographs and slides of the various mines owned by the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company and slides of the employees of the company. The photographs are arranged by photo reference number. This series is contained in Box 1 of this collection with the exception of the slides, which are maintained in the slide drawer.

Series III

This series contains the Payroll Ledger Books of the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, dating from 1896 through 1908. The ledgers are arranged chronologically, and are housed boxes 2-5 of this collection.

Provenance

Unknown.

Restrictions

None.

Processor

Date unknown; records arranged and inventory written by Special Collections Staff.

Spring 2001; records rearranged and inventory rewritten by Special Collections Staff.

Summer 2009; records rearranged and inventory rewritten by Special Collections Staff.

Container List**Series I Reports****Box 1 Barnes and Tucker Coal Company Reports**

1. Lancashire Collieries Company, Lancashire Mine No. 20, Reports and Photographs (LCC1-LCC7)
2. Barnes and Tucker Company, Lancashire Mine No. 22 or Renglo Mine, Reports and Photographs, July 23, 1953 (BT1-BT14)
3. Fire Insurance Report on Barnes and Tucker Company, Reports and Photographs (BTC1-BTC6)
4. Imperial Coal Corporation, Reports and Photographs of Mines, August 1961 (ICC1-ICC40)
5. Photographs of Mines # 1, 3, 15, 24, 26, and the Diamond Mine (PMA1-PMA67)
6. Photographs of the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company (BTCCP1-BTCCP20)
7. History of the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company and background information
8. Real Photographs of the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company (BTCCP1-BTCCP20)
 - a. Unidentified Man born 4-1-1846, died 12-4-1890, BTCCP1
 - b. Clean Coal Storage Pile, Mine Number 20, BTCCP2
 - c. New Cleaning Plant Site and initial Construction, BTCCP3
 - d. Unidentified Mine, BTCCP4-7
 - e. Inspecting the Mine, BTCCP8
 - f. Unidentified Mine, BTCCP9-13
 - g. Mines Cars, BTCCP14
 - h. Railroad for Cars in the Mines, BTCCP15
 - i. Unidentified Mine, BTCCP16-17
 - j. Panoramic View of Service Plant, Part 1, BTCCP18
 - k. Panoramic View of Service Plant Part 2, BTCCP19
 - l. Panoramic View of Service Plant Part 3, BTCCP20

Series II Photographs**Box 1 Barnes and Tucker Coal Company Photographs**

1. Oil Pump House, Renglo Mine, Mine 22, 7/23/53, BT1
2. Scale and Rotary Dump House, Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT2
3. Sand Dryer House (Carshop), Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT3
4. Supply House and Office, Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT4
5. Supply House Annex, Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT5
6. Shop and Motor Barn, Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT6
7. Mine Foreman's Office (First Aid) 7/23/53, BT7
8. Office Building, Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT8
9. Lamp House, Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT9
10. Powder Magazine, Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT10
11. Oil Switch House, Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT11
12. Road Bridge, Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT12

13. Railroad Bridge, Renglo 22, 7/23/53, BT13
14. Domestic Coal Dump, 7/23/53, BT14
15. New Oil House Number 4, 10/11/57, BTC1
16. Shaft Wash and Lamp House, 10/11/57, BTC2
17. Shaft Commissary and Service Station, BTC3
18. Shaft Wash and Lamp House, Fan House, Elevator House, BTC4
19. Shaft Wash and Lamp House, Fan House, Elevator House, BTC5
20. Frame Composition-Covered Dwelling, Vacant, BTC6
21. Five Unidentified Men, BTCCP0
22. Washhouse, Lamphouse, and Office 8/61, ICC1
23. Repair Shop with Storage Building Number, ICC2
24. Storage Building No.1 with Old Hoist House for Rock Dump, ICC3
25. Keystone Mine, ICC4
26. Tipple-Looking North, Keystone Mine 8/61, ICC5
27. Looking West from Tipple, 8/61, ICC6
28. Mine Entrance, Keystone Mine, 8/61, ICC7
29. Tipple and New Bin, Keystone Mine 8/61, ICC8
30. Cap House, Keystone Mine, 8/61, ICC9
31. Yard Storage of Machine Oil, 8/61, ICC1
32. Fan House and Dixon Substation with Sand House, ICC11
33. Kirkland Substation, Keystone Mine 8/61, ICC12
34. Old School House-Storage Building, 8/61, ICC13
35. Dwelling South of Old School, 8/61, ICC14
36. Outdoor Coal Storage, Diamond Mine 8/61, ICC15
37. Community Building, Union Hall, Roman Catholic Church, 8/61, ICC16
38. Old School Storage Building, Diamond Mine 8/61, ICC17
39. Fan House, Diamond Mine, 8/61, ICC18
40. Wash House, Diamond Mine, 8/61, ICC19
41. Sand House, Diamond Mine, 8/61, ICC20
42. Storage Building Number 5 Old Charles Substation, ICC21
43. Mine Office, Supply House, and Motor Repair, Oil House, ICC22
44. Sample House, Diamond Mine, 8/61, ICC23
45. East Side of Tipple, 8/61, ICC24
46. Tipple from the North, Diamond Mine, 8/61, ICC25
47. New Bin Under Construction on West Side of Tipple, ICC26
48. Old Treatment House, Diamond Mine, 8/61, ICC27
49. Charles Substation, Diamond Mine, 8/61, ICC28
50. Taylor Substation North of Route 711, ICC29
51. Stephan's Substation Route 403, 8/61, ICC30
52. Main Office, Boltz Station, 8/61, ICC31
53. Tipple, Cardiff Mine, 8/61, ICC32
54. Oil House, Office, Old Lamp House, Storage and Substation, Cardiff Mine, 8/61, ICC33

55. Repair House, Cardiff Mine, 8/61, ICC34
56. Motor Repair Shop, Moshannon Mine, 8/61, ICC35
57. Lumber Shed, Storage, and Powder House, ICC36
58. Car Repair, Dead Storage, Moshannon Mine, 8/61, ICC37
59. Moshannon Tipple, 8/61, ICC38
60. Repair House, Sand House, and Drift Entrance, ICC39
61. Main Tipple, Moshannon Mine, 8/61, ICC40
62. Blacksmith Shop (Car Repair Shop), LCC1
63. Supply House, LCC2
64. Office, Lamp and Sand House, LCC3
65. Tipple and Scale House, LCC4
66. Power House (Substation), LCC5
67. Powder House and Cap House, LCC6
68. Private Garage, Lancashire Collieries Mine Number 20, LCC7
69. Unidentified Mine Number 24, PMA1-6
70. Air Plant Reject Mine 24, PMA7
71. Water Treatment and Stockpile Area Mine 24, PMA8-13
72. Duman Dam Water Treatment Area, PMA14-19
73. Portal Service Station, at Mine Number 15, PMA20-21
74. Portal House, at Mine Number 15, PMA22
75. Greenwich Mine Number 26, PMA23
76. Kinter Road, PMA24-37
77. Diamond Mine Surface Area, PMA38-40
78. Diamond Mine Cleaning Plant, PMA41-43
79. Diamond Mine Car Dump Bin, PMA44-46
80. Diamond Mine Buildings, PMA47-49
81. Cherry Hill Number 3 Mine Area, PMA50-55
82. Substation and Fan Site, Keystone Mine, PMA56-57
83. Cleaning Plant Number 1 Area, Keystone Mine, PMA58-61
84. Cleaning Plant Number 1 Area, Keystone Mine, PMA62-64
85. Washhouse Cleaning Plant 1, Keystone Mine, PMA65-67

Series III Slides (unable to locate)**Box 1 Barnes and Tucker Coal Company Slides**

1. Man sitting at a desk in black shirt with glasses and wheat colored tie, S1-4
2. Man standing. White shirt, no glasses, S2-8
3. Man in blue shirt sitting at a desk, on phone, S9-12
4. Man in white shirt standing at filing cabinet, S13-18
5. Man in suit, sitting at desk, with glasses, S19-23
6. Man in blue suit sitting at a desk with glasses, S24-27
7. Unidentified Slide marked 9/23/70, S28
8. Downstream from Mine Number 15, Note NaOH, S29

9. M. S. G. on Dam, Culvert, S30
10. Three truck loads 50% NaOH waiting, at State Treatment, S31
11. Red truck feeding 50% NaOH and Lime Storage on Standby, S32
12. State of PA Water above dam and hose delivering 50% NaOH, S33
13. 2 State of PA Treatment, note greenish blue color, S34
14. Downstream form dam after addition of 50% NaOH, S35
15. Slide of three men in the distance, S36
16. Charles P. Johnson, Myron S. Gellbach, Chester R. Mayberry, S37
17. National Coal Association April 1974 W8, S38
18. Man working in coal mines with a machine, S39
19. Man working inside coal mine in tunnel, S40
20. Coal miner picking coal, S41
21. Men in yellow cars in unidentified mine, S42

Series IV Ledgers

Box 2 Barnes and Tucker Coal Company Ledgers

1. Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, Payroll Ledger Book 1, October 1, 1896-November 15, 1899
2. Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, Payroll Ledger Book 2, November 16, 1899-December 15, 1900

Series IV Ledgers

Box 3 Barnes and Tucker Company Ledgers

1. Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, Payroll Ledger Book 3, December 16, 1900-November 30, 1901
2. Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, Payroll Ledger Book 4, November 30, 1901-November 15, 1902

Series IV Ledgers

Box 4 Barnes and Tucker Company Ledgers

1. Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, Payroll Ledger Book 5, November 16, 1902-December 15, 1903
2. Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, Payroll Ledger Book 6, December 16, 1903-January 31, 1905

Series IV Ledgers

Box 5 Barnes and Tucker Company Ledgers

1. Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, Payroll Ledger Book 7, February 1, 1905-June 15, 1906
2. Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, Payroll Ledger Book 8, January 16, 1908-December 15, 1908