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**Manuscript Group 91
Papers of Joan Schrock Phillipi**

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1 box, 1.5 linear feet

Biographical Note

Joan Schrock Phillipi, from Seward, Pennsylvania, was the first of six women coal miners employed in the Robinson Mine No. 1, which was owned by the Florence Mining Company, to earn her "mining papers." During the first two years with Florence Mining, Joan Schrock Phillipi ran a shuttle car, operated a utility supply car, laid track, and set roof supports. The granting of her mining papers or certificate of specialized training, allowed her to move onto the advanced position of "belt-person" or conveyor belt operator.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of Joan Schrock Phillipi including her certificates, items from her attendance at the 1979 UMWA Constitutional Convention, and notes and material from women miners' support groups. Also included in this collection are newspaper articles from 1977-1990 relating to coal mining activities in central Pennsylvania, including strikes, market fluctuation, and unemployment in the coal industry.

Provenance

The contents of this collection was donated by Joan Schrock Phillipi to the IUP Special Collections and University Archives.

Container List

Box 1

1. Certificates: Certificate of Training, dated June 15, 1979; and Bituminous Miners Certificate, dated June 14, 1978
2. Group Photograph: National Conference of Women Coal Miners, June 8-10, 1979
3. Periodical: *Mountain Life and Work*, May 1979
4. Memorabilia: Delegate to 48th Constitutional Convention, 1979
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Convention Materials
 - c. Identification Badge
5. Calendars / Personal Diaries, 1977 and 1979
6. Women Coal Miners' Support Groups
 - a. Related Conferences
7. Notes taken by Joan Schrock Phillipi during the National Conference of Women Coal Miners, June 8-10, 1979
8. Newspaper Article, 1977-1990