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**8 boxes; 8 linear feet**

**Historical Note**

This collection represents the history of the towns along the Ghost Town Trail including Claghorn, Rexis, Vintondale, and Wehrum in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Denise Dusza Weber is a retired school teacher and graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP).

Denise Weber has written several books about regional history including *Delano's Doman: A History of Warren Delano's mining towns of Vintondale, Wehrum, and Claghorn* (1991), Call Number: F159 .V54 W43 1991; and *Vintondale* (2008), Call Number: F159 .V54 W436 2008, both of which are in Special Collections and the Circulating Collection of the IUP Libraries. Additional publications are in this collection, including *Mary's Story: A girl's journey from an Appalachian coal mining town (Vintondale) to New York City and back again in the early 1900s* (2018) by Mary Ann LaMantia.

**Scope and Content**

The collection is housed in 8 archival boxes. The collection includes archival documents, ledgers, oral history interviews, VHS video cassette tapes, photographs, DVDs, floppy disks, cassette tapes, and forms. In Series II, the glass plate negatives of buildings and people in Vintondale were removed from the collection and placed in special storage. This collection contains photographs and other documents related to coal mining in and around Vintondale, Pennsylvania, including the communities of Claghorn, Dilltown, Nanty-Glo, Rexis, Vintondale, and Wehrum.

For more photographs of this region in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, see [Manuscript Group 74: Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission Collection](#) (MG 74 Series A Subseries I Box 20A Folder 24) which contains photographs of company towns and mine operations owned by the Lackawanna Coal & Coke Company in Claghorn, Rexis, Vintondale, and Wehrum. This collection also contains 1994 photographs of the PHMC historical marker dedicated to Malcolm Cowley, a native of Belsano, Cambria County, Pennsylvania (Manuscript Group 236).

Videos of Vintondale, Pennsylvania, are available on You Tube including: 1938 firemen convention <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQ1HzSw9Yus> and Vintondale in 1938 Part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sydEr9mbn9w> and Vintondale in 1938 Part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tG64oUOaAk>

**Series Description**

The Denise Weber Coal Miners Collection includes photographs and videos of oral history interviews with coal miners and their family members in and around Vintondale, Pennsylvania.

**Series I: Oral History Interviews and Research**

**Series II: Photographs and Memorabilia**

**Series III: Oversized Items**

**Provenance**

Donated by Denise Dusza Weber.

**Restrictions**

None.

**Processor**

This collection was initially processed by Chris Patterson in 2005. New material was added by Denise Weber. The collection was re-housed and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on February 8, 2024.

**Container List****Series I Oral History Interviews and Research****Box 1 Oral History Interviews and Research (10 VHS Tapes, CD/DVDs, and 1 folder)**

**These interviews were conducted by Christopher Reese as part of a class project. Denise Weber assisted in arranging some of the oral history interviews**

1. Video: Coal Mining Slides Provided by Denise Dunsza Weber of IUP Special Collections
2. Video Interview: Lewis and Eileen Ure
3. Video Interview: Sam Carnabuci (Tape 1)
4. Video Interview: Sam Carnabuci (Tape 2) Denise Dusza Weber Interview
5. Video Interview: Joseph Corti
6. Video Interview: William Martin (Tape 1) Nanty Glo – June 25, 1997
7. Video Interview: William Martin (Tape 2), Nanty Glo – June 25, 1997
8. Video Interview: Julius Morey – June 2, 1997
9. Video Interview: George Skubik – July 1, 1997
10. Video Interview: Lloyd Williams – July 1, 1997
11. CD/DVDs (copies)
  - a. Coal Mining Slides
  - b. Parks and Recreation: Vintondale and Wehrum – Scans
  - c. Vintondale and Wehrum: Scans
  - d. Vintondale and Wehrum: Coal Culture
  - e. Oral History Interview: Louis and Eileen Ure
  - f. Oral History Interview: Sam Carnabuci Tape 1
  - g. Oral History Interview: Sam Carnabuci Tape 2
  - h. Oral History Interview: Joseph Corti
  - i. Oral History Interview: William Martin Tape 1 – June 25, 1997
  - j. Oral History Interview: William Martin Tape 2 – June 25, 1997
  - k. Oral History Interview: Julius Morey – July 12, 1997 (2 copies)
  - l. Oral History Interview: George Skubik – July 1, 1997
  - m. Oral History Interview: Lloyd Williams – July 1, 1997
  - n. Documentary: A Coal Miner's Life produced by Christopher Reese, 1997
12. Folder:
  - a. Publication: *Stone-Stack Smelting Furnaces in Westmoreland County* by J. Paul Harman, April 1952
  - b. Photograph: Baseball Team, circa 1910

**Series I Oral History Interviews and Research****Box 2 Oral History Interviews and Research (19 DVDs, 2 mini cassette tapes, and 2 folders)  
CD/DVDs and Mini-Cassette Tapes**

1. Dr. Carl W. Bordas Interview, November 6, 2006 (DVD)
2. Dr. Carl Bordas Interview, January 25, 2008 (DVD)
3. Dr. Carl Bordas Interview (Mini-Cassette Tape 1)
4. Dr. Carl Bordas Interview (Mini-Cassette Tape 2)
5. Irwin Marcus Interview, January 25, 2008 (DVD) see Manuscript Group 116
6. Blairsville, Indiana County 1 (A-C), also Clymer II (DVD)
7. Homer City, Lucerne, Indiana County II (H-L) (DVD)
8. Saltsburg, Indiana County III (O-T) (DVD)
9. Clymer Archives I (DVD)
10. Clymer Archives II, Towns A-H (DVD)
11. Clymer Archives III, Towns H-Z (DVD)
12. Sagamore (DVD)
13. Indiana Archive IIa (DVD)
14. Indiana Archive IIb (DVD)
15. Indiana Archive III (DVD)
16. Archive III with Indiana Fair (DVD)
17. Indiana County History (DVD)
18. College I – Postcard Archive (DVD)
19. College II – Postcard Archive (DVD)

**Folder**

20. Oral History Interview Release Forms, January 2008

**Series I Oral History Interviews and Research****Box 2A Oral History Interviews (14 Audio Cassette Tapes and CD backup)**

1. Oral History Interview: Clarence Schwer – no date (1980s) tape 1
2. Oral History Interview: Clarence Schwer – no date (1980s) tape 2
3. Oral History Interview: Cora and Ruth Roberts – July 6, 1981
4. Oral History Interview: Lloyd Williams and Ann Wolf – August 2, 1981
5. Oral History Interview: Nick Sokal and Helen Vereb – February 16, 1985; and Mr. and Mrs. Jones – February 24, 1985 (home of Denise Weber)
6. Oral History Interview: Mrs. Wray – June 26, 1982; and Joe McGee – June 27, 1982
7. Oral History Interview: Lloyd Williams – June 27, 1982
8. Oral History Interview: John Crichton and Andy Stupi – April 12, 1982; and Helen Oravec – April 24, 1982
9. Oral History Interview: Francis Whinnie, George Gresko and Sid Pytash; and Judy and Mary Morey – September 1982
10. Oral History Interview: Liz Rabel and Ella Lantzy – January 7, 1983
11. Oral History Interview: Randolph Myers – May 13, 1984; and Anne Galesh and Eva Palanes – July 5, 1984
12. Oral History Interview: Radnoty and Catherine Chick – August 1, 1982; and Orris – August 1, 1982 and Mrs. Branick – August 3, 1982
13. Oral History Interview: Lovell Mitchell Esais – November 14, 1982; and Bill McMillen – no date (tape 1)

14. Oral History Interview: Lovell Mitchell Esais – November 14, 1982 (tape 2)
15. Oral History Interview: Mable Updyke (worked in the Vintondale Colliery Office and in Wehrum) and Mrs. Miriam Kranich, August 3, 1982 (daughter of Samuel Brett, company store)

## **Series II Photographs and Memorabilia**

### **Box 3 Photographs and Memorabilia from Vintondale donated by Denise Weber (42 folders)**

**These materials were collected by Denise Weber while researching *Delano's Domain: A History of Warren Delano's Mining Towns of Vintondale, Wehrum, and Claghorn.***

#### **Volume I, 1789-1991. c. 1991**

1. "The Busy Blacklick Valley" by Charles Hanson in 1904 transcribed by Jack Bartok in 2007-newspaper article
2. Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company (These original documents were among Vinton Colliery Company folders found discarded after the Vintondale Inn was torn down in the 1960s. Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company operated the #5 mine, and Webster Griffith was a lumberman from Ebensburg.)
  - a. Agreements
    - i. Webster Griffith and Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company, December 27, 1903
    - ii. Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company and Commercial Coal Mining Company, December 10, 1904
    - iii. Copy Agreement between Commercial Coal Mining Company and Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company for furnishing compressed air, July 28, 1905
    - iv. Webster Griffith and Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company, December 27, 1905
  - b. Correspondence
    - i. President of the Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company to J.C. McGinnis, Treasurer of the Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company, May 2, 1906
3. Claghorn (ghost town along the Ghost Town Trail. Opened in 1903 by the Lackawanna Coal and Coke Company, it closed a year later. In 1917, the Vinton Colliery re-opened the mines, which closed by 1924. Houses were occupied into the 1930s.)
  - a. Photographs
  - b. Negatives
  - c. Trestle and other photographs, 1922
4. Delano Family in New York – Courtesy of the FDR Library at Hyde Park, New York (Warren Delano, maternal uncle of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was the major investor in the Vinton Colliery Company.)
  - a. Algonac – Delano Family Home in Newburgh, New York, 1872.
  - b. Stun Valetje – home of Warren Delano III in Barrytown, New York, no date
  - c. Delano Family Gathering in Newburgh, New York on July 13, 1889. Birthday of Warren Delano III. Warren Delano II and wife Catherine Lyman Delano in the center with Franklin Delano Roosevelt in back, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left, Sarah Delano Roosevelt next to FDR, Warren Delano III on right.
5. Dilltown Photographs
6. 1913 Every Day Almanac and Home Helps, First National Bank of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania

7. Iron Furnaces (near Vintondale)
  - a. Buena Vista Furnace photographs, 1995
  - b. Eliza Furnace Mounted photograph, 1890s (Eliza Furnace produced pig iron from 1845-1847 and preceded the lumber and coal mining industries in the Blacklick Valley by 40 years.)
  - c. Eliza Furnace Photographs, 1990's
8. Graceton Coal and Coke Company correspondence with Robert Fisher, Vinton Colliery Company lawyer, 1935 (Graceton Coal and Coke was operated by the Vinton Colliery Company between 1920 and 1936.)
9. Lackawanna Coal & Lumber Company, Scranton, Pennsylvania
  - a. Agreements
    - i. Lackawanna Coal & Coke Company and Webster Griffith, timber land, December 28, 1905
    - ii. Letters between Warren Delano and Charles L. Hower about the purchase of the Lackawanna Coal & Coke lands by the Vinton Colliery Company, 1905
  - b. Company envelope, n.d.
  - c. Lackawanna Coal & Coke Company Daily Time Reports, Washery Outside, 1923
10. Nanty-Glo, Pennsylvania
  - a. Photograph of Railroad Trestle during 1977 Flood
11. New Boston Land Company Financial Records, 1925 and 1927
12. UMWA
  - a. Button: Welcome President W.A. "Tony" Boyle, Vice President Titler, Secretary-Treasurer Owens, UMWA District No. 6
  - b. UMWA Constitutions, 1944, 1948, 1960
  - c. UMWA Instructions to Local Unions and Districts in regard to Death Benefits, May 1, 1950
  - d. UMWA correspondence to the Honorable Harold L. Ickes, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, wage agreement within the framework of the so-called Ickes-Lewis agreement, December 11, 1943
  - e. President Emeritus Lewis Dies (1969). *United Mine Workers Journal*, 80(12). In memory of John L. Lewis (1880-1969), International President of the UMWA from 1917-1960.
13. Vinton Colliery No. 6 Photographs (1)
  - a. Mining Operations
  - b. Vinton Colliery No. 6
  - c. Vinton Colliery No. 6 Construction, 1906 (1)
  - d. Vinton Colliery No. 6 Construction (2)
  - e. Vinton Colliery No. 6 Tornado, 1919
  - f. Vinton Colliery No. 6 Mining Operation
  - g. Vinton Colliery No. 6 Washery Postcards
14. Vinton Colliery No. 6 Photographs (2)
  - a. Photographs of the Vinton Colliery No. 6 taken by Chief engineer John J. Huth
  - b. 1940 Vinton Colliery Company Bankruptcy and Shutdown
15. Vinton Colliery Company Agreements, 1905-1910 (1)
  - a. Liens against the Vinton Colliery Company, Vinton Land Company, Vintondale Amusement Company, 1905

- b. Copy Lease between Vinton Colliery Company and Cambridge Bituminous Coal Mining Company, March 31, 1905
  - c. Copy Agreement between Cambridge Bituminous Coal Mining Company and Vinton Colliery Company covering lease of Coal Plant, December 29, 1905 (envelope only)
  - d. A.A. Bennett and G.H. Thompson, sale of timber and bark, January 17, 1906
  - e. Vinton Lumber Company and Frank George, sale of timber and bark, February 13, 1907 and December 6, 1906
  - f. D.B. Stauff and Vinton Colliery Company, November 4, 1909
  - g. Agreement Abstract between Postal Telegraph Cable Company and Vinton Colliery Company for maintenance of loop between Vintondale and Chichoree, May 17, 1910.
  - h. Agreement between Vinton Lumber Company and Vinton Colliery Company for rental of houses in Raxis, November 1, 1910.
16. Vinton Colliery Company Agreements and Correspondence, 1915-1959 (2)
- a. Agreement between Johnstown Telephone Company and Vinton Colliery Company, August 24, 1912 (envelope only)
  - b. Copy Mortgage between Vinton Land Company to the Pennsylvania Company, August 1, 1916 and Copy Lease between Vinton Land Company and Vinton Colliery Company, July 31, 1916
  - c. Reopening of Vinton Colliery, n.d.
  - d. Nona Clyde, widow of Robert Clyde, and Vinton Colliery Company, March 10, 1915
  - e. Lease of Thomas Griffith Heirs, 1931-1933
  - f. Lease Agreement between Vinton Colliery Company and the Indiana Smokeless Coal Company, 1935
  - g. Sheriff's Sale: public sale at the Warehouse, Collins Fuel Company in Vintondale, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, 1959
17. Vinton Colliery Company
- a. Stationary
  - b. Pay envelopes
    - i. John Morey, 1930-1931
    - ii. Julius Morey, 1931, 1937-1938, 1942-1944, 1951, 1954, and 1959
  - c. Receipt for Jack Huth in account with the Vinton Colliery Company, 1929
18. Vinton Land Company Financial Records, 1925 and 1927
19. Vinton Lumber Company Agreements, 1905
20. Vinton Supply Company, 1935-1937
- a. One Dollar voucher for merchandise, n.d.
  - b. Letter from the Vinton Supply Company to the George Washington Company, 1935
  - c. Vinton Supply Company receipt for the Windber Construction Company, 1936
  - d. Vinton Supply Company receipt for the Windber Construction Company, 1936
  - e. Letter from the Vinton Supply Company to the Wheatley Mayonnaise Company, 1937
21. Vintondale – Accident Reports (Mine), 1943-1945
- a. Employer's Report for Unemployment Compensation signed by Julius Morey, Financial Secretary, UMWA Local No. 621, 1943
  - b. Vinton Mines, Miners and Cause of Accidents, 1943
  - c. Accident Report at Vinton Mine No. 1 for Eli Abramovich, 1945
22. Vintondale – Baloz Bagu Delivery Company paper bag, n.d.

23. Vintondale Photographs – Buildings and Grounds (1)
  - a. Aerial Views
  - b. Vintondale Signs and Views
  - c. Buildings
  - d. Buildings (2)
  - e. Vintondale Washery and Washery building fire, 1945
  - f. Company store
  - g. Narrow Gauge Railroad
24. Vintondale Photographs – Buildings and Grounds (2)
  - a. Buildings and people, n.d. (1900s)
  - b. Identified buildings and people, n.d.
  - c. People unidentified, n.d.
  - d. Ruins of buildings and structures
  - e. Road Marker between Vintondale and Black Lick
  - f. Churches
  - g. Vintondale, 1977
25. Vintondale Photographs – Church
  - a. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1902
  - b. Sts. Timothy and Mark Roman Catholic Chapel, 1996 (same building as 1902)
26. Vintondale – Family Stamp Book, n.d. (1929)
27. Vintondale – Flood, 1977 and Tornado, 1998
28. Vintondale High School
  - a. Commencement Program, 1934
  - b. Commencement Program, 1936
  - c. Commencement Program, 1938
  - d. Commencement Program, 1939
  - e. Play Program, “High Pressure Homer” by Bruce Brandon presented by the Senior Class, 1941
  - f. Commencement Exercises, 1944
  - g. Vintondale High School Yearbook *Vintonian*, 1946
29. Vintondale – John Huth Receipts
  - a. Receipt from the International Textbook Company in Scranton, Pennsylvania, 1907
30. Vintondale Inn and Mike Farkas, 1919-1934
  - a. Agreement between Warren Delano and Albert Fleitzer about rental of Vintondale Inn, March 7, 1912
  - b. Postcard of the Vintondale Inn, 1919
  - c. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Liquor License Joseph A. Shoemaker, 1919
  - d. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Liquor License Mike Farkas, 1920
  - e. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Liquor License Mike Farkas, 1933-1934
  - f. Hotel Liquor License, 1934
31. Vintondale – Maps
  - a. Master Map of Bracken and Shuman Run Watersheds, 1981
  - b. Miscellaneous maps showing Blacklick Creek, n.d.
32. Vintondale – Miscellaneous
  - a. Entertainment – Unidentified program, free beer, whiskey, pop, and popsicles, n.d.
33. Vintondale – Julius Morey Correspondence and Receipts



- a. Letter from Vintondale State Bank to John Morey, n.d. (1924)
- b. U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Mines Certificate of Additional First-Aid Training, 1938
- c. War Ration Book signed by Julius Morey, n.d. (1940s)
- d. Office of Defense Transportation, Gas Ration Certificate, 1944
- e. Receipts for Julius Morey, 1956
- f. Correspondence
  - i. Homecoming, "History of Strongstown, Pennsylvania," Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County to Julius Morey, September 17, 1960
- 34. Vintondale – Newspaper Article
  - a. Funeral Notice – Temetos, n.d. (in Polish)
- 35. Vintondale Photographs – People
  - a. Identified
  - b. Identified
  - c. Not Identified
- 36. Vintondale Photographs – Schools, Students, and Teachers
  - a. Vintondale High School – people identified
- 37. Vintondale Photographs – James Balog, Sr. and James Balog, Jr. with Denise Weber, Documentary, April 2017
- 38. Vintondale Photographs – Schools and Students
  - a. Photographs
  - b. Mounted
- 39. Vintondale Photographs – Sports Teams
- 40. Vintondale – United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) Local No. 621, 1948 and 1973
  - a. Stationary, n.d.
  - b. Membership dues, 1948
  - c. Letter from UMWA District No. 2 to dissolve all local unions, 1973
- 41. English translations of Hungarian Reformed Church Records, 1916-1960
- 42. Legal Size: Hungarian Reformed Church records (copies), the originals are in the Hungarian Reformed archives at the Bethlen Community Home in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, 1916-1960, the Hungarian Reformed Federation of American (HRFA), <https://www.bethlen.com/>

## **Series II Photographs and Memorabilia**

### **Box 4 Glass Plate Negatives of Vintondale (2 folders) – Fragile**

- 1. Glass Plate Negatives: Unidentified people in Vintondale, 1906
  - a. Men standing in doorway on porch of new Superintendent's House
  - b. Miners with mule above ground
  - c. Man standing by pond and trees
  - d. Vinton Colliery Insurance Map
  - e. Vinton Colliery Insurance Map
  - f. Man standing in doorway
  - g. Men standing and seated
  - h. Miners with surveying equipment
  - i. Men standing and seated
  - j. Miners with surveying equipment

2. Glass Plate Negatives: Vintondale – Buildings and Construction, no dates
  - a. Railroad cars, tracks, and construction
  - b. Mining operation with railroad tracks and housing
  - c. Railroad tracks and housing in the background
  - d. Coke ovens (top)
  - e. Building being constructed near the Power House and smoke stack
  - f. Mine tracks and Mine entrance
  - g. Coke ovens (side)
  - h. Building being constructed

## **Series II Photographs and Memorabilia**

### **Box 4A Glass Plate Negatives of Vintondale (6 folders) – Fragile**

1. Glass Plate Negatives: Vintondale Borough Ordinances
2. Glass Plate Negatives: Vinton Colliery Company Office Personnel (left to right): A. V. Caldwell, R. B. Adams, ?, George Blewitt, Verna Findley Morton, and Miss Foster.
3. Glass Plate Negatives: Vintondale – Superintendent Charles Hower in carriage and on horseback
4. Glass Plate Negatives: Vintondale Town Map
5. Glass Plate Negatives: Vinton Colliery Company #6 Mine Coke Oven Foundations, Mine Washery, and buildings
6. Glass Plate Negatives: Vinton Colliery Company #6 Mine Powerhouse (exterior and interior)

## **Series II**

### **Box 5 Photographs, Documents, and Memorabilia (35 folders)**

#### **Vintondale and Wehrum**

1. Ghost Town Trail: Red Mill, Lackawanna 3 & 4, Rexis, near Vintondale
2. Flooding and Projects: Photographs
  - a. Ruins of Lackawanna #3, 1990s
  - b. Cambridge Bituminous Coal: Ghost Town Trail, 1995
  - c. Red Mill Bridge, Rexas Branch of the Ghost Town Trail, 1995
  - d. Vintondale Ghost Town Trail, 1995
  - e. Vintondale Bridge and Railroad Trestle, 1995-1997
  - f. Laurel Run Cleanup, 1997
  - g. Vintondale Flood Reclamation Work, 1992
  - h. Three Springs Reclamation Project, 1997
  - i. Malcolm Cowley (1898-1989) PHMC Marker on Route 422 in Belsano, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, dedicated in 1994, for more information about Malcolm Cowley, see Manuscript Group 236
3. UMWA Vintondale Local Union #621 Receipts, Julius Morey, Secretary, 1941-1946, 1948-1950
4. UMWA Vintondale Local Union #621 Receipts and Correspondence, 1942-1949
5. UMWA Vintondale Local Union #621 List of dues to be collected, 1949-1950
6. UMWA Vintondale Local Union #621 Stationary, 1930s and 1940s
7. UMWA Vintondale Local Union #621 Employer's Report for Unemployment Compensation, 1942, 1944-1948

8. UMWA Vintondale Local Union #621 Employer's Tax Returns, 1942-1948 and Individual Tax Return Forms, 1948 and 1949
9. Coal Miner payment card and statement of earnings, 1945, 1965-1966
10. Vinton Coal and Coke Company
  - a. Check Stubs, 1944
  - b. Death Benefit Fund, n.d.
  - c. Employees of the Vinton Coal and Coke Company as of November 1, 1950
11. Tire or Tube Application, War Price and Rationing Board, 1943
12. Vintondale Borough Notice to all Residents, Garbage Disposal, 1966
13. Newspaper Articles, 1940s-1987
  - a. Birdseye View of Vintondale, Including Tipple and Works of Vinton Coal & Coke Company, n.d.
  - b. Views of Recent Vintondale Fire, n.d.
  - c. Vintondale Church Organized 50 Years Ago, n.d.
  - d. Vintondale's Beautiful Honor Roll Memorial, n.d.
  - e. Vintondale High School, 1939-1940
  - f. Photograph of Vintondale's Main Street Looking East, July 1944 and View of Vintondale, 1941
  - g. Among 22 Dead in Plane Crash: John Burgan, 38, Native of Vintondale, *Tribune Democrat*, April 9, 1951
  - h. Shandor left winning legacy in Valley of the Vikings, Paul Shandor, football coach at Blacklick Valley High School, *Tribune Democrat*, March 11, 1987
14. Birth Certificates, 1906-1910
15. Birth Certificates, 1910-1911
16. Birth Certificates, 1911-1912
17. Birth Certificates, 1912-1914
18. Birth Certificates, 1914-1915
19. Birth Certificates, 1916-1918
20. Birth Certificates, 1916, 1920-1921
21. Burial Permits, 1906-1916
22. Death Certificates, 1906-1910
23. Death Certificates, 1910-1911
24. Death Certificates, 1912
25. Death Certificates, 1913-1914
26. Death Certificates, 1913, 1915
27. Death Certificates, 1915-1916
28. Death Certificates, 1916-1917
29. Death Certificates, 1918
30. Death Certificates, 1920-1921
31. Photograph: Wehrum – Buildings
  - a. View, 1926
  - b. Ruins
  - c. Buildings and grounds identified
  - d. Buildings
  - e. Buildings and structures including Wehrum Dam
32. Photographs: Wehrum – Buildings (Mounted)

- a. Washery, Shaft and Coal bin, Lackawanna No. 3, 1922
- b. School children in front of school
- c. Washery No. 4 before and after fire in 1914
- 33. Photographs: Wehrum – People
  - a. People identified
  - b. People identified
  - c. Wehrum School with students identified, 1928
- 34. Minutes and Attendance of Wehrum Reunion
  - a. Notebook, 1960-1989
  - b. Notebook, 1981-1990 (last reunion)
- 35. Vintondale: Publication (2018):
  - a. LaMantia, Mary Ann. (2018). *Mary's Story: A girl's journey from an Appalachian coal mining town to New York City and back again in the early 1900s.*

## Series II

### Box 5A Photograph Album (1 item)

- 1. Photograph Album: Ghost Town Trail, 1980s-2010s, organized and identified by Denise Weber
  - a. Buena Vista Furnace, 1989
  - b. Eliza Furnace, 1992
  - c. Flood Reclamation Work, September 1992
  - d. Flood Levee, September 1992
  - e. Rails to Trails Celebration, October 1992
  - f. United High School Band, Rails to Trails Celebration, October 3, 1992
  - g. North Branch of Blacklick Creek
  - h. Twin Ruck Bridge and Blacklick Creek, September 1993
  - i. Ghost Town Trail between Twin Rocks and Bracken, 1993
  - j. Blacklick Creek from Ghost Town Trail
  - k. Big Cut (rock cut) near Twin Rocks, September 1993
  - l. Father Joseph, Father Don Dusza, Dave Dusza on the Ghost Town Trail, September 1993
  - m. Big Cut at Twin Rocks, 1993
  - n. Bituminous Coal seam at Big Cut, Twin Rocks, 1993
  - o. Big Cut, 1993
  - p. Timber regrowth area of dirt removed for flood levee, Raxis, October 1993
  - q. Wehrum Historical Marker (1901-1934) Blacklick Furnace, 1997
  - r. Blacklick / Wheatfield Furnace Historical Marker, 1997
  - s. Reclamation of Vinton Colliery #2, August 1994
  - t. Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) White Mill and Red Mill branches of the North Branch of Blacklick Creek, May 1995
  - u. North Branch of Blacklick Creek, May 1995
  - v. Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) Commercial Mine, Red Mill, 1995
  - w. AMD Commercial Mine, 1995
  - x. AMD Commercial Mine, Red Mine, 1995
  - y. North Branch of Blacklick Creek, 1995
  - z. Construction worker putting down surface for Ghost Town Trail, 1994
  - aa. Paul Fagley, in costume, Ghost Town Trail Celebration, October 1994
  - bb. Park Ranger Greg Zaberowski at Eliza Furnace, 1994

- cc. Eliza Furnace, 1994
- dd. Twin Rocks site of Ghost Town Trail opening, October 1994
- ee. Ghost Town Trail Celebration with Laurie Lafontaine, 1994
- ff. Joe Kovalchick at Ghost Town Trail Celebration, 1994
- gg. Flood Levees, 1995
- hh. Flood Control sign and the Big Rock (graffiti), 1995
- ii. Claghorn Bridge, February 1995
- jj. Dr. Phil Neusius, IUP Archaeology (Anthropology) Department, October 1995
- kk. Elk Run and White Mill branches of the North Branch of Blacklick Creek Bridge carrying Route 42, May 1995
- ll. Cut near Ghost Town Trail below Belsano, 1995
- mm. Approach to Ghost Town Trail on North Branch of Blacklick Creek, 1995
- nn. North Branch of Blacklick Creek, 1995
- oo. Mine Building, Commercial Mine, 1995
- pp. Slag Pile (Coal Refuse) Commercial Mine, 1995
- qq. Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) Pond, Red Mill, 1995
- rr. Rock Dump, Commercial Mine, Bracken, 1995
- ss. Bracken Rock Dump, 1995
- tt. Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company, Mine #5 foundation in center of photograph
- uu. Coal Company foundation at the Town of Weber
- vv. Island near Blacklick Creek Bridge, Vintondale, 1995
- ww. Study Group at Eliza Furnace, April 1995
- xx. Ghost Town Trail near Twin Rocks, bridge covered in snow, Christmas Day, December 25, 1995
- yy. High Water on North Branch of Blacklick Creek, January 20, 1995
- zz. Blacklick Creek flooding under ice, Ghost Town Trail, January 1996
- aaa. Railroad Bridge now Ghost Town Trail, North Branch of Blacklick Creek
- bbb. Run for the Eliza Furnace, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, August 30, 1996
- ccc. Wildcat Regiment Band, Eliza Furnace, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, August 31, 1996
- ddd. Lew Ripley and Sara Steelman, Eliza Furnace, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, August 31, 1996
- eee. Blacklick Creek Stream Cleanup, April 21, 1996
- fff. Artesian Well, Bracken, April 21, 1996
- ggg. Foundation, Bracken, 1996
- hhh. Restored Gamelands, site of Cambridge Bituminous Coal Company, Mine #5
- iii. Blacklick Creek Cleanup, 1996
- jjj. Rock dump, Bracken, 1996
- kkk. Ghost Town Trail display, 1996
- lll. Mosley farm, above Mine #3, 1997
- mmm. Strip mines above Vintondale, 1997
- nnn. Ghost Town Trail Regulations sign, 1997
- ooo. North Branch of Blacklick Creek, high water, AMD bore visible, 1997
- ppp. Laurel Run Restoration and Land Reclamation, Three Springs near Lackawanna Mine #3, November 1997
- qqq. Three Springs, 1997
- rrr. Flood Levee, Vintondale, 1997
- sss. Cambria & Indiana Railroad at Raxis, Pennsylvania, Historical Marker

- ttt. Ghost Town Trail mileage sign (Wehrum 3, Eliza Furnace 6, Vintondale 6, and Nanty Glo 12), September 11, 1997
- uuu. Tornado Damage, Lloyd Williams' house, July 1, 1998
- vvv. Tornado Damage, Baseball Field, Vintondale, July 1, 1998
- www. Beaver Dam on Blacklick Creek, near Wehrum, 1998
- xxx. Mine Foundations at Wehrum, October 1998
- yyy. Richard Pawling, Eliza Furnace, 1998
- zzz. Dedication signs of Red Mill Bridge, October 1999
- aaaa. Dedication of Red Mill Bridge, September 28, 1999
- bbbb. Laurie LaFontaine, Cambria & Indiana (C&I) Trail Council at Dedication, 1999
- cccc. North Branch of Blacklick Creek, September-October 1999
- dddd. Eliza Furnace, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Vintondale, 1996
- eeee. Henry Wehrum at the Wehrum Historical Marker, October 15, 1999
- ffff. Ghost Town Trail Celebration, October 1999
- gggg. Former Baseball Park and Flood Levee, Vintondale, October 1999
- hhhh. Strip Mine above Vintondale, Christmas Day, December 25, 1999
- iiii. Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) and ART presentation, June 15, 2000
- jjjj. Interview for AMD and ART, 2000
- kkkk. Three Sisters (AMD) boreholes in the North Branch of Blacklick Creek, 2000
- llll. Eliza Furnace, 2000
- mmmm. Rock dump by Blacklick Bridge in Vintondale
- nnnn. Blacklick Creek, North Branch, above Black Bridge
- oooo. AMD and ART Ground Breaking, August 5, 2000
- pppp. Sara Steelman, August 15, 2000
- qqqq. Jeanne Gleason, Ground Breaking, August 15, 2000
- rrrr. Sewer Line Installation, Second Street, Vintondale, November 2002
- ssss. Sewer Treatment Plant #3, 2002
- tttt. Brent Glass Grand Opening, AMD and ART symposium, July 2005
- uuuu. Parade, July 2005
- vvvv. Grand opening, July 2005
- wwww. Cambria & Indiana (C&I) Railroad in Raxis, Pennsylvania
- xxxx. Vintondale's Single Cell Jail on display, 2012
- yyyy. Brush Creek entry with Blacklick Creek from Claghorn Bridge, October 1989
- zzzz. AMD and ART dedication, Vintondale, August 15, 2000
- aaaaa. Back of Commercial Mine #16 portal, Red Mill, May 8, 1995
- bbbbb. Sewage Treatment Plant #3, Vintondale, 2002
- ccccc. Arleen Ure and Lynnette Tarr interview, Vintondale, June 15, 2000
- dddd. AMD and ART signage, Vintondale, November 6, 2004
- eeeee. Wehrum River Discharge, Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) site, January 20, 1996

## Series II

### Box 5B United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) Local Union #621 (7 folders and 1 box)

1. UMWA Local Union 621: Employee Collection Lists, 1948-1955, and no date (legal-size folder)
2. UMWA Local Union 621: Pennsylvania State and Federal Tax Forms, and Federal Security Agency Application Information
  - a. Federal Security Agency: Social Security Administration – Instructions to Applicant on

- Proof of Age (1951)
- b. Organization Exemption: Internal Revenue Code (1952)
- c. State Employer's Report for Unemployment Compensation (1949-1951)
- d. Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return (1950)
- 3. UMWA Local Union 621: Correspondence, 1953-1958
- 4. UMWA Local Union 621: Employee Collection Lists (see also folders 1 and 3)
- 5. UMWA Local Union 621: Membership Applications, 1942-1961
- 6. UMWA Local Union 621: Transfer Cards and Union Member Tax Information, 1943-1956
- 7. UMWA Local Union 621
  - a. Constitution of the International Union – United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), Washington, D.C., 1948, includes form instructions for Transfer Cards (see Folder 6)
  - b. Instructions to Local Unions and Districts in Regard to Pensions, effective May 1, 1950
- 8. Box (small)
  - a. UMWA Local Union 621: Receipt Books (see Box), 1950-1958 (red books)

### **Series III Oversized Items**

#### **Box 6 Oversized Items (2 blueprints, 2 ledgers, 2 photographs, and 1 journal)**

##### **Vintondale, Claghorn, and Cresson**

1. Blueprint (1): Trestle over Blacklick Creek, Vinton Colliery Company, Claghorn, Pennsylvania, T.W. Hoff – Chief Engineer, March 31, 1922 (revised April 6, 1922)
2. Blueprint (2): Map showing Coal Lands sold to Vinton Land Company by Lackawanna Coal & Coke Company in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, no date (circa 1917)
3. Ledger (1): Vintondale Inn, Proprietor Albert Fleitzer, October 1, 1910 to January 17, 1912 with advertisements for the Vintondale Inn, Duquesne Beer, and other Cambria County businesses.
4. Ledger (2): Store Accounts include: priest's account, April-November 1915 and church donations, 1915 and 1948-1949, pages 19-21; automobile expenses, 1916-1918, pages 24-29; accounts received and paid, 1920, 1944 and 1954, page 30-41; coal orders, 1945-1947, pages 42-43, and accounts received and paid, and automobile expenses, 1954-1961, pages 46-65.
5. Photograph: Northern Cambria Second Annual First Aid Meet, June 18, 1913, Cresson, Pennsylvania. Under the direction of the Bituminous Committee of the Pennsylvania YMCA. Photograph by William Chadderton, Gem Studio, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.
6. Photograph: UMWA National Executive Board with John L. Lewis, May 1955 (rolled)
7. Journal (Serial): UMWA cover with John L. Lewis

### **Series III Oversized Items**

#### **Box 7 Oversized Ledgers (3 ledgers)**

1. UMWA Local Union #621, Dues and Payments, 1933-1947
2. UMWA Local Union #621, Accounts, 1941-1944
3. UMWA Local Union #621, Dues and Payments, 1944-1957
4. UMWA Local Union #621, Financial Secretary's Ledger, 1933-1959

### **Series III Oversized Items**

#### **Box 8 Oversized Ledger (2 ledgers)**

1. Vintondale Tax Records, 1910
2. Vintondale Inn Hotel Register, 1922

**Series III Oversized Items**

**Blueprints with Associated Sheets (4) see flat file**

1. Blueprint: Vinton Colliery – Trestle over Black Lick Creek (Claghorn, Pennsylvania), certified engineer T. W. Hoff, March 31, 1922
  - a. Blueprint: Piers (detail)
  - b. Blueprint: Bents (detail)
  - c. Blueprint: Piers and Abutments (detail)