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3 boxes, 2 linear feet

Biographical Note

A native of Clymer, Pennsylvania, John Busovicki was a professor in the Mathematics Department at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) from 1969 to 2000. He has served in numerous civic organizations including the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, the Indiana County Sports Hall of Fame, and the Indiana Coin Club. Above all else, he is an avid collector of regional history including postcards, photographs, books, and memorabilia from Clymer and Indiana County. He became known as the Indiana County historian after writing [Indiana County](#) (2003), part of the postcard history series published by Arcadia Publishing.

John Busovicki was born in Clymer, Pennsylvania in Indiana County on December 10, 1939, and his parents were John F. Busovicki, Sr. (1908-1965) and Blanche Cernik Busovicki (1911-1982). He graduated from Clymer High School in 1957, and then he went to work for the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company in Ohio. He worked in the Rod and Wire Division making roof bolts for coal mines until 1961. He returned to Clymer and started to attend Indiana State College (ISC, later IUP). While commuting to college in Indiana, he worked the night shift for Magas Welding in Clymer as a mechanic. In 1962, he married Rose Ann Felichko, a 1959 graduate of Clymer High School. They have four children and live in Clymer. In 1965, John Busovicki graduated from ISC with a BSED, specializing in Secondary Mathematics. In 1965, he began teaching mathematics for the United School District in Armaugh, Pennsylvania. He taught Geometry, Trigonometry, and Advanced Mathematics, along with being the high school yearbook advisor for three years. In 1968, he was awarded a National Science Foundation Academic Year Institute grant from the University of Notre Dame, where he earned his MS in Mathematics in 1969. IUP appointed John Busovicki as a mathematics professor in 1969. After 31 years of teaching at IUP, he retired in 2000.



CBC Company Housing being built on Jefferson Street in Clymer, Pennsylvania in July 1923

Scope and Content

The John Busovicki Collection includes an oral history interview, and archival materials including information related to the history of Clymer, Pennsylvania, and the history of coal mining in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Most of the collection has specific information about the employees from the Clearfield Bituminous Coal (CBC) Corporation, and Clymer Mine 1 and 2 from 1938 to 1956. There are also scanned photographs and newspaper articles about the [Clymer Mine Disaster at Clymer Mine 1 in Sample Run on August 26, 1926](#).



Mine Rescue Team prepares to go underground, Clymer Mine 1, Sample Run, August 26, 1926

For more information about Clymer, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, there are several articles written by Eileen Mountjoy: [Unveiling a marker recalls event that killed 44 at Clymer No. 1](#) (Clymer Mine Disaster – August 26, 1926); and [Clymer Looking Back](#).

For more information about the Clearfield Bituminous Coal (CBC) Corporation, go to Penn State University Libraries [Collection 1493](#). CBC was first chartered as Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company in 1882 and it operated in central/western Pennsylvania until the 1950s. CBC moved their base of operations from Clearfield County to Indiana County in 1920. In 1942, the New York Central Railroad Company acquired the CBC mines and coal processing plants. About 132,000 tons of coal were mined by CBC in 1950, but that figure dropped to 67,000 tons in 1951.

Provenance

This collection was donated by John Busovicki.

Restrictions

None, this collection is open to the public for research.

Processor

In 2013, the collection was initially organized and the finding aid was written by the IUP Special Collections & University Archives.

Container List**Box 1 (7 folders) Coal Mining Material: Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation (CBC) Time Cards for mine employees in Clymer Mine 1 and 2, Indiana County, Pennsylvania**

1. [Clymer Mine Disaster – August 26, 1926](#) (44 coal miners were killed in Clymer Mine 1 at Sample Run in Indiana County, Pennsylvania): scanned photographs and newspaper articles about the Clymer Mine Disaster, 1926-2006
2. Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation (CBC): Time Cards, 1938
3. Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation (CBC): Time Cards, 1938-1939
4. CBC Time Cards, 1940-1942
 - a. Employee Time Cards, 1940-1941
 - b. Employee Time Cards: December 15, 1941. CBC Employees included Chichy, Wesley Burger, McCracken, Mike Genchur, George Potts, Kenneth Truitt, Tony Sgriccia, Ray Tair, Mike Snell, Leonard Thayer, Mike Pappal, Frank Pappal, Mike Togni, Robert Wilson, Edward James, Sylvester Cicera, Robert Thompson, John Mauk, Henry Duigau, Clifford Haight, Jonathan Hritska, George Hritska, Floyd Haight, Paul Buchanan, and Stanley Yackubaskey
 - c. Employee Time Cards, 1942
5. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC) Time Cards, 1943
6. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC) Time Cards, 1944 (1)
7. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC) Time Cards, 1944 (2)

Box 2 (17 folders) Coal Mining Material: Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation (CBC) for mine employees in Clymer Mine 1 and 2, Indiana County, Pennsylvania

1. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC) Time Cards, 1945
2. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC) Time Cards, 1946
3. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC) Time Cards, 1947 (1) including John Busovicki, Sr.
4. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC) Time Cards, 1947 (2)
5. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC) Time Cards, 1948
 - a. Employee Time Cards: January 31 and October 15, 1948 – Employees include Shelton Shulty, W.P. Lambing, R.R. Nimmo, Devere Hinderliter, Clyde Russell, Martin Falconer, Fred Rapach, D.R. Ecklund, Steve Gaul, Martha Jean Glenn, Frank Geneva, Rudell Goodlin, Andy Joseph, Robert Abbott, Seward Kapczyk, George Greer, Howard Glenn Beer, Albert Catanese, Felix Kubinski, James Coleman, Joe Sokol, Stanley Yackubaskey, John Campbell, Kenneth Truitt, Jim Kepins, Peter Pulo, Jr., Nick Kokolis, Lewis J. Geneva, Francis Puleo, Leland W. Goodlin, B.C. Freedline, Forrest B. Long, Pete Kokolis, Joe Bondra, Anthony

Kowalchick, Thomas Reagle, J.E. Snyder, George Wissinger, Joe Klein, Charles Wissinger, Edward Vasbinder, Walter Foreback, L.C. Nedrick, Alfred Shull, Paul P. Lucas, Ralph C. Geiyer, Wilmer Lukehart, Samuel J. Runyan, James J. Runyan, Clayton Pardee, and Edward John Kerfonta

6. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC) Time Cards, 1949 including Paul Felichko
7. Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation (CBC): Time Cards, 1951-1955 including Carl Utberg (John Busovicki Sr.'s brother-in-law)
8. Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation (CBC): Time Cards, 1956
9. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC): Assistant Foreman's Weekly Report of Cars Loaded for Clymer Mine 1 and 2, 1943 and 1948
10. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC): Mechanical Loading Reports for Clymer Mine 1 and 2, 1942-1944
 - a. CBC: Mechanical Loading Reports: Clymer Mine 1 and 2, August 18, 1942
 - b. CBC: Mechanical Loading Reports: Clymer Mine 1 and 2, 1944 (1)
 - c. CBC: Mechanical Loading Reports: Clymer Mine 1 and 2, 1944 (2)
11. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC): Mechanical Loading Reports for Clymer Mine 1 and 2, 1944 (3)
12. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC): Mechanical Loading Reports for Clymer Mine 1 and 2, 1956
13. The New York Central Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC): Daily Mine Reports for Clymer Mine 1 and 2, January 2-April 30, 1951
14. The New York Railroad Company: Coal Mining Department (CBC): Report of Railroad Cars Loaded for Clymer Mine 1 and 2, January 2-September 11, 1951
15. Newspaper Articles about the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation (CBC) including interviews and information from John Busovicki, Sr. and his brother-in-law Carl Utberg:
 - a. *Indiana Evening Gazette*, "Commodore: CBC Community a new kind of coal town," January 13, 1979 (Parts I-II)
 - b. *Indiana Gazette*, "Times were tough during the Depression," June 13, 2000



A view of CBC company housing in Clymer, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, circa 1920s

Box 3 (13 folders)

1. Clearfield Bituminous Coal (CBC) Corporation: Clymer #2 Mine – Daily Mine Reports, 1940-1942
2. CBC: Clymer #2 Mine – Assistant Foreman's Daily Report, August 12-27, 1943
3. CBC: Clymer #1-2 Mines – Assistant Foreman's Daily Report, 1944-1946
4. CBC: Employment Agreement, 1940
5. CBC: Advancement Report – Clymer Mine #1-2, 1946-1947
6. CBC: Mechanical Loading Report – Clymer Mine #2, 1938-1952
7. CBC: Report of Railroad Cars Loaded – Clymer Mine #1, 1939-1951
8. CBC: Report of Violation of Rules and Regulations, 1937-1950
9. CBC: Semi-monthly Mechanical Loader Report, 1932-1935
10. CBC: Supplemental Accident Report, 1943
11. CBC: Timber Account, 1935-1936
12. CBC: Clymer #1, 1937
13. CBC: Receipt Books:
 - a. Request for Repairs, 1937-1941
 - b. Work Orders, 1941

Oversized Ledgers (3 Ledgers)

1. Mine Foreman's Daily Inspection of Clymer #1 Mine, December 27, 1938 to June 17, 1940
2. Fire Boss' Report of Daily Inspection of Clymer #1 Mine, 25th Bituminous District, June 20, 1940 to September 13, 1943
3. Mine Foreman's Weekly Report: Clymer #1 Mine, June 4, 1941 to June 10, 1942