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Guide to the Benjamin Harrison Hay film of Buck Run mining community, circa 1930-1940

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	Benjamin Harrison Hay film of Buck Run mining community
Date:	circa 1930-1940
Identifier:	HSFA.1983.12
Creator:	Hay, Benjamin Harrison
Extent:	2 Film reels (33 minutes; black-and-white silent; 800 feet; 16mm)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
Digital Content:	Video: Benjamin Harrison Hay film of Buck Run mining community video clip, circa 1930-1940

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from Richard B. Wettereau and Cynthia Wettereau in 1983.

Provenance

Previously titled "Benjamin Harrison Hay's Footage of a Pennsylvania Colliery ca. 1930-1940"

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Please contact the archives for information on availability of access copies of audiovisual recordings. Original audiovisual material in the Human Studies Film Archives may not be played.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

Footage documenting coal mine operation and other activities in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania filmed by Mr. Wettereau's uncle, Benjamin Hay. Footage shows local people, school children, mine workers and miners, and a man with a dog (collie) posing for camera or working. Much of the footage shows the daily workings of an anthracite coal mining operation (Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania) in both winter and warmer weather.

Shown are steam shovels moving coal, various rail cars that are empty, filled with coal, being filled with coal and carrying miners into and out of tunnel; bull dozer pushing dirt; track workers working on the train tracks; workers laying pipe across trestle over ravine and alongside rail tracks; water running out of a tunnel through

a sluiceway; internal shots of large mine building and men picking up their pay at window. Writing on bull dozer and steam shovel reads: Bazley Inc, Pottsville, PA. Also captured is a spirited horse (thoroughbred?) held by a man and being ridden by a man; car being pulled out of snow bank; homes in a town with two young women (one in raccoon coat) playing with two dogs (one is the collie) in snow (older woman with camera photographing them); tree branches and power and telephone lines and poles weighed down with ice (presumably after a winter ice storm).

Legacy keywords: Coal mines and mining ; Heavy machinery ; Railroad ties ; Railroad cars ; Railroad tracks ; Ice ; Land use, Rural ; Village Communities ; Amateur films

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Local Numbers

HSFA 1983.12.1

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Coal miners
- Coal mines and mining

Types of Materials:

- silent films

Places:

- Buck Run (Schuylkill County, Pa.)
- North America
- Pennsylvania