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## Collection Overview

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<b>Summary:</b>	Materials and 1913 report relating to the work of the Pennsylvania Sate Anthracite Mine Cave Commission.

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

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## Biographical / Historical

The Pennsylvania State Anthracite Mine Cave Commission was created by an Act of the General Assembly of the state of Pennsylvania and approved by the governor, John K. Tener, on March 24, 1911.

The Commission was appointed to investigate and report on both the physical conditions and the legal rights over the anthracite coal fields at Scranton, Pennsylvania. It was also empowered, by the state legislature, to recommend appropriate legislation over the legal and proprietary land rights of landowners and miners at Scranton.

Headed by Mr. W. J. Richards of Pottsville, the Commission was to submit its report to the legislature not later than February 1, 1913. Mr. Richards was elected President of the Commission on June 12, 1911 and the Commission's report was ready on March 1, 1913.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the Commission's report, comprising: a 352 page report, including numerous photographs and maps; one 24 page printed copy of the report; one map of the city of Scranton, dated 1912; and eight blueprints of coal field sites.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged by type of material.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Anthracite coal
- Coal mines and mining -- Pennsylvania
- Metallurgical engineers
- Mining

Types of Materials:

- Reports

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Agriculture and Mining

Places:

- Pennsylvania

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Reports, 1913 - 1913

Box 1                      Main Report with photos, 352 pages, 1913 - 1913

Box 1                      Printed copy of report, 24 pages, 1913 - 1913

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## Series 2: Maps and Blueprints, 1912 - 1912

Box 2

Map of Scranton, 1912, one copy. Eight blueprints.

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