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## Guide to the Coxe Brothers Collection, 1886-1935

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Coxe Brothers Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1002
<b>Date:</b>	1886-1935
<b>Extent:</b>	100 Cubic feet
<b>Creator:</b>	Coxe Brothers and Company, Inc. (Drifton, Pennsylvania) History of Technology, Division of, NMAH, SI Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI Extractive Industries, Division of.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Coxe Brothers Collection</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Originally collected for the Division of Extractive Industries, National Museum of History and Technology (now the National Museum of American History), the exact date and source of acquisition is unknown. The collection was transferred by the Division of Work and Industry to the Archives Center in 2007.

### Related Materials

Additional papers relating to Coxe Brothers and Company are located in the Coxe Family Mining Papers, 1774-1968, at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; the William Wilgus Collection, 1915-1916, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; and the Lehigh Valley Railroad Records, 1849-1962, at the Pennsylvania State Archives.

### Other Finding Aids

Drawings are indexed. A guide to the glass plate negatives has been created.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by NMAH staff.

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## Biographical / Historical

Coxe Brothers was an anthracite coal producer which dated back to the coal property purchases by Tench Coxe between 1790 and 1824. Members of the Coxe family controlled numerous companies and businesses in the area, and remained independent for most of its history due to the management of Eckley B. Coxe. They designed much of their own equipment and machinery. In 1905 the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company purchased the capital stock of Coxe Brothers and Company.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection contains drawings of mine machinery and buildings, including buildings within the company town such as worker housing and churches; photographs, including glass plate negatives, of mining machinery, operations, and employees; papers relating to Eckley B. Coxe's patents; legal papers; maps, including real estate maps, contour and topographical maps, maps of highways and roads, insurance maps and others; deeds; leases; and agreements.

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## Arrangement

1 series.

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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
- Coal mines and mining -- Pennsylvania
- Company towns
- Mines
- Mining
- Mining equipment

### Types of Materials:

- Agreements
- Deeds
- Drawings -- 19th century
- Drawings -- 20th century
- Legal documents -- 19th century

Maps  
Patents -- 19th century  
Photographs  
Photographs -- 19th century

Names:

Coxe, Eckley B. (Eckley Brinton), 1839-1895  
Coxe, Tench, 1755-1824

Geographic Names:

Pennsylvania