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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Alabama Mining Institute Photographs
Date:	1920s
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1004
Creator:	Alabama Mining Institute
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Extractive Industries National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (3 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection consists of photographs and negatives that depict aspects of social life mining company towns in Alabama during the 1920s.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Originally collected for the Division of Extractive Industries. Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Ownership and Custodial History

The collection was transferred to the Archives Center by the Division of Work and Industry, but its previous provenance is unknown.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, 2023.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions on Access

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Biographical Note

The Alabama Mining Institute is a consortium of underground and surface mining operators, dating back to the 1920s.

Scope and Contents

Photographs depict social aspects of company town life by documenting primarily exterior views of buildings, such as miner's homes, company stores, dance halls, schools, churches and movie theaters. The interior views include doctor's offices, first aid stations, company stores, dairies and butcher shops. The typed descriptions define which structures intended for use by Black or White people. There are no photographs documenting mines or mining equipment.

Arrangement

Collectio is arranged into three series.

Series 1: Volume 1, Alabama Mining Institute Photograph Album, 1920s

Series 2: Volume 2, Alabama Mining Institute Photograph Album, 1920s

Series 3: Negatives, 1984

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Company towns
- Dwellings -- Alabama
- Mining and minerals industry
- Mining corporations
- Segregation
- Segregation in education

Types of Materials:

- Negatives
- Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- Acetate film -- 1900-1950

Names:

- Alabama Fuel and Iron Company, Overton, Alabama
- Central Iron and Coal Company, Kellerman, Albama
- DeBardeleben Coal Company (Sipsey, Alabama)
- Gulf States Steel Company (Sayre, Alabama)
- Imperial Coal and Coke Company (Bradford, Alabama)
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Extractive Industries
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry
- New Castle Coal and Coke Company (New Castle, Alabama)
- Railway Fuel Company (Parrish, Alabama)

Republic Iron and Steel Company (Republic, Alabama)
Republic Iron and Steel Company (Sayreton, Alabama)
Roden Coal Co. (Marvel, Alabama)
Southern Coal and Coke Company (Boothton, Alabama)
Woodward Iron Company (Woodward, Alabama)

Container Listing

Series 1: Volume 1, Alabama Mining Institute Photograph Album , 1920s

Box 1, Folder 1	Woodward Iron Company, Woodward, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 2	Central Iron & Coal Company, Kellerman, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 3	Burnell Coal Mining Company, Yerkwood, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 4	Empire Coal Company, Empire, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 5	DeBardleben Coal Company, Sipse, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 6	Railway Fuel Company, Parrish, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 7	Nelson Coal Corporation, Red Star, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 16	Gulf States Steel Company, Sayre, Alabama, 1920s

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Series 2: Volume 2, Alabama Mining Institute Photograph Album, 1920s

Box 1, Folder 8	House Outside Company Camps, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 9	Southern Coal and Coke Company, Boothon, Alabama , 1920s
Box 1, Folder 10	Roden Coal Company, Marvel, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 11	Alabama Fuel & Iron Company, Overton, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 12	Imperial Coal & Coke Company, Bradford, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 13	New Castle Coal Company, New Castle, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 14	Republic Iron & Steel Company, Sayreton, Alabama, 1920s
Box 1, Folder 15	Republic Iron & Steel Company, Republic, Alabama, 1920s

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Series 3: Negatives, 1984

Scope and Contents: Consists of black-and-white film negatives (4 in x 5 in) made in 1984 by the Smithsonian Office of Photographic Services.

Box 2, Folder 1	Negatives, 0 to 70
Box 2, Folder 2	Negatives, 71-40
Box 2, Folder 3	Negatives, 141-189
Box 2, Folder 4	Negatives, un-numbered

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