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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Alabama Mining Institute Photographs
Date:	undated.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1004
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry
Creator:	Alabama Mining Institute
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (3 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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 is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions on Access

Collection open for research on site by appointment. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

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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

Two volumes of photographs, plus negatives, of mining villages in Alabama, featuring company commissaries, hospitals, dining halls, boarding houses, schools, and recreational facilities. The photographs are captioned as to which facilities were for white employees and which for "colored" employees. Companies documented include the Woodward Iron Company, the Central Iron and Coal Company, DeBardeleben Coal Company, Railway Fuel Company, Southern Coal and Coke Company, Roden Coal Company, Alabama Fuel and Iron Company, Imperial Coal and Coke Company, New Castle Coal and Coke Company, Republic Iron and Steel Company, and Gulf States Steel Company.

Arrangement

1 series.

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:

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

Names:

- Alabama Fuel and Iron Company, Overton, Alabama
- Central Iron and Coal Company, Kellerman, Alabama
- 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 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)