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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 29 McHENRY Coal Company – Ohio County, Kentucky

2 boxes. 8 folders. 63 items. 1886-1905. Originals.

1958.19.1

BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

William Graham Duncan (1851-1929), superintendent and co-owner of the McHenry Mines, was called “The Coal King” of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. Born in Scotland, Duncan came with his parents to Airdrie, Kentucky, in 1855. His father Andrew Duncan, a practical miner, had been invited by Lord R. S. C. Aitcheson Alexander to supervise Lord Alexander’s mines. After the Airdrie furnace was abandoned, Duncan operated coal mines near Paradise and Airdrie, where William grew to manhood. After managing a number of mines in Ohio County and other places, William returned to Muhlenburg County in 1900 and opened two successful mines. Duncan served as president of the W. G. Duncan Coal Company, which was sold to the Peabody Coal Company of Chicago in the 1950s. On 16 May 1878, Duncan married Mary H. Hamilton, and their children were Katie Belle, Andrew W., and W. Graham Duncan, Jr. Andrew served Duncan Coal Company as secretary-treasurer and William G., Jr., was its mining engineer.

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COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of account books covering all operational phases of the McHenry Coal Company mines and their company store at McHenry and at the Echols mines in Ohio County, Kentucky. Included in the collection are a ledger of employees’ records, invoices of the company stores, accounts of daily production at the mines, land lease records, rent rolls, patient lists of Doctors Moore, Koontx, and Bohannon, list of employees’ daily wages, employees’ accounts at the company stores, and drafts from John Robertson’s lumber mill to his employees which were used as cash at the McHenry Coal Company store.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	McHenry Coal Company	1892-1905	62 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Production records; rent rolls; day men and employee lists	1892-1903	1 item
Folder 3	Company store record book of goods on hand	1892-1893	1 item
Folder 4	Machine work; mules; lands and leases; houses and buildings; machinery	1896-1905	1 item
Folder 5	Company store record book of goods on hand	1896	1 item
Folder 6	John Robertson – Vouchers for company store purchases; lumber and log tickets	1897-1898	56 items
Folder 7	Account book – Company store	1895-1898	1 item
BOX 2	McHenry Coal Company	1886-1892	1 item
Folder 1	Account Book – Company store	1886-1892	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

MSS McHENRY Coal Company – 1886-1905
29 Ohio County, Kentucky

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Account books, 1886-1905
Coal industry and trade, 1886-1905

Company stores, 1886-1905
Duncan, William Graham, 1851-1929
Echols Mines – Ohio County, 1886-1905
Ohio County – Account books, 1886-1905
Ohio County – Coal industry and trade, 1886-1905

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