Manuscript Group 109
United Mine Workers of America District 25
(Formally UMWA Districts 1, 7, and 9 of
Eastern Pennsylvania’s Anthracite Coal Fields)

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Anthracite coal, or hard coal, was first discovered and used by Native Americans and settlers in Northeastern Pennsylvania (Wyoming Valley) in the late 1790s. The anthracite coal fields are separated into three regions: the Wyoming field in the North surrounding Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, the Lehigh field surrounding the city of Hazleton, and the Schuylkill where Pottsville is located. The coal industry in these fields started slowly due to few coal markets and poor transportation routes. But on February 11, 1808, Luzerne County Judge Jesse Fell successfully demonstrated the use of burning anthracite coal for domestic purposes at his tavern in Wilkes-Barre.
Gradually, however, anthracite coal gained a market for use as a home-heating source due to its high efficiency and clean burning qualities. Also, with the building of canals and improved water ways, transporting anthracite coal to markets in Philadelphia and New York City became cheaper. Initially, small independent operators controlled many of the mines in the emerging anthracite industry. Then with the surge of railroads, anthracite coal production sharply increased in the 1870s and powerful railroads consumed these small operators and gained control of all the regions.¹

Early union efforts in the anthracite industry can be traced to John Bates who in 1848 established a local union in the Schuylkill field. With a membership 5,000 men, it called a strike in 1849 but was unsuccessful and by 1850 the union disbanded. For almost 20 years, there was little organization in the anthracite fields beyond small local organizational efforts. In 1868, these local groups formed the Workingmen’s Benevolent Association. With men in all three anthracite fields, the union claimed 30,000 members at its height under the leadership of John Siney. The Workingmen’s Benevolent Association was able to negotiate the first wage agreement in the anthracite industry with the Anthracite Board of Trade. However, by 1875 the union dissolved.²

From 1875 until the end of the 1890s, organized labor had virtually no representation in the anthracite fields. Efforts were made by the Knights of Labor to organize workers in the late 1870s to 1888. The Knights organized sixty local assemblies in 1877 but did not have much success in negotiating with the operators. In 1885, the rising tide of organization seen elsewhere in the country by the Knights also occurred in the anthracite fields. In 1887, the Knights called a strike with the Amalgamated Association of Miners and Mine Laborers, but this attempt failed to gain results for the mine workers and neither union would have an impact on the industry.³

Perry Blatz aptly describes three challenges faced by organized labor and mine workers in the anthracite fields: a diverse work force in terms of ethnicity, age, wages, and jobs; fierce opposition to unions by the powerful railroads who controlled the fields; and, despite efforts by militant workers, no successful strikes to use as a base of experience in future struggles. The combination of these conditions made the task of organizing by the United Mine Workers an uphill battle. Faced with these challenges, in 1894 the United Mine Workers of America organized their first locals in the Schuylkill fields. Membership in the United Mine Workers remained relatively small until 1900 by which time Districts 1, 7, and 9 had been organized; District 1 was located in the Schuylkill field, District 7 in the Lehigh field, and District 9 in the Wyoming field. The growth in the union membership did allow for the first industry wide

²“History of the Anthracite Board of Conciliation,” unpublished manuscript prepared by Michael J. Kosik, pp.1-2. Collection 108, Series 1, Box #4, file #2 The Special Collections and Archives of Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
strike in 1900, which resulted in gains for the union and workers, a ten percent wage increase and even greater membership.4

In 1902, from May 12 to October 23, a long and bitter strike was carried on by over 140,000 anthracite mine workers led by John Mitchell. The miners struck for increased wages, reduction in hours, union recognition, and the appointment of a check-weighmen at each colliery. In battle against the powerful railroad companies who controlled the three anthracite fields, the union maintained enough solidarity to prompt intervention by President Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt pressured the railroads to engage in arbitration under a presidential Anthracite Coal Strike Commission. After hearing a considerable amount of testimony from 558 witnesses and much investigation, on March 21, 1903 the commission made its ruling. The mine workers received a ten percent wage increase, a shorter work day from 10 to nine for company men (men paid by the hour, day, or week), and the right to employ a check-weighmen at each colliery. Additionally, the Commission established the Anthracite board of Conciliation.5 The award was to last for three years, but despite these gains, the union did not gain recognition.

After the 1902 strike and its settlement by the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, the UMWA’s districts struggled to maintain membership, which in turn made collective bargaining and the success of the Board of Conciliation limited. In 1906 and 1909, the union was unable to expand upon the gains made in 1903. As Perry Blatz remarks “the UMWA in anthracite was trapped in a kind of ‘twilight’ status, accepting the modicum of security the operators extended to it.” However, strength returned to the union after a strike in 1912 that resulted in another ten percent wage increase and the establishment of grievance committees at each mine. With success and renewed strength the union was able to maintain and organize a large percentage of workers in the 1910s and into the 1920s.


Series Descriptions

Series 1: Records of Districts 1, 7, and 9
Subseries A: Wage Rates and Agreements and Shipping Agreements, Correspondence between International and Districts 1, 7, and 9, and miscellaneous material
Sub-series A consists of wage rates and shipping agreements starting in 1912 to 1959 which include agreements made by the union and individual coal companies. They include adjustments and revisions made by both parties. Sub-series A, Box #1 also contains two files of particular interest: file #10, Correspondence between pumpmen and engineers and District offices from 1920 and file #13, Old District Letters, dating from 1919-1958. The correspondence between pumpmen and engineers and the District offices relate the struggles and concerns workers had which resulted in a strike in 1920.

4Blatz, p.65.
Completing Series 1, Sub-series A are run of Correspondence between the anthracite District and International officers (John L. Lewis, Thomas Kennedy, and John Owens) dating from 1925 to 1962.

**Series 1: Records of Districts 1, 7, and 9**

**Subseries B: Publications**
The earliest records are in the form of proceedings of Tri-District and District 9 proceedings from the years 1900 to 1950 (inconclusive) found in Series 1, Sub-series B. The value of the proceedings is great in that they reflect the organization and structure of the union on the District level. However, using these proceedings can be frustrating because the early proceedings are not in verbatim. It is best to use these earlier proceedings as a guide or as a reference pointing to other available sources such as local newspapers or the grievances contained in Collection’s 108 and 109. This sub-series also contains various published reports made to District 9 and other miscellaneous publications.

**Series 1: Records of Districts 1, 7, and 9**

**Subseries C: Photographs**
Perhaps the richest aspect of Collection 109 can be found in Series 1, Sub-series C. This sub-series contains 248 pictures of various mines and collieries (above and below ground) pictures of international and District officials, and local union charters. The highlights of this part of Collection 109, is a lithograph portrait of John Mitchell titled the “Miners Champion,” a Knights of Labor charter from 1885, and a photograph depicting a group workers with the following caption penciled in, “Say Mike! This increase in my pay is following the best practice.”

Also included in Collection 109 are Board of Conciliation grievance files from District 7.

**Series 1: Records of Districts 1, 7, and 9**

**Subseries D: Ephemera and Memorabilia**
Series I Subseries D includes other collection materials outside of Series 1 Subseries A, B, and C.

**Scope and Content Note**
Completing the currently processed material, are a group of records detailing wage rates from various companies in the anthracite region, but a large amount of material from the office of UMWA District 25, starting in 1969, is not yet processed. However, a preliminary organization of the material reveals correspondence and other general office material.

**Provenance**
None

**Restrictions**
None.

**Processor**
The finding aid was compiled by Joshua Campbell Torrance.

**Container List**

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4. Proceedings of the Anthracite Cooperative Congress-November 9-10, 1927
5. Anthracite Wage Agreement, September 1, 1966
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58. “McMynn” outbuilding
59. “Bennet” coal chute
60. “Funetti” wooden breaker
61. Mine mouth
62. “Nardelli” breaker tracks
63. “Calbrunio Tipple”
64. Compressor at mine site
65. “esgro” track and wooden breaker
66. “Grombetti” wooden breaker
67. Mine mouth
68. Mine mouth
69. Abandoned mine
70. “Mottey” wooden breaker
71. “Lombardo” mine mouth
72. “Sombardo” mine breaker
73. “Sombardo” mine mouth
74. Fernati
75. “H.A. Light Drift”
76. “Esgro” (H.A. Light)
77. Northwest Coal Co. mine mouth
78. Wooden breaker
79. Ringer Coal: wooden “cage” and hoist
80. “Nayduck” mine mouth
81. Unidentified breaker complex
82. “Danks” wooden breaker
83. “Malina” mule in stable
84. “Kalwyn” mine mouth
85. “M&R” mine cars on track
86. Mine mouth and track
87. “Aimonick” hoist
88. Unidentified mine mouth
89. “Sebastiaqnlili” mine mouth
90. “Pagnani” mine track
91. “M&R”
92. “Wilson #1” mine mouth
93. “Giombetti” mine mouth: man on motor
94. Wooden breaker
95. Wilson #3: bony pile
96. Mine mouth: slpe
97. “Wilson #3” mine mouth and wooden outbuilding
98. “Stone” mine mouth
99. “Zelfini” 1930s car as power
100. “Mottey” small breaker
101. “Stone” small breaker
102. “Esgro” bony pile
103. Bony dump
104. Mine mouth
105. Wilson #3
106. “Pagnani” wooden breaker
107. “Northwest Coal”
108. “Seblosky” wooden breaker
109. “mcmynn” wooden breaker
110. Officials placing wreath
111. Mule-drawn wagon

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Subseries C: Photographs
Box 1A 3x5 Photographs
1. Two men in breaker with mine car
2. Seven men beside railroad car
3. Men underground cutting timber
4. Miner in low coal-loaded cars
5. Three men underground
6. Grassy Island #2 shaft
7. Scene after fire at Coalbrook Locomotive House, November 1947
8. Scene after fire at Coalbrook Locomotive House, November 1947
9. Two men on motor, outside
10. Miner outside by empty mine car
11. Shaft with hoist
12. Underground mine, props and track
13. Underground, steam hoses
14. Underground, motorman
15. Motorman outside
16. Motorman outside
17. “Scrap for the war” #1 Drift, Birdseye
18. Railroad yard, locomotive
19. Three men outside shaft mine mouth
20. Underground “cavern”
21. Shaft with haulage
22. Motorman standing on track
23. Joseph Houlihan
24. Motorman standing on track
25. Breaker: full view
26. Mine roof, bolts
27. Motorman with sprag
28. Test roof
29. Spray area
30. Collapsed roof
31. “Transportation rules”
32. Mine roof with supports
33. Test roof
34. Engineer with map of mine layout
35. 1930s ambulance
36. Collapsed roof
37. Collapsed roof
38. Mine officials placing wreath
39. Coal scrubbers
40. Brakeman with sprag
41. Unidentified speaker, 1920s
42. Miner’s parade
43. Breaker
44. Mine car with sprag
45. Ambulance, 1930s
46. Men on mine car, outside
47. Wooden mine car
48. Safety award

Series 1: Records of Districts 1, 7, and 9
Subseries C: Ephemera and Memorabilia
Box 2 Oversized photographs and Charters
1. John White (18x15)
2. Group of men, center, John Mitchell (18x14)
3. Unidentified man (20x20)
4. Tony Boyle (10x14)
5. Unidentified group of men, ca. 1900 (13x18)
6. John Owens, International Secretary & Treasurer (10x14)
7. John Owens, International Sec.-Treas. (10x14)
8. Travelling auditors of UMWA, 1916 (18x24)
9. Knights of Labor Local Union 4320 Charter, 1885
10. Charter District 25
11. Charter District 9
12. Charter Local Union 8177: Prize winning Mule Team in front of Marvine Colliery
13. Charter Local Union 1584
14. Charter Local Union 804: Hudson Coal Company Building in Scranton, ca. 1940s
15. Charter Local Union 8001
16. Charter Local Union 1767: Unidentified UMWA Executive Board Members
17. Charter Local Union 1535: UMWA Executive Board Members
18. Charter Local Union 1548
19. Charter Local Union 1442: Tony Boyle
21. Charter Local Union 8027
22. Charter Local Union 1322: UMWA International Presidents, 1890-1965
23. Charter Local Union 2647: UMWA International Presidents, 1890-1923

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Framed photographs: Room 301
2. John Mitchell portrait (lithograph) (20x24)
3. John Mitchell President Local Union 1616 portrait (charcoal drawing)
4. Charter: Local Union 1572 Lansford, PA, 1929 (25x29)
5. Charter: Local Union 7299 Lansford, PA, 1936 (25x29)
6. WWI Roll of Honor Local Union 2310, (18x23)
7. UMWA Tri-District Convention, January 16-21, 1922 (10x30)
8. Golden Jubilee Convention District #9, 1940 (11x31)
9. UMWA International Executive Board July, 1948 (23x31)
10. UMWA International Executive Board, 1960 (23x31)
11. UMWA International Executive Board, 1955 (23x31)
12. Anthracite Mine Photo (43x18)
13. UMWA International Executive Board, circa late 1960s (23x31)
14. UMWA Golden Jubilee Columbus, Ohio, 1940 (47x12)

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Map Case in Room 301 drawers 9 & 10
1. UMWA International Executive Board, Jan. 25, 1990 UMWA Centennial 1890-1990
2. UMWA at Columbus, Ohio January 5-7, 1920, Encapsulated photo.
3. UMWA Columbus, Ohio January 23 – February 01, 1940
4. Resolution in memorial to David J. Stevens
5. Twenty Third Successive & Sixth Biennial Convention #9 District Minersville, PA
6. Anthracite Board of Conciliation, miner’s operators, June 1951. Encapsulated photo
7. 4th graduating class, Camp Bayonet School, Camp Lee, Va. November 1918
8. Supporting the UMWA, Solidarity ’93. Encapsulated photo.
10. Rand McNally State – County –City Map. Encapsulated photo
12. District #7 Golden Anniversary YMWA Columbus, Ohio, January 23- February 1, 1940. Encapsulated photo
14. 45th Constitutional Convention of the Congress UMWA September 4-13, 1968, Denver, Colorado. Encapsulated photo
15. UMWA International Executive Board. Encapsulated photo.
16. 31st Constitutional Convention of the Congress UMWA March 10-19, 1930, Indianapolis, Indiana. Encapsulated photo
17. Sam Church Jr., Arnold Miller, Willard A. Escelity(?). Encapsulated photo.
18. District #7 Delegation to 31st Constitutional Convention of the Congress UMWA Cincinnati, Ohio, October 6, 1942. Encapsulated photo
19. Map of the Anthracite Coal Field of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1942– Blue print encapsulated
20. Map of Local Unions in North Eastern Pennsylvania, labeled Frank Yarnitsky 1974, Sub #1, #2, #3 & Local Unions
22. General Highway Map Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, January 1968
23. Map of UMWA local unions in the vicinity of Shenandoah Stripping, Ashland, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1948
25. Map of area under the control of the Union Improvement Company O
26. Map of area under the control of the Union Improvement Company O’
27. Map of area under the control of the Union Improvement Company P’
28. General Map Northern Anthracite Coal Field of Pennsylvania Labeled with Main Openings, Breakers, & Operators, 1930
29. General Map Northern Anthracite Coal Field of Pennsylvania. Labeled with Main Openings, Breakers, & Operators, 1925
30. Map of Eastern Middle Coal Field, Western Middle Coal Field, & Southern Field, Eastern Pennsylvania
31. Map of Far Eastern Northumberland County, Property and Mineral Rights undated
32. Map of Eastern Northumberland County, Property and Mineral Rights undated
33. Map of Leigh Valley Anthracite, Inc. – Morea / New Boston Collieries Mining Operation & Ash Disposal Permit Areas (rolled)
34. Pennsylvania Federation Of Labor Charter UMWA Local Union 250, District No. 7, Lattimer, Pennsylvania
35. Pennsylvania Federation Of Labor Charter UMWA Local Union 961, District No. 7, Jeanesville, Pennsylvania
36. UMWA Charter Local Union 1430, Junedale, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1926
37. Official Vote Tally by Local Union, District No. 7 UMWA, Election Day, August 20, 1940
38. Artwork for full page newspaper ad celebrating the 100th anniversary year of UMWA Ads to first run January 25, 1990
39. Artwork for half-page newspaper ad celebrating the 100th anniversary year of UMWA Ads to first run January 25, 1990
40. Charter UMWA Pennsylvania Local Union 6902, dated May 8, 1934
41. Charter UMWA Pennsylvania Local Union 7579, dated July 22, 1938
42. Charter UMWA Pennsylvania Local Union 7752, dated January 13, 1941
43. Printed portraits of John L. Lewis, Thomas Kennedy, & Phillip Murray
44. Printed reproduction of photograph of the First National Convention UMWA Columbus, Ohio, January 22, 1890
45. Delegate’s Convention of District No. 1 UMWA Scranton, PA Week beginning July 21, 1919
46. Group Photograph UMWA Tri-District Convention, Shamokin, Pennsylvania, January 16 to 21, 1922
47. 22nd Consecutive Constitutional Convention, of District 1, UMWA Mount Carmel, PA, 1926
48. Group photograph 32nd Consecutive Constitutional Convention of UMWA, Indianapolis, Indiana, January 1932
49. Group photograph 33rd Consecutive Constitutional Convention of UMWA, Indianapolis, Indiana, January 1934
51. Group photograph 34th Consecutive Constitutional Convention of UMWA, Washington D.C., January 1936
52. Group photograph District No. 1 Constitutional Convention, Washington D.C., January 1936
54. Group photograph 37th Consecutive Constitutional Convention of UMWA, Music Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 1942
55. Group photograph District No. 7 Delegation, 37th Consecutive Constitutional Convention of UMWA, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 6, 1942
56. Group photograph District No. 7 Delegates UMWA Convention with St Ann’s Band of Freeland, PA, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 1944 - 3 copies
57. 32nd Constitutional Convention District #9 UMWA, September 19, 1950, Mount Carmel, PA (2 copies)
58. Group photograph 41st Consecutive Constitutional Convention of UMWA, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 7-15, 1952
59. Group photograph 42nd Consecutive Constitutional Convention of UMWA, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 1956
60. Group photograph 43rd Consecutive Constitutional Convention of UMWA, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 4-12, 1960 – 3 copies
62. Group photograph unknown date and location – 2 copies
63. International Executive Board UMWA, July 1948 Officers & District Presidents
64. International Executive Board UMWA, May 1955

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  1. Pre-Negotiations Information Request
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  4. 1994 Double Spaced Contract Proposal
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  6. 1992 & 1993 Wage Rates
  8. Miscellaneous Correspondence & Notes in Preparation
  9. Local Union 4004 Phone Directory
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 12. 1990 Wage Agreement Triple Spaced
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  1. Miscellaneous Files (1981-1983)
  2. Letters to and from International Union
  3. Penn State Student Trade Unionist Conference
  4. Letters to and from Local Unions
  5. Election Reports Committee Part A
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  7. Letters to and from other Districts
  8. Lattimer Associates, Stafford, Cal-Am, Amscot Part A
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1. District Merger, 1991
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