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Centralia Mine Fire Collection, 1860-2006

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## **Brief Summary**

The Centralia mine fire began in 1962 when trash was burned near an opening to a coal vein, igniting the coal. Initially, the town of Centralia attempted to combat the fire by using the local fire department to blast water into the mine tunnel. When this was unsuccessful, the Centralia Borough turned to the federal government for assistance funding projects to extinguish the fire. Many attempts were made throughout the 1960s, 70s, and 80s to smother the fire by tunneling perpendicular to the coal vein in an attempt to cut off the spread and by filling boreholes with a slurry to douse the fire. Despite the numerous attempts, the fire continued to spread along the coal vein, eventually stretching underneath the town of Centralia. In the 1980s, carbon monoxide detectors were placed in homes and public buildings throughout the town to monitor citizens' exposure to the deadly chemicals released by the fire. The citizens of the town banded together to form the Concerned Citizens Action Group and the Centralia Committee on Human Development to petition the government for more assistance to save their town. When it became clear that the fire would continue to spread and would jeopardize the citizens' health with noxious gasses and structurally compromised buildings and roads, the federal government encouraged residents to relocate and purchased some residents' homes. By the mid 1980s, the vast majority of the town was abandoned. The fire continues to spread today, but having burned up the majority of the coal beneath the town the fire now spreads further along the coal vein.

## **Scope and Content**

This collection is derived of research materials about the Centralia mine fire gathered by Joan Quigley for the writing of her monograph *The Day the Earth Caved In: An American Mining Tragedy*. The collection contains documents pertaining to the history of mining, background of the areas of Centralia Pennsylvania, correspondence and newspapers discussing the mine fire, and other sources pertaining to the spread of the mine fire. Area background includes a wide variety of documents that help to establish and understanding of the town of Centralia and the surrounding area. The documents about the history of anthracite coal mining in Pennsylvania date back to the early 1900s, describing the beginnings of mining in PA and the working conditions in the mines. To get a better understanding of the history of mining, there is a large number of documents describing the 1902 mine strike. In addition to the 1902 mine strike, there is documentation about the Molly Maguires that specifically pertains to a murder in Columbia county committed in the mid 1800s that was attributed to the group. Included in the collection is also a small amount of information relating to the Quigley family, who were Centralia miners, including their arrival to the United States and their lives in Pennsylvania. Starting with the beginning of the mine fire in 1962, this collection possesses documentation about the US federal government's Bureau of Mines and Office of Surface Mining response and actions, newspaper coverage of the fire, correspondence about the fire, and other sources providing information about the fire. Documentation about the fire extends through 2006, prior to the book's publication in 2007.

## Biography

Joan Quigley first glimpsed the Centralia mine fire at age fifteen, during her grandmother's funeral at St. Ignatius Cemetery. A former Miami Herald business reporter, she is a graduate of Princeton and of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. She received the J. Anthony Lukas Work-in-Progress Award for *The Day the Earth Caved In: An American Mining Tragedy*.

\*Biography from *The Day the Earth Caved In: An American Mining Tragedy*.

### Box 1: Area Background - Mining, Part 1

#### Area Background

Anthracite Museum Scranton

International correspondence schools, instruction paper

The Buffalo Freelance Network (2003)

*Erie Canal brought settlers, jobs to town.*

*The town of Tonawanda, New York.*

Centralia-Conyngham History of Genealogy (CentCony, 2003)

Correspondence about Patrick Kane

Table of Mine Fatalities

Correspondence about Tom Dempsey

The *Centralian* (1938, 39, 47)

DEP/DMS Pottsville

Newspaper clippings: *Glimpses into yesteryear*. (1979)

Driving directions to Eckley Miners' Village

Harrisburg Diocese

*A Souvenir Book commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of St. Ignatius' Church*. (1944)

*St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Contributors* (1944)

*Dedication and St. Ignatius School*. (1955)

Indentures

Indenture between the School District of the Borough of Centralia and the Borough of Centralia (1965)

Library of Congress

Images (1833, 1888)

*Pore's Intermediate Manual of Railroads*. (1917)

*Judges of the United States, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. (1983)

*Purdon's Pennsylvania Statutes, Annotated Title 43: Labor*. (1992)

*Purdon's Pennsylvania Statutes, Annotated Title 52: Mines and Mining*. (1998)

Newspapers

PA State Archives

Veterans Compensation Application (1998)

*Record of Lots Within Outcrop of Holmes' Vein Centralia, PA*.

*Record of Lots Outside Outcrop of Holmes' Vein and Within Outcrop of Buck Mountain Vein on both Dips Centralia, PA.*

PA State Library

*Passenger Ships Arriving in New York Harbor, Vol 1 1820-1850.* (1991)

*The Pennsylvania Sampler.* (1970)

Patriotic Order Sons of America (POSA)

Assorted leaflets

St. Patrick's Church

*Chronological Order of Foundation of Parishes in Diocese.*

Schuylkill County Historical Society (I-II)

SCHS I

Images of collieries (1860)

*Reports of the Inspectors of Coal Mines of the Anthracite Regions of Pennsylvania for the Year 1870.* (1871)

*Reports of the Inspectors of Mines of the Anthracite Regions of Pennsylvania for the Year 1887.* (1888)

*Reports of the Inspectors of Mines of the Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Regions of Pennsylvania for the Year 1891.* (1892)

SCHS II

Image of a young miner

Image of Centralia Colliery

*Parade of Progress Souvenir Program.* (1972)

*125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. Mary's RC Church.* (1989)

*Our Town Sesquicentennial Commemorative Book.* (2000)

Shamokin Public Library

*History of Columbia County.* Elwell and Bittenbender (1883)

## **Mining, Part 1**

Anthracite Museum, Scranton PA

*Date of Discontinuance of Operations at Various Collieries of L.V. Coal Company.* (1935)

*Story of Lehigh Valley Anthracite.*

Book Excerpts

*The Bitter Cry of the Children.* Spargo (1906)

*When Coal was King.* Poliniak (1996)

*Labor and Industry: the Great "Bootleg" Coal Industry.* Adamic (1935)

*Coal Township, USA.* Poliniak (1973)

*A Decade of Organized Crime: 1980 Report, Pennsylvania Crime Commission*

*Big Trouble: A Murder in a Small Western Town Sets Off a Struggle for the Soul of America.* Lukas (1998)

Louis Poliniak Obituary Correspondence by Tom Dempsey (2002)

Court Cases (Decided date)

*Madden vs. Lehigh Valley Coal Company.* (8 May 1905)

Table of Cases: 2<sup>nd</sup> Decennial Digest (1907-1916)

*United States vs. Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.* (3 Apr 1911)  
*Lehigh Valley Railroad Company vs. United States.* (13 Jun 1911)  
*Lehigh Valley Railroad Company vs. United States Interstate Commerce Commission.* (25 Apr 1913)  
*United States vs. Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.* (21 Dec 1914)  
*US vs. Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.* (13 Oct 1916)  
*United States vs. Reading Coal and Iron Company.* (26 Apr 1920)

#### Indentures

Deed: John W. Fortner to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company (1919)  
 Deed: Lehigh Valley Coal Company to School District of the Borough of Centralia, PA (1936)  
 Coates Coal Company and Borough of Centralia and School District of the Borough of Centralia. (1954)  
 Quit Claim Deed: Lehigh Valley Coal Company and Pitreal Corporation. (1964)  
 Centralia Borough School Treasurers Report

#### Library of Congress (I-V)

##### Misc Documents

#### Magazines

*The World Tomorrow*: "Bootlegging Coal." Maurer (1934)  
*The Nation* (1934)  
*The New Republic*: "Bootleg Anthracite." Paxson (1935)  
*The American Mercury*: "The Bootleg Coal Industry." Agor (1935)  
*Harper's Magazine*: "Bootlegging Coal: A new industry appears on the horizon." Carlson (1935)  
*Business Week*: "Bootleg Anthracite." (1935)  
*Harper's Magazine*: "Shenandoah Pennsylvania: the story of an anthracite town." Leighton (1937)  
*The New Republic*: "The People's Money." Flynn (1937)  
*Time*: "Industrial Cannibalism." (1938)

#### Newspapers (General)

Newspapers (Mt. Carmel *Item*, Oct 1915-Jun 1961)

#### Newsreel

Notes on *March of Time* and *Bootleg Coal* (1935)

#### PA Historical and Museum Commission Anthracite Museum Complex

Employers Magazine by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company (Jan 1920)  
 Employers Magazine by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company (Jun 1924)  
*Certificate of Examination as a Qualified Miner.* (1926)  
*Annual Report of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company for the year(s) ended Dec 31 1929(-35)*  
*The Lehigh Valley Coal Company Annual Report 1937-38.*  
 Museum Correspondence with Joan Quigley (2003)

Box 2: Mining, Part 2 - Quigley Family

**Mining, Part 2**

PA State Archives (I-II)

- I: *Charles H. Burg Photographs. (1893-1898)*  
*A Statement of some of the important matters that have entered into the history of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company from its inception to and including the fiscal year ending 30 Jun 30 1906.*  
 D.G. Baird (1907)
  - II: Assistant Mine Foreman certificate by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Mines (Aug 1923)  
 Collection of interviews with miners (Autumn 1937-Mar 1940)  
 PA State Library of Harrisburg  
*Anthracite division 1935 Annual Report. (1935)*  
*Bootlegging or Illegal Mining of Anthracite Coal in Pennsylvania: A census and survey of the facts.* The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal Industry commission (1937)  
*Anthracite Operators Year 1945.* The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Mines  
*Anthracite Division Annual Report 1949.* Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Mines  
*United States Code Congressional and Administrative News 83<sup>rd</sup> Congress-2<sup>nd</sup> session 1954 Vol II.*  
*Biennial Report.* Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries (Aug 1960)  
*Gifford Pinchot: Forester and Politician.* M. Nelson McGeary (1960)  
*Anthracite Mining Laws of Pennsylvania for Strip Mines including rules and regulations and procedures.* Department of Mines and Mineral Industries (Jan 1962)  
*United States Code Annotated Title 30 Mineral Lands and Mining. (1971)*
- PA State Mine Officials and Compensation Commissions  
 Register of employees (1928)
- PHMC Anthracite Museum Complex  
*The Last Days of Lehigh Coal: did it have to die?* Forbes (Sep 1967)  
 Newspaper clipping titled *Lehigh Valley Coal net profit \$28,160 during last quarter*
- Schuylkill County Historical Society  
*Report of the Department of Mines of Pennsylvania Pt. I Anthracite 1913. (1914)*  
*Report of the Department of Mines of Pennsylvania Pt. I Anthracite 1921-1922.*  
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*Anthracite Division 1931-1945 Annual Reports. (Dec 1960)*  
*Bootlegging in Schuylkill County 1930-1936.* Rodney S. Lechleitner (1986)

*History of the Shenandoah General Mine Board and Golden Jubilee of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission and Founding of the Anthracite Board of Conciliation.* John Lewis

Shamokin Public Library

*Reflections of an Anthracite engineer.* George E. Stevenson (1931)

Websites

Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine and Steam Train

Scranton's Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum

Musical Traditions of Anthracite Miners

A Tribute to Pennsylvania's Anthracite Miners.

Anthracite Glossary

How can you tell a coal cracker? Patty Mihalik

The Anthracite Shuffle. Thomas Flannery

Songs and Ballads of Anthracite Miners. Various artists

Welcome to Mine Country: Anthracite coal region history

Chronology of the Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902.

## 1902 Mine Strike

Access PA

Citation for *The Democratic Sentinel*

Bloomsburg Courthouse

Commonwealth vs. Patrick Ceain et al. (10 Dec 1902)

Bloomsburg Public Library

*Souvenir Book of Bloomsburg Pennsylvania.* (1901)

*Directory of Columbia and Montour Counties, PA, with map 1901.*

George Hanford (1901)

*Street Directory of Bloomsburg 1904-1905.*

*Historical and Biographical Annals of Columbia and Montour Counties, Pennsylvania Vol I.* 1915

*Bench and Bar of Columbia Co.* (1936)

The Catholic University of America (I-II)

I: Correspondence between US Senate, United Mine Workers of America (Aug-Oct 1902)

II: Correspondence between US Senate, United Mine Workers of America (Oct 1902)

*Victory 1900-1902 Mitchell Day.* (1902)

*The Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902.* Robert J Cornell (1957)

Columbia County Historical Society

*Directory of Columbia and Montour Counties, PA with Map 1901.* George Hanford (1901)

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I: *Marching Through Georgia.* Henry C Work (1865)

Correspondence about strike (Aug-Oct 1902)

*Proceedings of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission.* (27 Oct 1902)

- II: Images (1903-1980)  
*Poor's Manual of Railroads.*  
*Before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission: Argument of George F. Baer.* (12 Feb 1903)  
*Report to the President on the Anthracite Coal Strike of May-Oct 1902 by the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission.* (1903)  
*A Trooper's Narrative of Service in the Anthracite Coal Strike 1902.* Stewart Culin (1902)  
*Theodore Roosevelt: An Autobiography.* (1913)  
*The Story of my Life.* Clarence Darrow (1932)  
*Clarence Darrow for the Defense: A Biography.* Irving Stone (1941)  
*Darrow: A biography.* Kevin Tierney (1979)  
*Clarence Darrow: A Sentimental Rebel.* Arthur and Lila Weinberg (1980)  
*Judges of the United States 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.* (1983)  
*The "Great Strike": Perspectives on the 1902 anthracite coal strike.* (2002)  
 Catalogue references (2003)

#### Magazines

- The Cosmopolitan.* "The Mine Worker's Life and Aims." John Mitchell (Oct 1901)  
*Cassier's Magazine.* "Echoes from the Recent Pennsylvania Coal Strike on behalf of the mine owners and operators." George F. Bayer (Apr 1903)

Author Notes on George Bayer

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#### Newspapers (Local)

Newspapers (Mt. Carmel *Daily News*, Apr 1902-Nov 1902)

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#### Ohio State University

- Chronology of the Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902.*  
*Anthracite Coal Mines and Mining.* Rosamond D. Rhone (1902)  
*A General View of the Coal Strike.* Talcott Williams (1902)  
*The Anthracite-carrying railways.* H.T. Newcomb (1902)

#### PA State Archives

*Mine Wage Scale.* (1888)

#### Schuylkill County Historical Society

Images: Smith and Myers Coal company. (1902)

#### Potter, Anderson, and Corroon LLP

*A Proud Tradition: the history of Potter, Anderson, and Corroon.*

### Molly Maguires

#### Anti-Molly Booklets

Andruss Library Catalog for Molly Maguires

*Historical Account of the Mollie Maguires.* A. Monroe Aurand Jr.

*The Molly Maguires: A thrilling narrative of the rise, progress, and fall of the most noted band of cut-throats of modern times...*

Bloomsburg Public Library

*Paper Book in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Middle District June Term 1877: Patrick Hester, Patrick Tully, Peter McHugh, Plaintiffs in error vs. the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Defendant in error*

Bloomsburg Public Library Trial Transcripts (I-III)

I: *The Story of the Mollie Maguires Vol II.* Pg 1-130

II: *The Story of the Mollie Maguires Vol II.* Pg 131-280

III: *The Story of the Mollie Maguires Vol II.* Pg 281-424

Centralia-Conyngham History of Genealogy (CentCony)

Correspondence about Hester, Tully, and McHugh; the Logan; and Rea's Hill from Tom Dempsey

Library of Congress

Catalog reference for *Commonwealth vs. Patrick Hester, Patrick Tully, and Peter McHugh. Tried...*

Newspapers

PA State Archives

*Pennsylvania Anthracite Book Schuylkill County Field Notes.* (May -Jun 1939)

*Death Warrant for John J Kehoe.*

PA State Library

*Hester et al. vs. the Commonwealth.* (7 Jan 1878)

Rootsweb.com

List of Molly Maguires from Pinkerton and Reading Railroad Files

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Bloomsburg Public Library

*Walsh's Bloomsburg City Directory.* (1922-1923, 1928, 1931, 1940, 1943, 1947, 1949)

Census

Ireland 1766 Religious Census

1840 United States Federal Census

Notes: Quigley Census data

Notes: 1920, 1930 Census Centralia

1870 United States Federal Census

National Archives

*District of New York - Port of New York.* Ship Register (1837)

*Index to Passenger lists of Vessels arriving at New York 1820-1846.* (1964)

Newspapers

Mt. Carmel *Daily News* (9 Dec 1904)

Mt. Carmel *Item* (22 Nov 1915)



Box 3: US Bureau of Mines - US Office of Surface Mining, Part 1

**US Bureau of Mines**

US Bureau of Mines General Files (I-II)

I (Apr 1965-Dec 1978)

II (Dec 1978-Apr 1981)

Centralia Mine Fire Control Project History and Recommendations (May 1965)

Completion Report February 1968 (I-II)

Completion Report April 1971 (I-II)

Completion Report March 1974 (I-II)

Supplement to Bulletin 590 1974

Completion Report July 1977

Report 1978

“Problems in the control of anthracite mine fires: A case study of the Centralia mine fire (August 1980)”

Mining Case Study 1983 (in conjunction with the US Office of Surface Mining)

**US Office of Surface Mining, Part 1**

General Files (I-IV)

Box 4: US Office of Surface Mining, Part 2 - Gas Testing Reports

**US Office of Surface Mining, Part 2**

Socioeconomic impact analysis, 1980

Engineering Analysis and Evaluation of the Centralia Mine Fire, July 1983 vol. I-I and author notes

**Bore Hole Temperatures**

Centralia Temperatures (Feb 1980-Aug 1986)

**Gas Testing Reports**

Correspondence from PA Commonwealth Pertaining to Carbon Monoxide Tests (Jun 1976-Nov 1981)

Pottsville Department of Environment Protection Mine Safety Gas Testing

Records I-V (Apr 1980-Aug 1981)

US Bureau of Mines Gas Monitoring Log Homes A-G, J-M, O-Z (1979-1981)

Coddington Gas Testing Records (May 1980-Oct 1980)

US Department of Labor MSHA Laboratories Gas Testing (Jan 1979-Feb 1981)

Box 5: Newspapers, Part 1

**Newspapers, Part 1**

General Newspapers A-P

General Newspapers R-Z

New York *Times* Articles about Other Towns with Environmental Calamity (Nov 1999-May 2003)

Philadelphia *Inquirer* (Dec 1979-Mar 2001)  
 Pottsville *Republican* (May 1962-Feb 1992)  
 Press *Enterprise* (May 1983-Feb 1988)  
 Shenandoah *Evening Herald* I-VI (Dec 1967-Jun 1995)

Box 6: Newspapers, Part 2

**Newspapers, Part 2**

Shamokin *News Item* I-XIII (Feb 1969-Aug 2001)  
 Shamokin *News Dispatch* (May 1962-Jul 1966)

Box 7: Correspondence - Articles/Book excerpts

**Correspondence**

General Correspondence I-IV (June 1962-July 1995)  
 Correspondence from Centralia Borough Council (Jul 1962-Jun 1983)  
 Correspondence from Concerned Citizens Action Group (Sep 1981-May 1983)  
 Correspondence from Congress (Oct 1968-Feb 1984)  
 Correspondence from Environmental Affairs Office (Dec 1968-Aug 1979)  
 Correspondence from the Law Offices of Spiegel and McDiarmid (Mar 1982-May 1984)  
 Correspondence from PA Commonwealth (Jul 1962-Jun 1987)  
 Correspondence from the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Mines (Jul 1962-Aug 1966)  
 Correspondence from the US Department of the Interior I-II (Jul 1962-Dec 1983)  
 US Government Memoranda (Jun 1976-Aug 1982)

**Articles/Book Excerpts**

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Including:

*Centralia and its mine fire...a suggested strategy for exploration,*  
 Williams and Helmer  
*Hard coal, hard times: ethnicity and labor in the anthracite region,* Salay  
*Caught in the conflict: my life with James Watt,* Watt  
*Progress toward abatement of mine fires in the anthracite coal fields,*  
 Philbin and Holbrook  
*Mining the coal country anthracite long ago abdicated in this*  
*Pennsylvania region. But you can get to the bottom of its story on a*  
*ramble from Pottsville to Scranton.* Shoup  
*Place taste and the taste of place: Centralia, Pennsylvania.* Krygier  
*When the mines closed: Stories of struggles in hard times.* Dublin  
*Anthracite coal.* Haine  
*A walk in the woods.* Bryson  
 Bartel, LC et. a. *Results of using the CSAMT geophysical technique to map coal*  
*mine fires: Part I, Case histories*  
 Jacobs, Renee. *Slow burn: a photo document of Centralia, Pennsylvania*

Miller, Donald L and Richard E Sharpless. *Kingdom of coal*  
 Donahue, Jane Anne. *Community expectations and government response to the Centralia Pennsylvania coal mine fire.*

Box 8: Centralia Files: Biography - Patrick Henry

**Centralia Files: Biography - Patrick Henry**

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*Biographical directory of the Governors of the United States 1978-1983.*

Raimo

*Hansen, Clifford Peter.* Biographical Directory of the United States

Congress

*Biography of H. John Heinz III.* H. John Heinz III Archives

*Donald Paul Hodel.* SourceWatch

*Donald Hodel.* NNDB

*Simpson, Milward Lee.* Biographical Directory of the United States

Congress

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*Private Practice Lawyer Profile for Dick Thornburgh.* LexisNexis

*James G. Watt.* Wikipedia

Cemeteries of Centralia

*Cemeteries of Centralia, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.* Philip A. Rice

Centralia Borough Council (Jan 1962-1999)

Centralia Commemorative Booklets (1966-1991)

Centralia Committee on Human Development (1983)

Centralia Websites

Civilian Action I-II (Mar 1981-Aug 1983)

Concerned Citizens Action Group Meeting Minutes by Eleanor O'Hearn (Apr 1981-Nov 1982)

Columbia County (Jul 1965-Nov 1999)

Conversation Records (May 1982)

Department of Health

Department of the Interior Plaque (2006)

Directories (1968)

Documentary: The Unforgettable Fire (2001)

Environmental Integrity/Army for a Clean Environment/PA DEP Websites

Notes on Film: Mine Fire Control (1968)

Hearing of Governors Task Force on Centralia (Mar 1981)

Helen Womer Card

Heritage Foundation Website

Hershey Medical Center Study (Feb 1986)

Indentures (Nov 1972-Jul 1978)

Instruction Manual for the Ecolyzer (Mar 1980)

Interview: Erin Brockovich

Interview is written on a check

Kirkpatrick and Lockhart, Nicholson, Graham LLP Website

Kutztown University Play Booklet (1998)  
 Lehigh Valley Coal Company Annual Reports (1958-1961)  
 Lehigh Valley Railroad Company Annual Report (1962)

#### Magazines

*Centralia Journal*  
*Christian Science Monitor* (29 Nov 1983)  
*Clean Air Week* (2-8 May 1983)  
*Discover* (Oct 1983)  
*Everyone's Backyard* (Winter 1983)  
*Harper's* (Jan 1975)  
*Health Reporter* (May, Aug 1983)  
*The Inquirer* (6 Dec 1981)  
*The New Yorker* (18 Nov 2002)  
*New York Times Fashion of the Times* (20 Aug 2000)  
*New York Times Magazine* (5 Mar 2000, 22 Jul 2001)  
*The New Yorker* (20 May 2002)  
*Philadelphia Inquirer Magazine* (6 Dec 1981)  
*National Geographic* (Mar 1985)  
*The Plain Dealer Magazine* (19 Jan 1980)  
*People's Magazine* (22 Jun 1981)  
*Time* (22 Jun 1981)  
*This Week Magazine* (10 Apr 1977)  
*Science Digest* (Jun 1982)  
*Schuylkill Living* (Spring 2000, 2004)

#### Maps

Mount Carmel Centennial Booklet (Aug 1962)  
 Mount Carmel Housing (Mar 2000)  
 Mountain States Legal Foundation Website

#### National Archives

National Resources (NR) Box Descriptions 1-43  
 Reference Service Slips (2003)  
 ARC Search Results  
 Letter to Researchers from National Archives at College Park

News (Feb 1974-Oct 2000)

O'Hearn Family (Nov 1981-Jan 1985)  
 PA State Government (Jan 1961-May 1984)  
 Patrick Henry College Website

#### Box 9: Centralia Files: Photographs - VHS tapes/DVDs

##### **Centralia Files: Photographs – US Government**

Photographs  
 Photos; Terri Coleman  
 Pottsville Department of Environmental Protection/Department of Mine Safety  
 Presidential Remarks  
 Jimmy Carter

## Ronald Reagan

### Inaugural Address

Remarks on signing the federal employee hiring freeze memorandum and the cabinet member nominations (20 Jan 1981)

Nomination of Alexander M. Haig Jr. to be Secretary of State (20 Jan 1981)

Memorandum directing reductions in federal spending (22 Jan 1981)

Remarks on Signing a memorandum directing reductions in federal spending (22 Jan 1981)

Address to the nation on the economy (5 Feb 1981)

Address before a joint session of the Congress on the Program for Economic Recovery (18 Feb 1981)

Toasts at a dinner honoring the nation's Governors (24 Feb 1981)

Real Estate Sales (Sep 1993)

Releases (Jul 1969-Jun 1978)

Religious Bulletin from Margaret Danner

*Economic Justice for All. Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the US Economy.* 1986

*Empowerment: Skills for Parish Social Action.* Harry Fagan, 1979

*Labor Day Challenge for Action.* 1986

*For All the People: Two vital resources on the pastoral letter for the economy.* 1986

*Putting Labor into Labor Day Services.*

*Origins CNS Documentary Service.* July 1998

*Woodstock Report.* Mar 2000

Reports from Anthracite Research Center (Dec 1962)

Residential Relocation (Jun 1981-Nov 1984)

Residents to Save the Borough of Centralia (Aug 1983-May 1984)

Routing and Transmittal Slips (Dec 1979-May 1984)

St. Ignatius Church (Jun 1956-Oct 1985)

St. Ignatius Church Centenary (1969)

The Age of Reason Website

US Government (1965-Oct 1984)

## Artifacts

Bumper sticker with "Centralia, PA. Mine Fire" in black and "Hell on Earth!" in red

Cross made from pieces of anthracite coal

Glass ash tray with Centralia Centennial 1866-1966 and a drawing of a miner

Six bullets from ceremony held in Ashland

## VHS tapes/DVDs (Tapes unless otherwise noted)

*Centralia Centennial.* 1966

*Centralia Fire.*

*Centralia PA GMA story.* 4 Aug 1981  
*Pictures and Stories from the Lackawanna Coal Mine.*  
*Made in USA.*  
*The Molly Maguires.*  
*Owen McGinley I-II.*  
*Nightly News.* 25 Feb 1981 & Today, 13 July 1983  
*Nightline, 20 Oct 1981*  
*Nightline, 11 Aug 1983*  
*ABC 12 Mar 1981 to CBS 2 Dec 2001*  
*Nightline 20 Oct 1981 Vanderbilt Tapes (DVD)*  
*The Town That Was (DVD)*