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Collection Title: Arthur Kilgore Mine Scrip Collection

Manuscript Series Number: MS022-1995

Date Received: 1995

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Date Span: 1882-1997

Size of Collection: 1.5 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 1 half size document case; 1 record center box.

Type of Material: Scrip tokens, periodical, envelopes and artifacts.

Condition of Material: Good.

Arrangement: Alphabetical.

Biographical / Historical Information: Use of company scrip was common in the Appalachian coalfields, issued to coal miners as an advance against unearned wages and redeemable only at the company store. However, many miners were never able to retire their debt to the company and scrip became the unofficial currency of the community. Through changes in federal and state laws, along with changing economic realities, the practice of companies issuing scrip had been eradicated by the late 1950's.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of 147 coal scrip tokens from companies in West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and Pennsylvania that were acquired by Arthur Kilgore over three decades. The collection includes notes on the collection by the collector, envelopes from company towns and other coal mining artifacts.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Appalachian Region – History.

Coal mines and mining – Finance.

Coal mines and mining -- United States -- Finance – History.

Company stores -- United States – History.

Company stores.

Tokens.

Wages -- Coal miners -- United States -- History.

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