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BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION

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PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF HARD COAL MINING IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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Anthracite coal, the land, and its people have been a prime source of energy in these United States and an influencing factor in its economic development as an industrial nation. Today, with the kaleidoscopic changes in energy sources, the land and its people are our heritage.

People came from all parts of Europe in search of economic advancement, bringing with them backgrounds of varied cultures that have produced and strengthened the character of our local area: the long, hard struggle of the miner to maintain his dignity, to improve his lot in life, to insure his rights and better working conditions led to the formation of the first labor union in the United States.

This Bicentennial Exhibition is a photographic record of these changes.

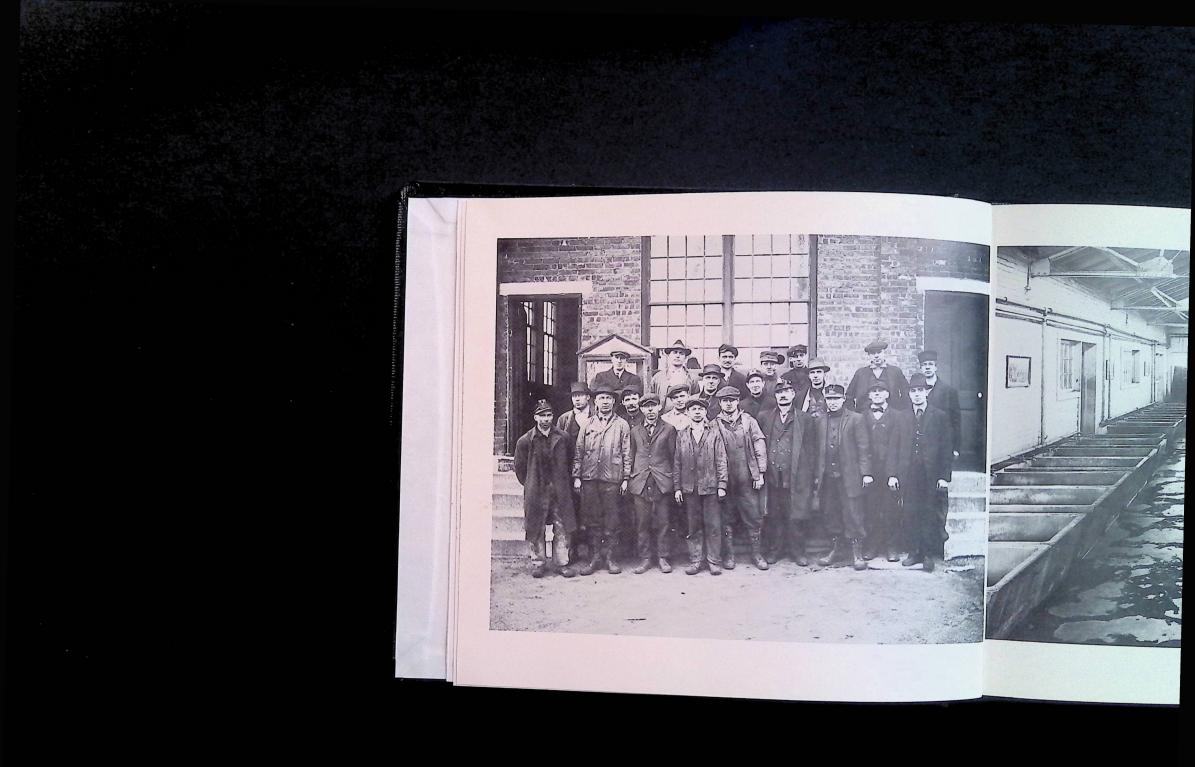
Photographs of the early years are on loan from the Wyoming Valley Historical and Geological Society collection, showing the mines and collieries in their growth and expansion years.

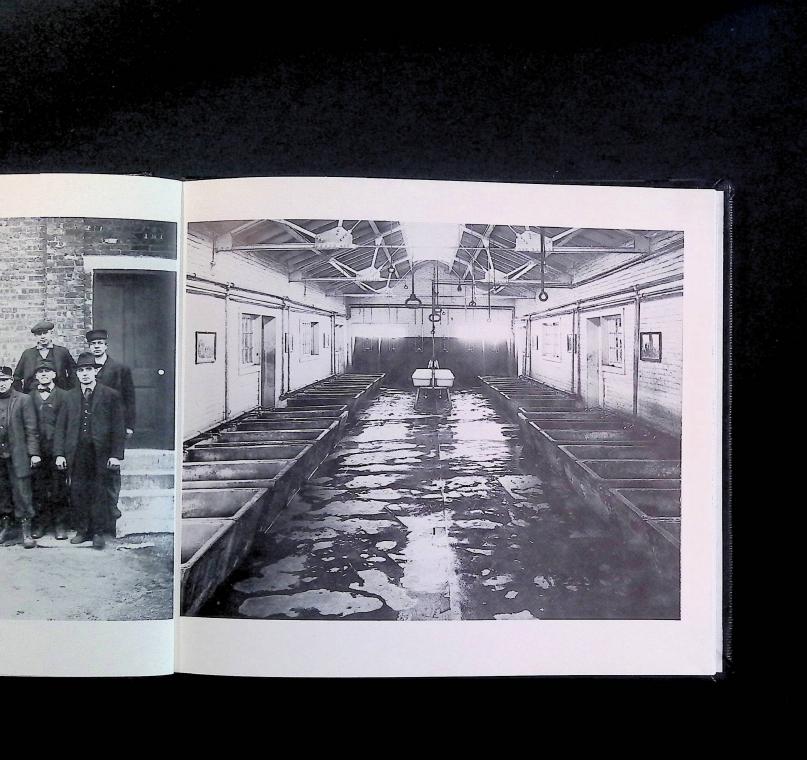
The collection of photographs by Mr. Ralph E. DeWitt depicts the era of coal from the early 1900s to the late 1930s with emphasis on mine machinery and the homes in which the miners lived.

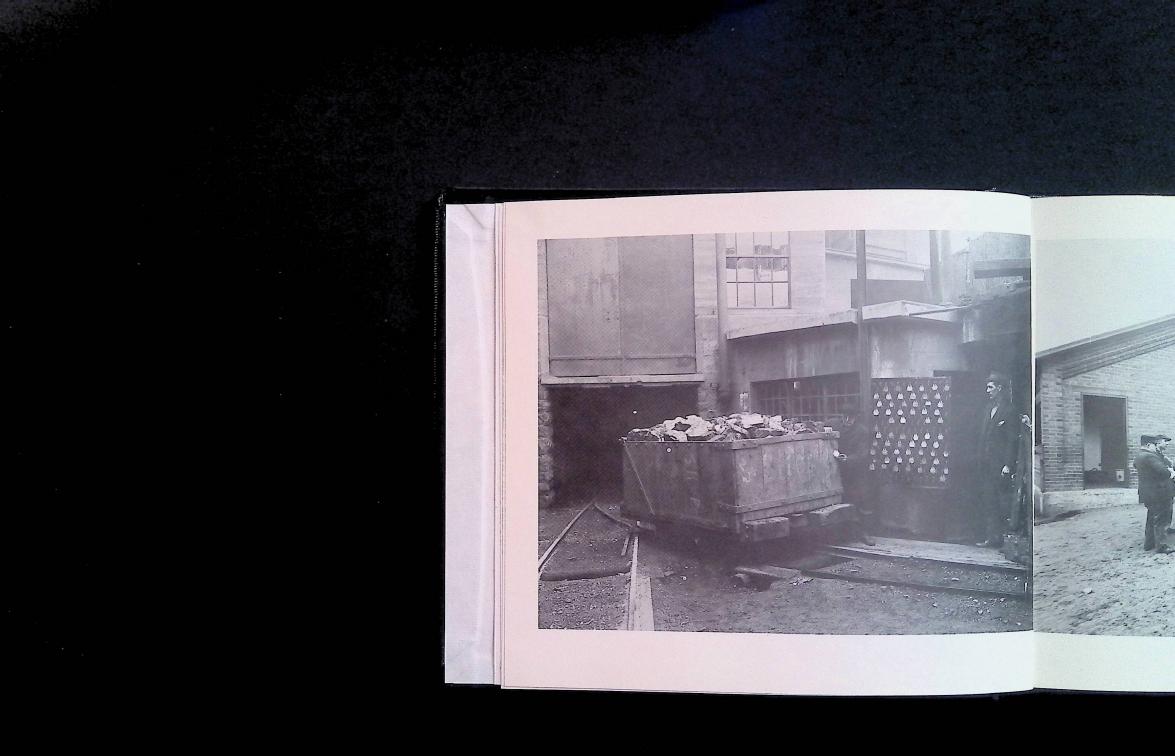


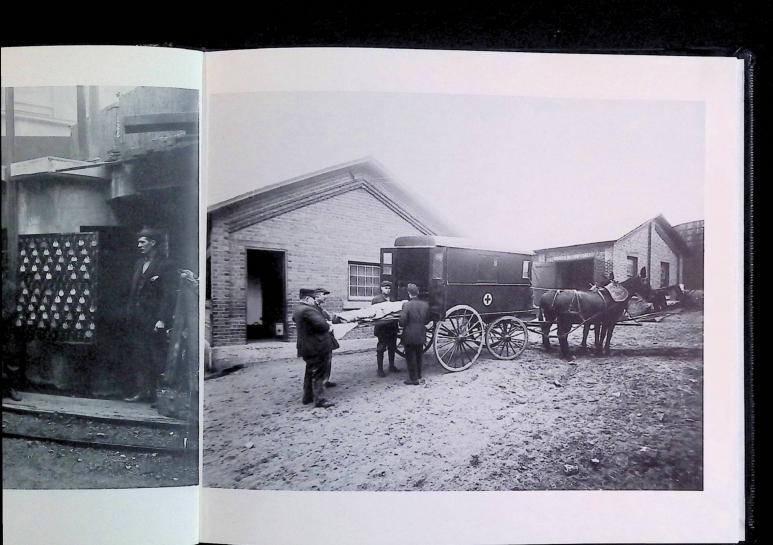


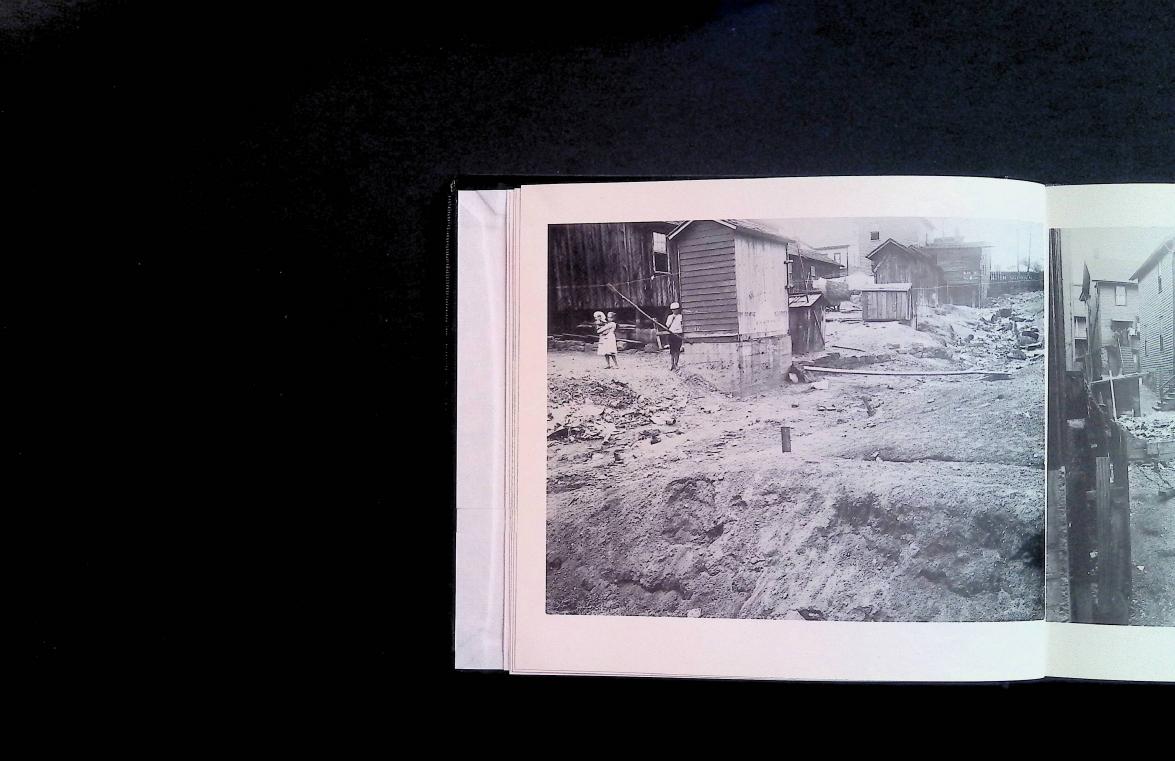
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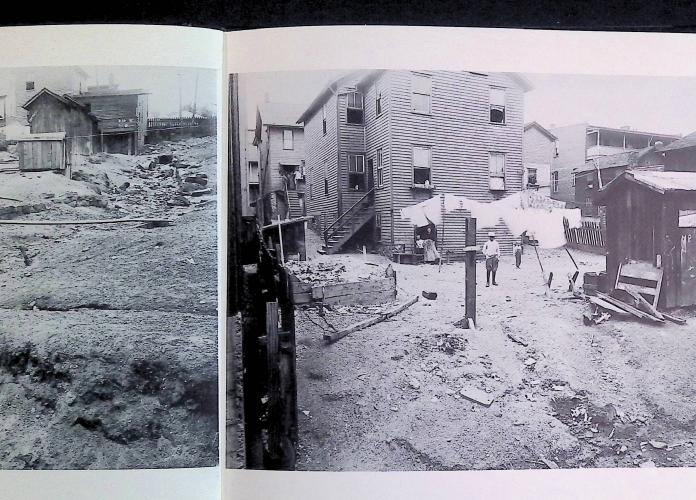


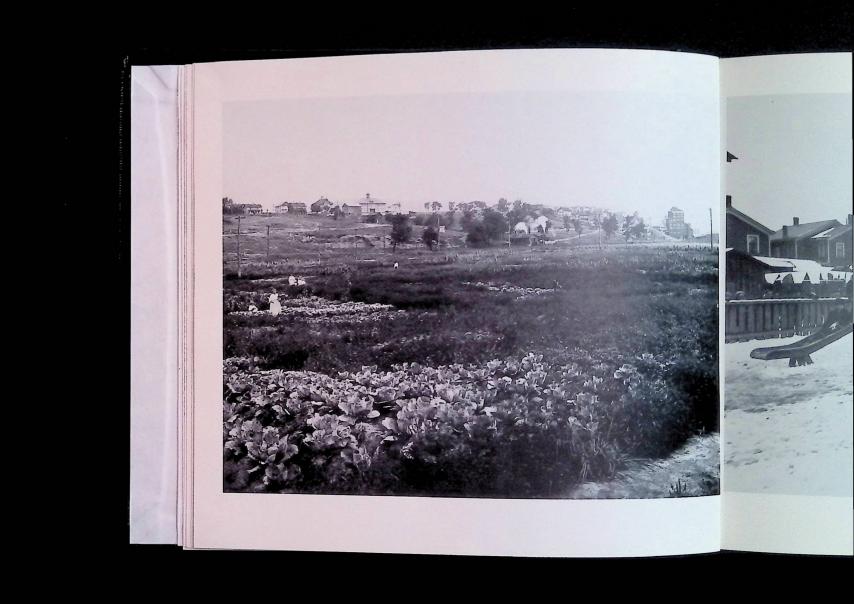


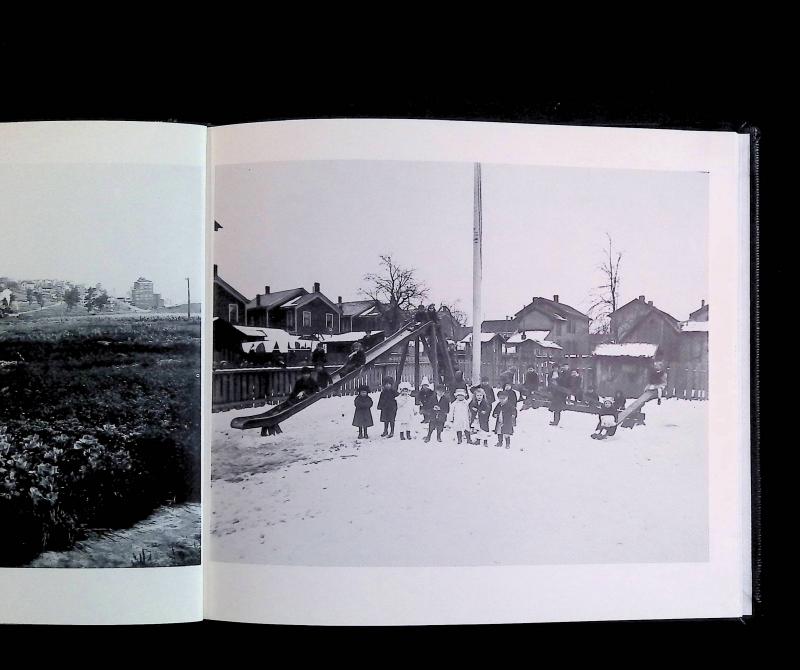




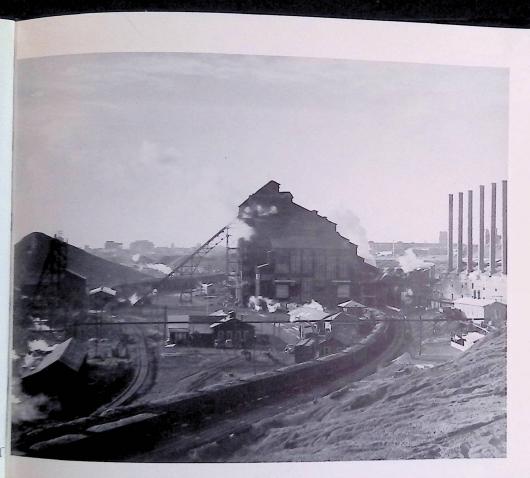




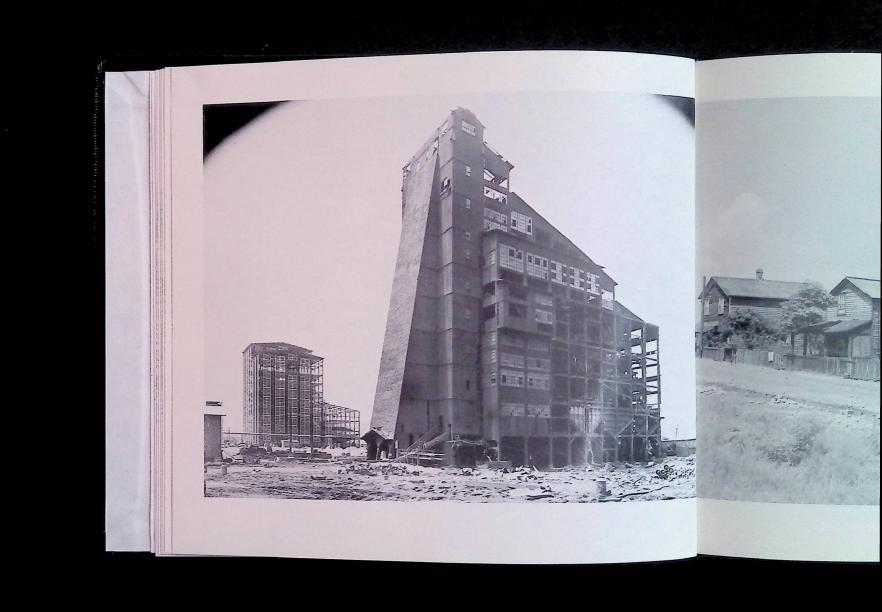


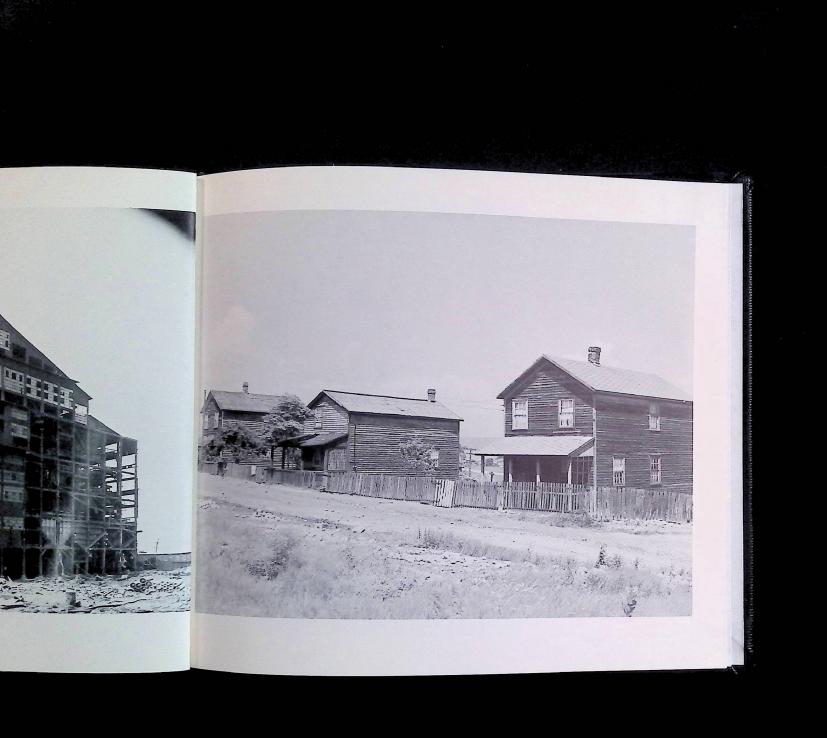


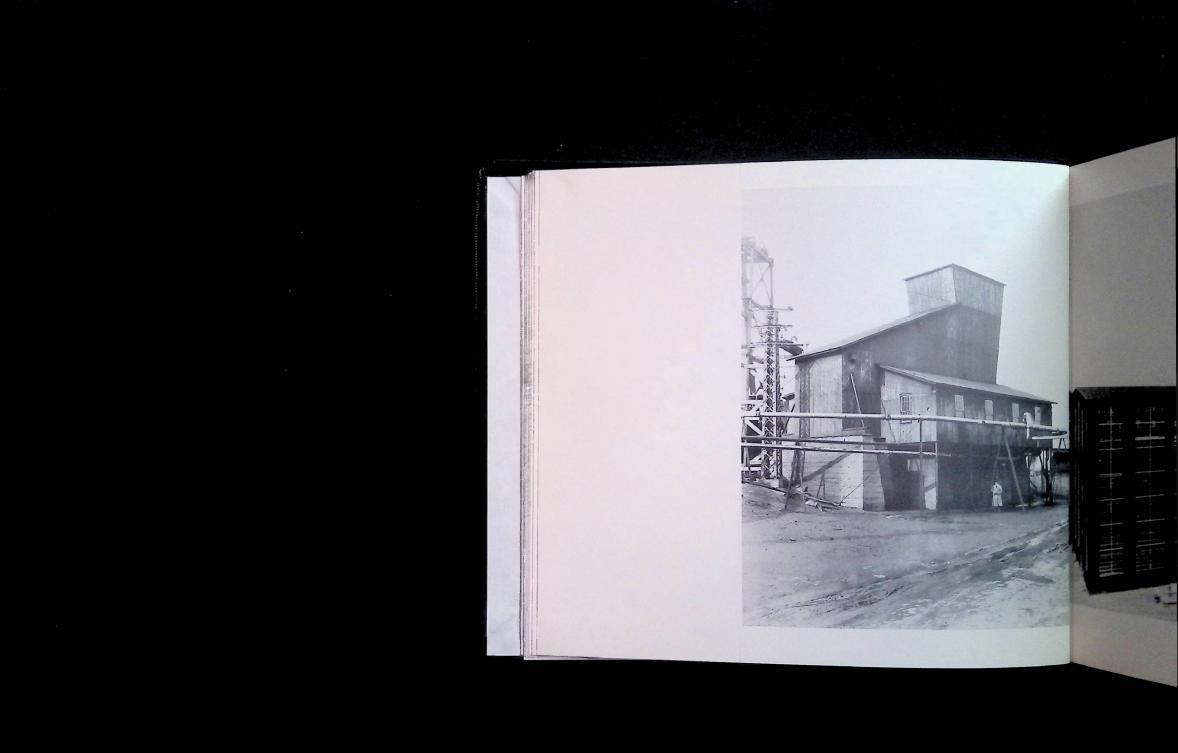


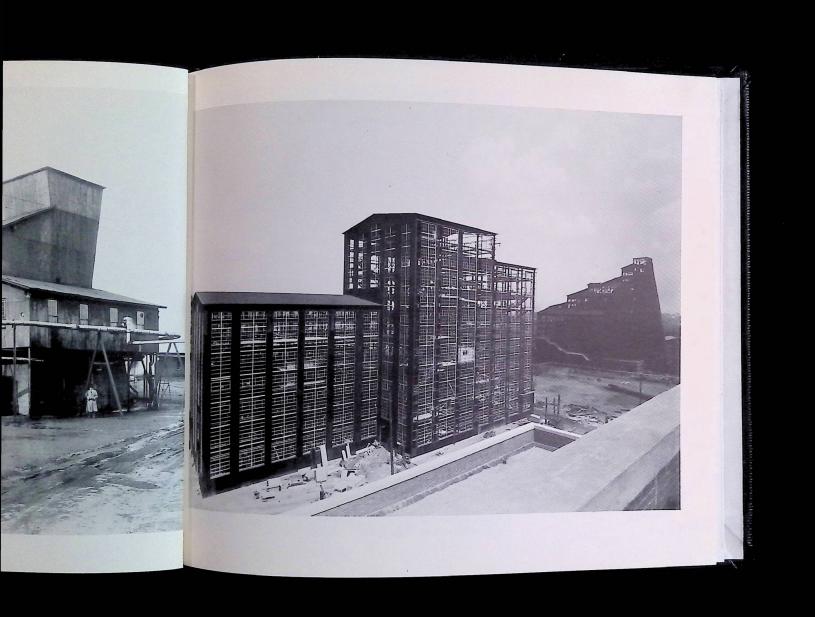


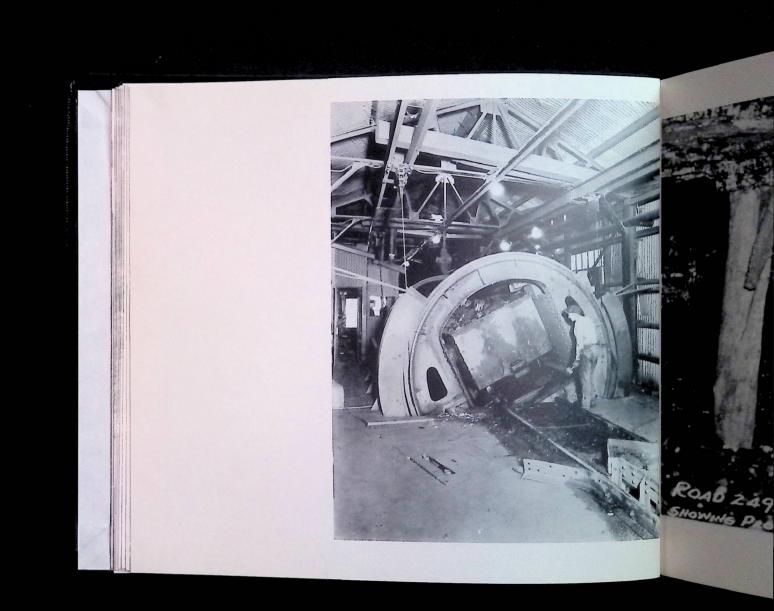
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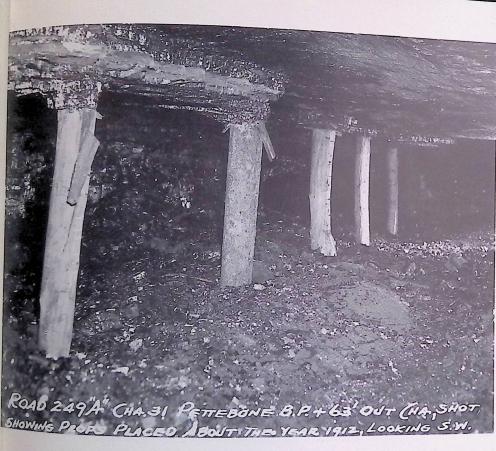


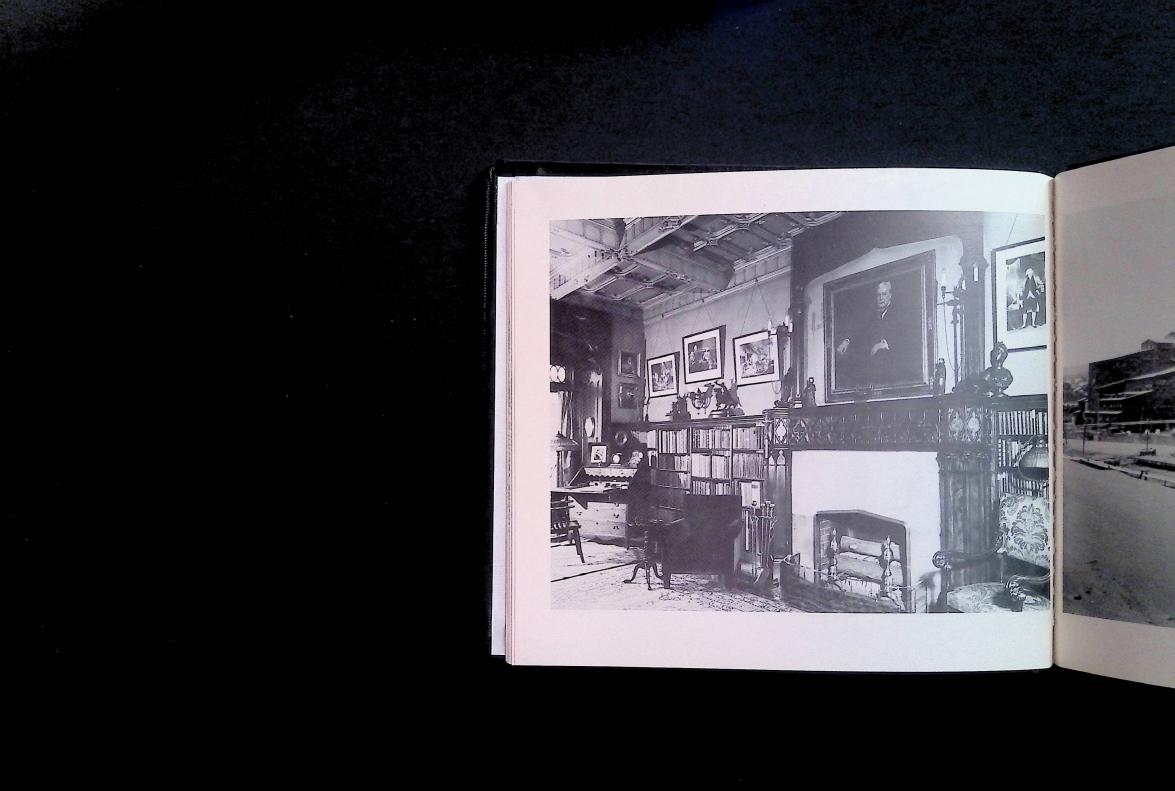


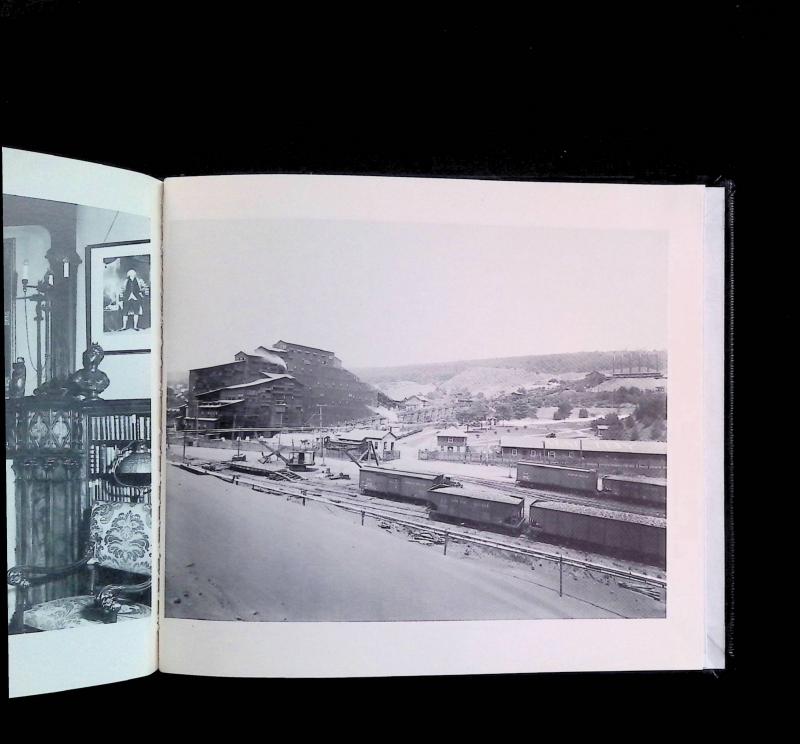














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HAZLETON SHAFT COLLIERY

Location: Hazleton

Date: 1932

MAXWELL COLLIERY

Location: Ashley

Date: 1940

COMPANY HOUSES

Location: Wilkes-Barre

Date: 1935

FAN HOUSE, HENRY COLLIERY

Location: Plains

Date: 1937

HUBER COLLIERY

Location: Ashley

Date: 1940

ROTARY DUMP, HUBER COLLIERY

Location: Ashley

Date: 1945

MINE PROPS

Location: Wilkes-Barre

Date: 1912

INTERIOR VIEW OF McCLINTOCK HOME

Location: Wilkes-Barre

Date: 1951

MALTBY COLLIERY

Location: Swoversville

Date: 1929

INTERIOR VIEW OF MINERS NATIONAL BANK

Location: Wilkes-Barre

Date: 1969

