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Work and the Human Conditions
Annotated Bibliography
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The following Bibliography has been exhaustively researched. The surprising lack of Archived History dealing with Union Miners is attributed to the fact that they are not classified within the archiving system on the Federal, State or County level. Unions and individual mines are responsible for their own archiving, no one else. The research paper's topic will be on unionized miners within Washington state. National Laws and movements will be used as the background for their actions. Since it seems a lot of mining laws and union actions trickled down from the east coast to the west. I will also be using modern day examples of unionized and non-unionized work within the United States to show the difference in their conditions before and after unionization.

African American History. 2007. Humanities Washington. University of Washington. Accessed on 02/25/09 <<http://www.blackpast.org/>>

This is hosted by the University of Washington. It contains pieces of history left out of most text books. It has searchable database with full peer reviewed articles. It allows researchers to see history from the view of minorities within the United States. Categories and available links include Bibliographies, Digital Archives, Genealogies, list of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Major Speeches, Multimedia, African American Museums, Online Encyclopedia, Perspectives on African American History, Primary Documents, Research Guides and Websites, and Timelines. I would suggest using it to reference mining accounts within the US during the early 20th century.

Christie, A. Rebecca, Eberle, Nancy A., Koler, Lorraine M., Schasse Henry W. *The Washington Coal Mine Map Collection: A Catalog, Index, and User's Guide*. Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources. 94-7 (June, 1994).

This Government report acts as a reference for attaining information pertinent to further research on coal mines within Washington State. This collection is arranged according to: location, mine name; operator, date, map format, and map tube number. All of these factors are used to get more information about certain mines. So, that the history of a mine will be verified through government records and mines can be studied by their different categorical values. Coal Mine Map information is also listed, as well as the history of mining in Washington State and Mining Methods.

Communism in Washington State History and Memory Project. Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies at the University of Washington. Pacific Northwest Labor History Project. Accessed on 02/25/09. <<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/mla.html#online>>

This site gives historical perspective from the view of minority political groups within the US. How much did Communism shape the working conditions of West Coast workers? More than I thought. History that has been hidden and forgotten about out now has a soap box to get some recognition from. The site has historical documents and on-line video interviews with member of communist and worker parties during the mid 20th century. These first hand accounts of the rise of political minorities and Unions can give a rough idea of what previous labor movements must have looked and felt like within the United States.

Hired Farmworkers: Health and Well-being at Risk. United States General Accounting Office. 92-46 (June, 1992).

The report gives an overview of Farm workers in the US. It includes reports on inadequate protection from pesticides, field sanitation inadequate, less protection for children on farms, unmet medical needs, housing, child labor, lack of training, pesticide usage, and comparisons of good and bad housing conditions. I suggest looking at this in conjunction with mining books dealing with pre-union working conditions.

It's Possible Coal Mines In Washington Will Close. Seattle Times 12 May 1943

The Seattle Times reports on a possible walkout by Unions Miners after wage negotiations stall. This is the first Union action I could find recorded by a Washington newspapers and kept physically on record by the Tacoma Library Archive.

Leshy, John D. *The Mining Law : A Study in Perpetual Motion*. Washington, D.C. : Resources for the Future, Inc., 1987.

John D. Leshy's book concentrates on mining laws in general not just Washington State miners. William Stewart is a man who negotiated mining and land disputes as a lawyer in California. Once he became a Nevada Senator he was able to enact legislation that allows public land to be mined for minerals and non-minerals. This book gives the historical perspective of free access to public lands for mineral use over the last one hundred plus years. Laws, Environmental regulations, private land, disputes, and the subsequent amendments are laid out chapter by chapter. Originally these laws were implemented to keep the West settled as miners and homesteaders spread out across "open" country. However, once large Industrial Mining came to be the norm more and more people felt that the companies received too many benefits at the expense of the public.

Mellinger, Philip J. *Race and labor in western copper : the fight for equality, 1896-1918*. Tucson : University of Arizona Press, 1995.

This is a personalized view of immigrant mine workers from Mexico and Europe. Who labored within Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and El Paso, Texas. The text is taken from private journals and accounts, independent Union Newspapers, verbal accounts, and mining reports. All of these sources are used to weave a story of the personal lives of Miners during the early 20th century. The reference section of this is full of independent sources and references. These references can be used to look up additional Union resources. I would suggest reading this and "Hired Farmworkers: Health and Well-Being at Risk". They give examples of the conditions non-unionized labor can be reduced to in the United States. It's especially telling to see how labor conditions in some areas of labor have remained unchanged over the last one hundred years.

Seattle Civil Rights and Labor History Project. University of Washington Library's Special Collections Division, Simpson Center for the Humanities, the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest, University of Washington offices: the Office of Undergraduate Education, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Office of the Provost. Accessed on 02/25/09 <<http://depts.washington.edu/civilr/>>

An overall history Seattle as workers struggled for equal and just compensation for their labor.

The Links and reference page leads to many of the other resources I have listed on these two pages.

United Mineworkers of America. February 24, 2009 <<http://www.umwa.org/>>

The website for up to date Union information, general historical information and leads on finding local union information. However, specific Mining Union documentation is the responsibility of the individual mines.

[Washington State] Bureau of Labor, *Ninth Biennial Report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Factory Inspection 1913-1914* (Olympia: Frank M. Lamborn, Public Printer, 1914), 123.

One of two magazines that reports that give hour, wage, and living condition information of laborers withing the United States much like Hired Farmworkers: Health and Well-being at Risk. Only for earlier time periods that can mirror the change in Union formation and status withing in the United States. To see their effect on Laborers working conditions.