


# US ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW ARCHIVAL INVENTORY

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This report is part of the DePOT Occasional Reports Series. It compiles oral history interview collections related to deindustrialization in the United States, bringing together collections from libraries, archives, museums and educational institutions. The report is intended to support research into the lived experiences of deindustrialization, as well as encouraging the use of existing oral history collections in future research.

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Armstrong Cork ruins in Pittsburgh. Photo by David Lewis.

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# METHODOLOGY

The oral history interview collections listed below were compiled from archives in the USA. To be relevant, collections had to contain oral history interviews pertaining to deindustrialization post-1960. I interpreted “deindustrialization” broadly to include the far-reaching and long-lasting impacts of industrial closures and restructuring. I looked for collections that focused on plant, factory, mine, or mill closures from the perspectives of workers, families of workers, management, or people in the community generally affected by the closures; on restructuring or automation in industrial environments (especially from the 1970s–1990s); on development or redevelopment of formerly-industrial sites or neighborhoods; on strikes and/or labor organizing that occurred in response to industrial closures or restructuring and on the impact of closures on unions; and on the environmental impacts of various industries that continued after the closure of those industries. I came across a great many oral history collections that focused on labour organizing, unions, and labour movements in many different states, but I made sure to only include collections in this inventory that made specific reference to deindustrialization as it is broadly interpreted here.

My method for finding these collections was to work through government, university, and private archives in one state at a time. I also searched the Library of Congress archives, though that search did not turn up relevant findings. After selecting a state, I first identified universities in that state that had oral history collections and then went through these archives individually to see if any collections met my search criteria. Generally, this took the form of looking through finding aids and doing keyword searches related to the above search criteria. If they existed, I looked through the oral history collections of State Archives, Historical Society Archives and Oral History Societies in each state. I also did general searches in each state for museums or private archives that might have an (post)industrial focus, i.e. “Labour Museum” or “Worker Museum” or “Industrial Heritage” + the name of the state, or for oral history archives in a particular state. These searches sometimes yielded institutions with relevant oral history collections. Once I had completed my search at a given archive, I contacted the archive by email to make sure I wasn’t missing anything in their collection and to ask for recommendations on where I might find other deindustrialization-related oral history collections. This “snowball” inquiry method worked quite well, and I was introduced to several archives with relevant collections I would probably not have found otherwise. Finally, I checked the archives of public libraries in large cities in each state.

These searches did not turn up any relevant collections, but they did sometimes provide connections to other archives I would have missed.

# Manchester–Cheney Oral History Project

Archives and Special Collections, University of Connecticut Library Repository

<https://archivesearch.lib.uconn.edu/repositories/2/...>

DESCRIPTION	Oral history interviews pertaining to the Cheney Silk Mills in Manchester, Connecticut. The online description is very limited, but the interviews appear to focus on a broad range of industrial/deindustrial/labor topics throughout the 20th century, including the decline and eventual closure of the silk textile mills in Manchester.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Center for Oral History Records, University of Connecticut Library
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1971–1991
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	72
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio cassette or reel-to-reel
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Contact <a href="mailto:archives@uconn.edu">archives@uconn.edu</a> .

# Millworkers of Willimantic

Archives and Special Collections, University of Connecticut Library Repository

<https://archivessearch.lib.uconn.edu/repositories/2/...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>Oral history interviews pertaining to textile mills in Willimantic, Connecticut. The online description is very limited, but the interviews took place at a time when the textile industry in Willimantic was in decline and/or mills were closing, so there is a good chance that they are deindustrialization–related. The archives did not respond to my queries because they are closed due to COVID–19.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Center for Oral History Records, University of Connecticut Library
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1979–1980
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	16
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio cassette or reel–to–reel
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Contact <a href="mailto:archives@uconn.edu">archives@uconn.edu</a> .

# Connecticut Workers And A Half Century of Technological Change, 1930–1980

Archives and Special Collections, University of Connecticut Library Repository

<https://archivessearch.lib.uconn.edu/repositories/...>

DESCRIPTION	The online description is mostly limited to the title. Interviews are conducted with workers from various textile industries in Connecticut.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Center for Oral History Records, University of Connecticut Library
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1981–82
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	160
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio cassette or reel-to-reel
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Contact <a href="mailto:archives@uconn.edu">archives@uconn.edu</a> .

# Illinois Coal: The Legacy of an Industrial Society

University of Illinois Springfield University Archive

<https://library.uis.edu/archives/collections/oral/projects.html>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“Illinois coal miners and their wives describe family life, their work experiences in the mines, mechanization, the ‘mine wars’ of the 1930s, the struggle between the Progressive Miners and the United Mine Workers, life in mining towns, bootlegging, various types of mining jobs, ethnic and gender diversity in the mines, changes in the mining industry in the 1970s and 80s.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Kevin Corley, Carl Oblinger, Brenda Griffin
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1985–86
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	36
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to recordings and transcriptions

# Forty Blocks: The East Garfield Park Oral History Project

Oral History Collection – Chicago History Museum

<https://collections.carli.illinois.edu/...>

DESCRIPTION	Interviews about the history of the neighborhood, East Garfield Park, including changes following the departure of Sears headquarters in the 1970s.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Chicago History Museum
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2016
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	27
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcription available on request.
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to recordings and transcriptions.



# Generations of Auto Workers: Anderson, Indiana, 1930–1982

Indiana University Center for Documentary Research and Practice

<http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This project examines the impact of unionization on Guide Lamp and Delco Remy, two automobile plants in Anderson, Indiana, between the years of 1930 and 1982. It details the events of the 1937 sit–down strike at Guide Lamp and the various improvements in working conditions, wages, job security, and benefits that the United Auto Workers helped to influence at the two plants. The project highlights changes in policy towards women, minority groups, and retirees in the factory workplace, and it offers descriptions of the evolving roles of management and the union and changing relationships among workers in the two plants. Finally, the project details the history of the two plants within the community of Anderson at large, and it offers commentary on the then–current problems and challenges facing the automobile industry as a whole.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Indiana University Center for the Study of History and Memory
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1968–present
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	28
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcripts available on request.
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Researchers must write to the archive at <a href="mailto:ohrc@indiana.edu">ohrc@indiana.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:archives@indiana.edu">archives@indiana.edu</a> to access materials.

# Economic History of Indiana in the Twentieth Century, 1976–1980 (Project no. ohrc041)

Indiana University Center for Documentary Research and Practice

<http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This project contains information about local, state, national, and international economic enterprises, focusing mainly on businesses and industries located in and/or originating in the state of Indiana. Some of the industries discussed are the Indiana limestone industry, the local oil industry, coal mining, agriculture, railroads, the automobile industry, banking, insurance, steel production, and supermarkets. The local economic impact of industry and business on a community, unionization, and the workforces of each industry are also discussed.” Varied interviewees: from factory employees to university professors to farmers, but almost exclusively men. A few of the interviews address industrial closure.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Indiana University Center for the Study of History and Memory
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1976–1980
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	164
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio reels
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Most have transcripts.
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Researchers must write to the archive at <a href="mailto:ohrc@indiana.edu">ohrc@indiana.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:archives@indiana.edu">archives@indiana.edu</a> to access materials.

# Perspectives on the Indiana Economy, 1981–1982 (Project no. ohrc086)

Indiana University Center for Documentary Research and Practice

<http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This collection of interviews provides an overview of economic development in the state of Indiana between the nineteen twenties and the nineteen eighties. A variety of prominent business leaders discuss topics such as farming, state planning, the steel industry, manufacturing, and banking. Several former governors of Indiana are interviewed as well, providing a political perspective on the acceptance of federal aid, tax reform, the effects of recession on farming and industry, and such projects as the Burns Harbor and the Indiana Toll Road.” A few of the interviewees (Heinley, William E. February 23, 1982; Jaicks, Frederick G. March 26, 1982; Midwest Economy Colloquium September 1981; Sells, Dallas May 12, 1982) discuss plant closures or the effects of industrial closures/downsizing in the 1960s and 1970s.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Indiana University Center for the Study of History and Memory; interviews conducted by Catherine Swanson
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1981–1982
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	30
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiotapes
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcripts available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Researchers must write to the archive at <a href="mailto:ohrc@indiana.edu">ohrc@indiana.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:archives@indiana.edu">archives@indiana.edu</a> to access materials.

# Indiana Automobile Industry, 1982

## (Project no. ohrc061)

Indiana University Center for Documentary Research and Practice

<http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This project deals with the Automobile Industry in Indiana and why it declined. The interviewees discuss industry within Indiana, concentrating on Indianapolis in the nineteen twenties.”</p> <p>The two interviewees lived through the decline of the automobile industry in Indianapolis.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Indiana University Center for the Study of History and Memory; interviews conducted by Catherine Swanson
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1982
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	2
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiotapes
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcripts available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Researchers must write to the archive at <a href="mailto:ohrc@indiana.edu">ohrc@indiana.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:archives@indiana.edu">archives@indiana.edu</a> to access materials.



# Studebaker, 1984–85 (Project no. ohrc097)

Indiana University Center for Documentary Research and Practice

[http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/..](http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/)

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This project deals with the Studebaker Plant in South Bend, Indiana primarily between the 1930s and the 1960s, when it closed. The interviewees are employees from all levels and genders, but the majority discuss the blue-collar aspect. They primarily discuss working conditions, the Local 5 union, management, ethnicities, women, World War II and its effects, and the decline and closing of the Plant.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Indiana University Center for the Study of History and Memory
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1996–1997
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	29
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiotapes
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcripts available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Researchers must write to the archive at <a href="mailto:ohrc@indiana.edu">ohrc@indiana.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:archives@indiana.edu">archives@indiana.edu</a> to access materials.

# Economic Development in Indiana, 1996–1997 (Project no. ohrc040)

Indiana

Indiana University Center for Documentary Research and Practice

<https://archives.iu.edu/catalog/ohrc040>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This collection of interviews gathers information about economic development from some key locations in southwestern Indiana, Indianapolis, and northwestern Indiana, among others. Topics include environmental issues, Brownfield redevelopment, tax incentives, and labor unions. Many issues are the same from one region to another, but some regions, such as northwestern Indiana, emphasize environmental or Brownfield redevelopment over unions or workforce training.” Interviewees span a broad range of professions, genders, and cultural backgrounds.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Indiana University Center for the Study of History and Memory
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1996–1997
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	29
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiotapes
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcripts available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Researchers must write to the archive at <a href="mailto:ohrc@indiana.edu">ohrc@indiana.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:archives@indiana.edu">archives@indiana.edu</a> to access materials.

# Middletown Digital Oral History Collection (Organized Labor in Muncie: An Oral History)

Ball State University Digital Media Repository

<https://dmr.bsu.edu/digital/collection...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“The Organized Labor in Muncie Oral History project, completed during 2005–2006, included interviews with 15 key figures in the local labor movement. Representing auto workers, glass workers, meat packers, tool and dye workers and other industrial unions, the participants in the project shared their experiences as leaders of local labor groups.”</p> <p>Oral historian C. Warren Vander Hill conducted the interviews, which provide insights into union formation, labor–capital relations, the impact of deindustrialization, and other aspects of local economic, social, and civic history.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Center for Middleton Studies/Documenting Deindustrialization/Warren Vander Hill
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2005–2006
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	15
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Digital files available
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcripts available
ONLINE ACCESS	Yes

# Middletown Digital Oral History Collection (Economic Development in Muncie: An Oral History)

Ball State University Digital Media Repository

<https://dmr.bsu.edu/digital/collection...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“During 2007–2008, the Center completed the Economic Development in Muncie Oral History project. Topics covered included the history of local economic development efforts, the role of unions and manufacturing in the area economy, relations between business and political leadership, and prospects for growth. These conversations provide valuable background for those interested in local economic development efforts or in the challenge of responding to economic change more generally.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Center for Middleton Studies/Documenting Deindustrialization/Warren Vander Hill and Paul Mitchell
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2007–2008
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	19
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Digital files available
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcripts available
ONLINE ACCESS	Yes



# Just Transition: Post–Coal Transition Movement in Appalachia Oral History

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This is a series of interviews with ‘just transition’ activists on the post–coal transition / just transition movement in the coal fields of Appalachia. A portion of the interviews were conducted by students as part of their Sociology 360 course under associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Shauna L. Scott at the University of Kentucky. According to Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC): ‘The term Just Transition describes an all–in, inclusive, and place–based process to build economic and political power to shift from an extractive economy to a regenerative one. [It] requires solutions that ensure the well–being of workers and communities; address racial, economic and gender injustice; protect our health, environment and climate; and create meaningful, good jobs and a thriving and sustainable economy.’”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Dr. Shauna L. Scott and students taking Dr. Scott’s Sociology 360 course at the University of Kentucky
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2019–2020
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	31
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Unknown (presumed audio only)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Brief individual interviewee descriptions online. Transcripts must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Audio files and transcriptions available on request. Contact <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>

# Elkhorn City River Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt7mpg1hmj96>

DESCRIPTION	“Residents of Elkhorn City, Kentucky discuss the history of the town and the Elkhorn River. They discuss how the area has changed over time and the impact of the river on the area,” as well as post–industrial development in the context of environmental degradation caused by coal mining.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Unknown organization, many interviewers
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2015
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	22
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Unknown (presumed audio only)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Chronologies available online. Transcripts must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to audio files of interviews and chronologies

# Appalachia: General Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt71jw86m037>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This project includes miscellaneous interviews with residents of Appalachia discussing their personal histories, life in Appalachia, and various other Appalachia related topics.” The keywords include: coal mines, coal mining, coal mining strikes, Harlan county, strikes and lockouts – coal mining.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Unknown organization, many interviewers
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1979–2020
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	31
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Unknown (presumed audio only)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Digitization and transcriptions available on request. Contact <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>

# War on Poverty Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt7p5h7bvt40>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This project documents the War on Poverty in the Appalachian Region of Kentucky. Topics discussed include the Appalachian Volunteers, Head Start programs, the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), the Community Action Program, conflicts between natives and ‘outsiders,’ charges that volunteers were spreading communism, the Pike County Sedition Case, and the founding of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	John Glen, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Margaret Brown, Gibbs Kinderman
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1987–1993
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	72
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Unknown (presumed audio only)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Chronologies available online. Transcripts must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to audio file of interview and chronologies



# Appalachia: They Say in Harlan County, The Alessandro Portelli Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<http://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt7wst7dvc50>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This project consists of interviews conducted by Italian oral historian Alessandro Portelli concerning the history, socioeconomic conditions, folklife, music, and customs of the Appalachian region of Kentucky. Topics discussed include racism, African Americans in Appalachia, poverty, coal mining, coal mine closures, agriculture, moonshiners, religion, Italian immigrants, politics, labor unions.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Alessandro Portelli
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1983–1993
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	75
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>
ONLINE ACCESS TO RECORDINGS / TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	No online access. Digitization and transcriptions available on request. Contact <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>

# Appalachia: Roving Pickets Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt763x83mz7s>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“In the early 1960s, the United Mine Workers Welfare and Retirement Fund canceled medical cards held by union miners who were working for companies that failed to pay their royalty fees to the fund. In a few eastern Kentucky counties, the miners responded by traveling from mine to mine closing them down. Known as the Roving Picket Movement, it evolved by 1964 into the Appalachian Committee for Full Employment, an antipoverty organization whose goal was to organize unemployed miners and make the local War on Poverty programs more responsive to poor people. The Roving Picket Movement eventually led to pressures for black lung legislation in the late 1960s and to the reform of the United Mine Workers of America through the creation of Miners for Democracy. Interviewees include management personnel, public officials, coal operators, and miners and their families. Topics not mentioned above include industrial development, the Kentucky River Coal Corporation, violence in the coal fields, the Unemployed Fathers Program (the “Happy Pappy” Program), communism, the Brookside mine, the Citizens Committee for Law and Order, the Hazard Herald, mechanization, mine safety, the 1959 strike, Harlan County, women pickets, the Battle of Evarts, John Blair, Charlie Combs, Berman Gibson, Arnold Miller, and Judge Courtney Wells.”</p>
RESEARCHER	Doug Cantrell
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1987
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	17
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Unknown (presumed audio only)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	<p>Brief summaries of each interviewee’s interview are available online. Transcripts must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a></p>
ONLINE ACCESS	<p>No online access. Digitization and transcriptions available on request. Contact <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a></p>

# Appalachia: Coal Mining Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt7dnc5sb96d>

DESCRIPTION	“This is a series of interviews on the history, changes, and impact of the coal industry.”
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Unknown
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1993
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	2
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Unknown (presumed audio only)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Digitization and transcriptions available on request. Contact <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a> .

# Appalachia: Coal Operators Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt7gms3k0n5n>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“These interviews with major coal operators document their personal histories and the history of the coal industry in eastern Kentucky during the twentieth century. Kentucky communities discussed include Artemus, Burdine, Jenkins, Jellico, Van Lear, and Wheelwright; and Kentucky counties include Bell, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, Perry, Pike, and Pulaski. Narrators discuss the following coal companies: Blue Diamond, Consolidated, Cypress, Finley, Hurricane Creek, Kentucky River, Massey, and Allais Coal Mine. Other topics include coal associations, organized labor, the United Mine Workers of America, the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, Mine Education and Safety (MESA), Inland Steel, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Citizens for the Commonwealth, the Civilian Conservation Corps, and United States Steel. Information on various aspects of the mining industry includes deep mining, surface mining, mining techniques, land reclamation, politics and mining, mine safety and accidents, the role of the state and federal governments in mine safety, state and federal legislation, mine inspections, marketing coal, acid rain, company towns, media coverage of the coal industry, black and immigrant miners, employer–employee relations, the conspiracy trial of 1938, the Kentucky–Virginia Compact, Buchanan versus Watson, Brush Creek, and John L. Lewis.”</p>
RESEARCHER	Henry C. Mayer
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1988–1989
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	46
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Unknown (presumed audio only)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a> .
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Digitization and transcriptions available on request. Contact <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a> .

# Appalachia: Coal Mining Mechanization Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<http://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt7mcv4brw9v>

DESCRIPTION	“This project consists of interviews concerning coal mining mechanization in Appalachia. Subjects include mining equipment, replacement of workers by machines, continuous miners, mining accidents, unions, strikes, unemployment, and trucking.”
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Doug Cantrell
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1987
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	2
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Unknown (presumed audio only)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a> .
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Digitization and transcriptions available on request. Contact <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a> .

# Women and Collective Protest Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<http://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt7rv11vhp7d>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“This project documents the role of women in the strikes by the United Mine Workers of America and Coal Workers of America in Pikeville and Brookside from 1972 to 1974. Topics include organizing, picketing, child care, health benefits, the Brookside coal mine, Pikeville, unions, coal operators, and coal miners.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Sally Ward Maggard
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1986–1987
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	58
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Summaries available online. Transcripts available on request from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>
ONLINE ACCESS	Yes: online access to both audio recordings and summaries.

# Lynch (Kentucky) Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt7v154drh6b>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“Lynch, Kentucky, the heart of Harlan County, was once the largest coal camp in the world. It was founded in 1917 by U.S. Coke and Coal, a subsidiary of U.S. Steel. Over 4,000 people were employed by the Lynch Mining Complex by the 1940s. The influx of miners and their families – 38 represented nationalities – caused the population of Harlan County to increase over 100 percent between 1920 and 1930, and by 1940, it had become the state’s fourth most populous county. The ‘model coal camp’ of Lynch had housing, education, healthcare, churches, social services, recreation, and of course, wages and benefits, all provided by the company. But by the mid–20th century, increased mechanization and decreased output dampened both population growth and mine production. These interviews provide a glimpse into the growth and decline of Lynch through the voices of its community. Topics discussed include the institutions of Lynch: the churches, schools, stores, the hotel, the movie theater, and the strength of the community.”</p>
RESEARCHER	Janie–Rice Brother
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2017
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	17
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Unknown (presumed audio only)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a> .
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Digitization and transcriptions available on request. Contact <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a> .



# Appalachia: Brookside Mine Strike (1973–1974) Oral History Project

Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries

<http://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt7r4x54j53r>

DESCRIPTION	“This project focuses on the Brookside Mine Strike in Harlan County, Kentucky, during 1973–1974. United Mine Workers union members in Harlan County went on strike against Eastover Coal Company, which was owned by Duke Power Company.”
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Kelly Motley
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1988
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	3
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Unknown (presumed audio only)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Must be requested from <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a>
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Digitization and transcriptions available on request. Contact <a href="mailto:nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu">nunncenter@lsv.uky.edu</a> .

# Eastern Fine Pulp and Paper Company (MF155)

Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History, University of Maine

<http://archives.library.umaine.edu/repositories/5/resources/3083#>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“A series of oral history interviews, photographs and documents relating to the history and culture of Eastern Fine Paper in Brewer, Maine. The mill closed in January, 2003 after operating as a paper and/or lumber mill for more than a century.”</p> <p>Interviews conducted with former employees.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Pauleena MacDougall and Amy Stevens
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2004–2007
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	49
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio (digital)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Contact <a href="mailto:um.library.spc@maine.edu">um.library.spc@maine.edu</a> .

# Stinson Sardine Collection (MF154)

Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History, University of Maine

<http://archives.library.umaine.edu/repositories/5/resources/3082>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“Interviews with the employees of the Stinson Sardine plant in Prospect Harbor, Maine in March 2010. These interviews were conducted a couple of weeks before the plant closed on April 18, 2010 during the work day. The Stinson Sardine plant was the last sardine canning plant in the state of Maine.” Some interviews also available through the Maine Oral History and Folklife Inc. website (<a href="https://www.oralhistoryandfolklife.org/category/last-sardine-cannery/">https://www.oralhistoryandfolklife.org/category/last-sardine-cannery/</a>).</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Pauleena MacDougall
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	March 30–31, 2010
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	27
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio (digital)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Contact <a href="mailto:um.library.spc@maine.edu">um.library.spc@maine.edu</a> .

# One Year Later: The Closing of Penobscot Poultry and the Transition of a Veteran Employee (MF045)

Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History, University of Maine

<http://archives.library.umaine.edu/repositories...>

DESCRIPTION	“A series of interviews with Linda J. Lord in which she talks about the work she did for 20 years at Penobscot Poultry, her feelings about being unemployed after Penobscot closed and general conversations about her life in Maine.”
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Alicia J. Rouverol
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1988–1989
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	8 (recorded separately with the same person)
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio (digital)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Contact <a href="mailto:um.library.spc@maine.edu">um.library.spc@maine.edu</a> .

# Androscoggin River Oral History Collection

Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library, Bates College

[https://scarab.bates.edu/androscoggin\\_oh/](https://scarab.bates.edu/androscoggin_oh/)

DESCRIPTION	Interview conducted for a senior Honors Thesis concerning the social and political effects of economic change in the Androscoggin River Valley. Women and men interviewed. Interviewees discuss decline of various industries – textile, lumber, paper – over the latter half of the 20th century.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Mariah Pfeiffer
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2006
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	14
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio (digital)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	Transcriptions available online. Contact <a href="mailto:researchlibrarians@bates.edu">researchlibrarians@bates.edu</a> for access to recordings.

# Bethlehem Steel Legacy Project

Baltimore Museum of Industry

<http://www.thebmi.org/stories/bethlehem-steel-legacy-project/>

DESCRIPTION	As part of the Bethlehem Steel Legacy Project, oral history interviews were conducted which focus on the legacy and demise of Bethlehem Steel Co. These oral histories feature former employees of Bethlehem Steel's Sparrows Point plant and focus a great deal on the causes and impact of deindustrialization. The interviews span racial and gender identities.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Bethlehem Steel Legacy Project
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	post-2012
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	26
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Please contact <a href="mailto:mshirko@thebmi.org">mshirko@thebmi.org</a> for access to transcriptions and recordings.

# Mill Workers of Lowell (MWOL)

Center For Lowell History, University of Massachusetts Lowell Libraries

<https://web.archive.org/web/20180331010937/http://library.uml.edu/clh/OH/MWOL/OH1.htm>

DESCRIPTION	Oral histories of many of the last generation of Lowell, MA, textile mill workers dealing with the economic development and then decline of the textile industry. Both men and women, and some couples, interviewed for the project. Interviews are in the life story format, with a focus on work life.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Mary Blewett and Martha Mayo
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1984–1985
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	10
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiocassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Full transcriptions
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to transcripts. For any queries contact <a href="mailto:admin@uml.libanswers.com">admin@uml.libanswers.com</a>



# Closing of Merrimack Mills

Center For Lowell History, University of Massachusetts Lowell Libraries

<https://web.archive.org/web/20151228210928/http://library.uml.edu/clh/OH/EAST/OH04a.htm>

DESCRIPTION	Former workers and members of the community were interviewed about the closure of Merrimack Mills in 1956. Interviewees include both men and women.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Lowell National Historic Park
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1997–2004
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	16
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiocassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Full transcriptions
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to transcripts. For any queries contact <a href="mailto:admin@uml.libanswers.com">admin@uml.libanswers.com</a>

# After the Last Generation I: Lowell's Textile Workers 1958–1998

Center For Lowell History, University of Massachusetts Lowell Libraries

<https://web.archive.org/web/20151228181919...>

DESCRIPTION	Interviewees address work experience in the mills, the change in mill work over time including mill restructuring, and the eventual closure of numerous textile mills in Lowell. Interviewees include both men and women.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Lowell National Historic Park
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1999–2000
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	11
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiocassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Full transcriptions
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to transcripts. For any queries contact <a href="mailto:admin@uml.libanswers.com">admin@uml.libanswers.com</a>

# After the Last Generation II: Lowell's Textile Workers 1958–1998

Center For Lowell History, University of Massachusetts Lowell Libraries

<https://web.archive.org/web/20151228210921...>

DESCRIPTION	Interviewees address work experience in Lowell Textile Mills, the change in mill work over time including mill restructuring, and the eventual closure of numerous textile mills in Lowell. Interviewees include both men and women.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Lowell National Historic Park
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2001–02
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	8
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiocassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Full transcriptions
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to transcripts. For any queries contact <a href="mailto:admin@uml.libanswers.com">admin@uml.libanswers.com</a>

# “Empty Spaces”: Plant Shutdown and Displacement in the Industrial Heartland Oral Histories (Identifier: LOH001744)

Walther P. Reuther Library Wayne State University

<http://archives.wayne.edu...>

DESCRIPTION	As part of the research for his dissertation on industrial plant shutdowns in the 1970s and 1980s, Steven High interviewed numerous displaced workers across the United States and Canada. Some of the interviewees were located in Detroit. “The collection consists of nine interviews on VHS tape with displaced Detroit–area auto industry workers conducted by Steven High as part of the research for his dissertation. Interviews were conducted with the following ten persons: Bernice Adams, Ralph Brubaker, Willie Eaddy, Diane Garner, Ruby Kendrick, Daniel McCarthy, Marilyn McCormick, Jim and Dolores McHale (interviewed together), and Gabriel Solano.”
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Steven High
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1997–2000
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	9 interviews with a total of 10 people
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	VHS tapes
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	No
ONLINE ACCESS	Digitized copies of the interviews available by request. Contact <a href="mailto:ac7689@wayne.edu">ac7689@wayne.edu</a>

# End of the Line Oral Histories (Identifier: LOH001711)

Walther P. Reuther Library Wayne State University

<http://archives.wayne.edu/repositories/2/resources/844>

DESCRIPTION	<p>Plant worker and graduate history student Richard Feldman interviewed UAW Local 900 members at Ford's Michigan Truck Plant (many of whom had also worked at Wayne Assembly Plant) for his book, written with journalist Michael Betzold, <i>End of the Line: Autoworkers and the American Dream</i>, on the changing nature of the automobile industry, plant management and working conditions, union activities and status, and worker perspectives in the 1980s.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Richard Feldman and Michael Betzold
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1986
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	29 interviews
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio (cassette tapes)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Available on request.
ONLINE ACCESS	Digitized copies of the interviews available by request. Contact <a href="mailto:ac7689@wayne.edu">ac7689@wayne.edu</a>

# REO Centennial Project

Michigan State University Libraries, G. Robert Vincent Voice Library

<https://lib.msu.edu/branches/vl/autotown/collection.jsp?id=4>

DESCRIPTION	Interviewees, both men and women, discuss their careers and/or involvement in the REO Motor Car Company and Diamond REO Trucks, Inc. Topics include work life, union organizing, the decline and then closure of the company, and the impact on the community.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Shirley J. Bradley
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2004
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	14
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Yes
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to both transcriptions and recordings.

# REO Memories Project

Michigan State University Libraries, G. Robert Vincent Voice Library

<https://lib.msu.edu/branches/vl/autotown/collection.jsp?id=3>

DESCRIPTION	Interviewees, both men and women, discuss their careers and/or involvement in the REO Motor Car Company and Diamond REO Trucks, Inc. Topics include work life, union organizing, the decline and then closure of the company, and the impact on the community of the bankruptcy in 1975.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Shirley J. Bradley, Lisa M. Fine
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1992–1993
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	27
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Yes
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to both transcriptions and recordings.



# Minneapolis Riverfront Redevelopment Oral History Project

Voices of Minnesota, Minnesota Historical Society

<http://mnhs.gitlab.io/archive/voices-of-minnesota...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“A series of interviews conducted by journalist Linda Mack with individuals who were influential in the redevelopment of the Mississippi River riverfront in central Minneapolis. The narrators discuss the social, industrial, architectural and political history of the Minneapolis riverfront, the many and often conflicting plans for its redevelopment, and the actions taken to create the successful urban district that exists in 2008–2009. An executive summary of the project by interviewer Linda Mack is also included.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Linda Mack
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2008–2009
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	26
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio only
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Yes
ONLINE ACCESS	Free access to both audio and transcripts

# City of New Brunswick Redevelopment Oral Histories

Rutgers Oral History Archives, Rutgers University

<https://oralhistory.rutgers.edu/new-brunswick-redevelopment-oral-histories>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“24 oral history interviews related to the redevelopment of the City of New Brunswick. Interviewees included leaders from Johnson &amp; Johnson, New Brunswick Development Corporation, New Brunswick Tomorrow, New Brunswick Cultural Center, New Brunswick hospitals, Rutgers University, current and former mayors, and community leaders. The discussions addressed a wide range of issues related to social, demographic, cultural, economic, and physical changes to the city starting in the 1970s and continuing to the present.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Dorothea Berkhout and David Listokin
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2009–2016
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	24
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Video
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to both interviews and transcriptions.

# Asian Garment Workers in New York City (OH 018)

Tamiment Library & Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives

[http://dlib.nyu.edu/findingsaids/html/tamwag/oh\\_018/oh\\_018.html](http://dlib.nyu.edu/findingsaids/html/tamwag/oh_018/oh_018.html)

DESCRIPTION	<p>“The collection consists of interviews of garment workers who came to New York City from Vietnam, China, the Philippines, and California. Interviews are primarily with International Ladies Garment Workers’ Union members and staff (especially Local 23–25) and its successor organization the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE), but one interview is with a garment manufacturer. Topics covered include emigration to the United States, working conditions, joining the ILGWU, major strikes, the effects of globalization on the garment industry and unions, and unique challenges in organizing in the Asian–American community. The majority of the interviews were taken in 1989 by Bichiluyen Nguyen of NYU’s History Department. Interviews were taken in English, Chinese or Vietnamese, and indexes or transcripts exist in English for all interviews.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Bichiluyen Nguyen
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1989–2004
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	10
LANGUAGE(S)	English, Vietnamese, Chinese
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Indexes and transcripts available.
ONLINE ACCESS	No. Contact <a href="mailto:tamiment.wagner@nyu.edu">tamiment.wagner@nyu.edu</a> for access.

# Kheel Center for Labor–Management Documentation and Archives, Cornell University

The Kheel Center has many oral history collections pertaining to labor history, but the online descriptions of those collections are very limited if they exist at all. It seems likely that some of these interview collections would pertain to deindustrialization, but there is no way of knowing for sure unless a researcher is hired to go to the archives. I have compiled a list of potentially relevant collections below.

## Name of Collections (and Search Numbers):

- [ACWA Oral History Project Records](#) (5619 OH)
- [“Twentieth Century Trade Union Women: Vehicle for Social Change” Oral History Transcripts, 1970–1987](#) (6342 OHT)
- [ILGWU Oral History, 1973–1986](#) (5780 OH)
- [Kheel Center Collection of Oral Histories, 1965–1975](#) (6058 OH)
- [CLEL Video Oral History Project, 2000–2017](#) (6207 OH)
- [ILR School Founding Faculty Oral History Project, 1989–1994](#) (4135 OH)
- [NLRB Oral History Project II Master Tapes, 1989–1990](#) (5835 OHM)
- [NLRB Oral History Project II Master Tapes, 1989–1990](#) (5843)
- [Daniel Soyer. ILGWU Heritage Project., 2008–2009](#) (6036/076 OH)

Contact [kheelref@cornell.edu](mailto:kheelref@cornell.edu) to enquire further or to hire a researcher to look further into any of the collections.

# Business History: Hostile Takeover (I.1.)

Southern Oral History Program, University of North Carolina

<http://dc.lib.unc.edu/cdm/search/collection/sohp...>

DESCRIPTION	Interviews conducted with representatives of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Heublein Inc., Microdot Inc., and Richardson–Vicks Inc., who talk about their experiences during hostile takeover attempts on their companies. Discussions relate both to the individual organizations and to the broader effects of hostile takeovers on the country's economic health. Keyworded as "consolidation and merger of corporations – United States."
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	William A. Crowther
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1989
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	4
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to both transcriptions and recordings.

# Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company

William F. Maag Jr. Archives and Special Collections, Youngstown State University

<https://jupiter.yosu.edu/search/dYoungstown...>

DESCRIPTION	Oral histories pertaining to the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company in Youngstown, Ohio. Interviews range from the workers' strike in 1952 to the closure of the company in 1977 and ensuing unemployment thereafter.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Numerous researchers
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1981–1988
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	40
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available.
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to transcripts. Recordings available on request.

# William F. Maag Jr. Archives and Special Collections, Youngstown State University

DESCRIPTION	<p>Oral histories pertaining to later years and then closure of steel plants (Crucible Steel, Deck's Metal Finishing Company, North Star Steel, Syro Steel), the General Motors plant and other auto–industry plants. Some interviewees were in management and others worked various positions in the plants.</p> <p>The Maag Library has not organized many of their interviews into collections. Interviews relevant to deindustrialization are listed here:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="#">Paul Wigton – History of Industry in Youngstown</a>  <a href="#">Harold Liller – General Motors Lordstown Plant</a>  <a href="#">Emmanuel Ramond Lewis – Auto Industry, Lordstown</a>  <a href="#">Fred Twyford – Crucible Steel Project</a>  <a href="#">William F. Donahue – History of Industries in Youngstown</a>  <a href="#">Gary Giovannetti – History of Industries in Youngstown</a>  <a href="#">Robert Horvatt – Labor Industry</a>  <a href="#">George Reiss – History of Industry in Youngstown</a>  <a href="#">Charles Syak – History of Industry in Youngstown</a> </p>
RESEARCHER	Numerous researchers from different projects
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1981–1987
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	9
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available.
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to transcripts. Recordings available on request.



# Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, Ohio History Connection Youngstown Repository

In lieu of organizing individual interviews into collections, the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor enters each interview as its own collection. Relevant interviews to deindustrialization are listed below. Interviewees discuss plant/factory work life, labour relations, strikes and closures, primarily during the 1970s.

Descriptions (Name, Archival Identifier, Company/Plant) and links:

- [Roberto Agostino, YHC OHT 0001, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Campbell Works](#)
- [Russel Baxter, YHC OHT 0003, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Campbell Works](#)
- [Thomas Bergman, YHC OHT 0005, Republic Steel Youngstown](#)
- [Herb Brittain, YHC OHT 0006, Sharon Steel Lowellville/Republic Steel/Youngstown Sheet and Tube Struthers & Campbell Works](#)
- [William Brown Sr., YHC OHT 0007, Republic Steel Youngstown](#)
- [Robert Bruno Sr., YHC OHT 0008, Sharon Steel/Republic Steel Youngstown](#)
- [Antonia Caraballo, YHC OHT 0010, Republic Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube](#)
- [A. J. Carter, YHC OHT 0011, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Campbell/Briar Hill](#)
- [Bartolo and Julia Casillas, YHC OHT 0012, Republic Steel](#)
- [Alex Chytra, YHC OHT 0013, Republic Steel Youngstown/Warren](#)
- [Tom Cleary, YHC OHT 0014, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Campbell](#)
- [James C. Davis, YHC OHT 0015, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Brier Hill](#)
- [Sam Donnorummo, YHC OHT 0016, Youngstown Sheet and Tube](#)
- [Sophie Estock, YHC OHT 0017, Youngstown Sheet and Tube](#)
- [Hank Fabrizio, YHC OHT 0018, Carnegie Steel](#)
- [John Fitzgerald, YHC OHT 0019, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Brier Hill](#)
- [Charles Fowler, YHC OHT 0020, Republic Steel Warren/Youngstown](#)
- [Florence Galida, YHC OHT 0021](#)
- [Mary Isa Garayua \(For her father Louis Torez\), YHC OHT 0022, Youngstown Steel and Tube](#)
- [Arlette Gatewood, YHC OHT 0023, Youngstown Steel and Tube Campbell/Brier Hill](#)
- [Paul Gratz, YHC OHT 0024, Youngstown Steel and Tube Campbell/Hubbard/Brier Hill](#)
- [William Harris, YHC OHT 0025, Youngstown Steel and Tube, Republic Steel](#)
- [Matthew Inchak, YHC OHT 0028, US Steel Ohio Works](#)
- [Cal Keppler, YHC OHT 0031, Republic Steel, US Steel Youngstown/42 Inch Mill/McDonald](#)
- [Joe Kerrigan, YHC OHT 0032, US Steel Ohio Works](#)
- [Merlin Luce, YHC OHT 0036, US Steel Ohio Works](#)
- [Staughton Lynd, YHC OHT 0037, US Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube](#)

# Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, Ohio History Connection Youngstown Repository

## Descriptions (Name, Archival Identifier, Company/Plant) and links, cont'd:

- [Ed Mann, THC OHT 0038, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Brier Hill](#)
- [Francis McHugh, THC OHT 0041, Youngstown Steel and Tube Struthers](#)
- [Isabel Molina, THC OHT 0042, Youngstown Sheet and Tube](#)
- [John Occhipinti, THC OHT 0043, Republic Steel Youngstown](#)
- [Sam Pershing, THC OHT, 0044, US Steel Ohio Works](#)
- [Gilbert Peterson Sr. THC OHT, 0045, Republic Steel](#)
- [Agopito Reyes, THC OHT, 0046, Youngstown Steel and Tube](#)
- [George Richardson, THC OHT 0047, Youngstown Steel and Tube Blooming Mill/Campbell Works](#)
- [J. Philip Richley, THC OHT 0048, Youngstown Steel and Tube Brier Hill](#)
- [Stephen W. Rushen, THC OHT 0049, Republic Steel, US Steel Fairless Plant](#)
- [Augustine Sanchez, THC OHT 0050, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Brier Hill, Republic Steel](#)
- [Salome Sanchez, THC OHT 0051, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Campbell Works/Brier Hill](#)
- [Sam Santinocento, THC OHT 0052, Republic Steel Niles/Warren](#)
- [Pat Schialdone, THC OHT 0053, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Brier Hill](#)
- [John T. Smith, THC OHT 0054, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Rod & Wire, Republic Steel](#)
- [John Stenthal, THC OHT 0055, US Steel Farrell, Republic Steel](#)
- [Faustino Torres, THC OHT 0057, Youngstown Steel and Tube, Campbell Works](#)
- [W. Lawrence Weeks, THC OHT 0059, Republic Steel](#)
- [Marvin Weinstock, THC OHT 0060, US Steel Ohio Works](#)
- [Frederick R. Williams, THC OHT 0062, Republic Steel Warren](#)
- [Jerry Wittenauer, THC OHT 0063, Republic Steel Buffalo/Cleveland](#)
- [John Zenchak, THC OHT 0064, US Steel McDonald](#)

# Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, Ohio History Connection Youngstown Repository

ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Unknown
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1991–1994
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	49
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Videocassette (stored at Youngstown Historical Center of Industry. Digital copies available)
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions available on request. Interviewee profiles also available on request.
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Available on request – contact mbishop@ohiohistory.org (Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor in 2021) or centerofindustryandlabor@gmail.com.

# Garment Industry

Cleveland State University Archives, Michael Schwartz Library

<https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/crohc211/>

DESCRIPTION	“These interviews deal with the history and decline of the garment industry in Cleveland from the perspectives of workers and those in management.”
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Marc Frisch and Sean Martin
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2012
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	3
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Yes
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to both transcriptions and audio files.

# Midtown Cleveland

Cleveland State University Archives, Michael Schwartz Library

<https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/croh211/>

DESCRIPTION	Oral History interviews about the “revitalizing” of Cleveland’s MidTown Corridor – a formerly industrial part of Cleveland. Companies discussed include Applied Industrial Technologies, Albert Higley Company, Midtown Cleveland Incorporated.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	MidTown Cleveland (Community development organization)
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2007
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	15
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Yes
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to both transcriptions and audio files.

# Re-Imagining Cleveland

Cleveland State University Archives, Michael Schwartz Library

<https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/croh700/>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“Oral Histories relating to Re-imagining Cleveland, a project of Neighborhood Progress, Inc. Interviews were conducted and processed by students under the supervision of Dr. Mark Tebeau and Dr. Mark Souther as a component of Local and Urban History courses at CSU.”</p> <p>See <a href="http://www.clevelandnp.org/reimagining-cleveland/">http://www.clevelandnp.org/reimagining-cleveland/</a>.</p> <p>Re-imagining Cleveland “sees vacant land as a raw asset”, and interviewees discuss various projects and neighborhoods (include several deindustrialized areas) related to Re-imagining Cleveland.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Dr. Mark Tebeau and Dr. Mark Souther
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2007
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	15
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Yes
ONLINE ACCESS	Online access to both transcriptions and audio files.

# Detroit Shoreway

Cleveland State University Archives, Michael Schwartz Library

<https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/crohc955/>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“Interviews in this series were conducted by students and researchers in the History Department at Cleveland State University in partnership with Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO). Interviews took place at Gordon Square Arcade and in other venues in the neighborhood.” Detroit Shoreway is a formerly industrial neighborhood also effected by numerous highway construction projects that displaced residents in the 1960s and 1970s.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	<p><a href="#">DSCDO</a> and Cleveland State University History Dept.</p>
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	<p>2005–2017</p>
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	<p>37</p>
LANGUAGE(S)	<p>English</p>
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	<p>Audio</p>
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	<p>Yes</p>
ONLINE ACCESS	<p>Online access to both transcriptions and audio files.</p>

# Steelworker Oral History Project (2003:03)

Rivers of Steel (National Heritage Area)

<http://riversofsteel.pastperfectonline.com/archive/C8506885-6322-4300-8CEE-720152020510>

DESCRIPTION	The Rivers of Steel Steelworker Oral History Project records oral history interviews of former steelworkers in the eight-county region of Western Pennsylvania. Interview topics are varied, but many address plant closures and life in western Pennsylvania post-industry. See entries 2003.03.001-2003.03.112 for individual interview listings.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Ron Baraff, Susan Lineback, and Julie Throckmorton(-Meunier)
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2002-Present
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	112
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	A mix of audio and video recordings.
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Available on request.
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Must be requested from <a href="mailto:rbaraff@riversofsteel.com">rbaraff@riversofsteel.com</a> (Ron Baraff).



# Duquesne / National Works Oral History (2000:36)

Rivers of Steel (National Heritage Area)

<https://riversofsteel.pastperfectonline.com/archive/D8E84517-0296-4BF3...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“The Duquesne and National Works steel mills were key links in a network of large, fully integrated steel mills located in the Mon Valley / Beaver county region. These mills revolutionized the American iron and steel industry.” This is an oral history project consisting of audio taped interviews of former workers at the Duquesne and National Works. The interviews address work life in the mills as well as the impact of their closures.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Ron Baraff, Susan Lineback, and Julie Throckmorton(–Meunier)
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1981–1991
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	16
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Reel to reel
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Available on request
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Must be requested from rbaraff@riversofsteel.com (Ron Baraff).

# Rochester Steelworker Oral History Project

Rivers of Steel (National Heritage Area)

<https://riversofsteel.pastperfectonline.com/archive/BED3EDE7-C0A6-4E9C-80BF-990538502600>

DESCRIPTION	Oral history interviews with former steelworkers from Rochester, Pennsylvania that deal with occupational, social, and post-industrial experiences of steelworkers.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Unknown
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1997–1998
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	Unknown
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiocassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Not available yet.
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Must be requested from <a href="mailto:rbaraff@riversofsteel.com">rbaraff@riversofsteel.com</a> (Ron Baraff).

# Carrie Furnaces History and Graffiti Project (2019:03)

Pennsylvania

Rivers of Steel (National Heritage Area)

<https://riversofsteel.pastperfectonline.com/archive/E0C657AD-391A-4C21...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>This is an oral history project investigating graffiti at the Carrie Furnaces site. The focus of the project is related to how the site has changed over time. Interviewees included Graffiti Writers and former Steelworkers from the site. "The Graffiti Artists were asked about their interactions with the Carrie Furnace site, legal and illegal. They were asked to reflect on their work and its place as urban art in the region, past, present, and future. The questions for the Steelworkers focused on what type of work they did, what the worker community was like, and what it was like to return to Carrie as a volunteer and/or tour guide. We were especially interested in how it felt to see graffiti over their former work space, and how they integrate or do not integrate the graffiti into their public tours."</p> <p>See entries 2019:03:001-2019:03:007.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Ron Baraff (Rivers of Steel) and Nicole Scalissi (University of Pittsburgh)
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	2016
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	7
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiocassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Available on request.
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Must be requested from rbaraff@riversofsteel.com (Ron Baraff).

# Movement of Unemployed Oral History Project (1998:36)

Rivers of Steel (National Heritage Area)

<https://riversofsteel.pastperfectonline.com/archive/3DFC945C-C882-4A58...>

DESCRIPTION	From 1991– 1993 Anderson conducted interviews with 49 individuals including 2 interviews of himself (one self–recorded, the other by Mast). He recorded their views and experiences with deindustrialization of the 1980s in Pennsylvania, and the New Left. The interviews were conducted across class, gender, and racial lines.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Robert Anderson
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1991–93
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	49
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiocassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Transcriptions completed and available on request.
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access. Must be requested from rbaraff@riversofsteel.com (Ron Baraff).

# Manuscript Group 30 Local History Project: A Collection of Oral Histories

Indiana University Pennsylvania Special Collections and University Archives

<http://libweb1.library.iup.edu/depts/speccol...>

DESCRIPTION	See Box 3: Interviews 13–21. All are described as “Dislocated Rochester and Pittsburgh Company coal miners”. All men.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Paula Fitz–Coy
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1988–1989
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	8
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiocassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	No transcriptions yet available.
ONLINE ACCESS	No. Digitization and transcriptions can be requested from archivist Harrison Wick, who would be able to give a timeline for completion once an official request has been submitted. <a href="mailto:hwick@iup.edu">hwick@iup.edu</a>

# Women of Bethlehem Steel

Beyond Steel: An Archive of Lehigh Valley Industry and Culture

[http://digital.lib.lehigh.edu/beyondsteel/search/searching/\\_0\\_0\\_1\\_3/](http://digital.lib.lehigh.edu/beyondsteel/search/searching/_0_0_1_3/)

DESCRIPTION	<p>The Women of Bethlehem Steel collection represents the stories of women who worked at Bethlehem Steel Corporation from the mid-20th century through the sale and closure of the company in 2003. These oral histories convey a variety of experiences from women who worked on the shop floor, company executives, to women with strong family ties to the industry. The narrators describe their work, how they balanced their occupation with their home life, how they were treated by their male co-workers, and the effects of Bethlehem Steel's decline. In addition to audio and video recordings, this collection houses a variety of photos of women at work and portraits of former employees. See entries 25-32 and 37.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Julia Maserjian & Seth Moglen
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1975
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	8
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Available
ONLINE ACCESS	Recordings and transcriptions both available online.

# In the Age of Steel: Oral Histories from Bethlehem Pennsylvania

Beyond Steel: An Archive of Lehigh Valley Industry and Culture  
(Lehigh University)

<http://digital.lib.lehigh.edu...>

DESCRIPTION	A series of interviews conducted by Lehigh University students and faculty from 1974 through 1977 focusing on retired Bethlehem Steel workers, business people, and the heirs of industrial magnates. The project was co-sponsored by Bethlehem Steel Corporation, who provided contact information for retired steel workers. Interviews focus primarily on early-mid twentieth century memories and experiences with Bethlehem Steel, but numerous interviews address the beginning of the decline of Bethlehem Steel in the 1970s.
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Lehigh University
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1974–1975
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	50
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Available
ONLINE ACCESS	Recordings and transcriptions both available online.

# Steffi Domike Papers, 1946–2009 (AIS.1997.20); Series VI Subseries 2–3.

[Pennsylvania](#)

Historic Pittsburgh, University of Pennsylvania Library System

<https://historicpittsburgh.org/islandora/object/pitt%3AUS-PPIU-ais199720...>

DESCRIPTION	The <i>Crashin' Out: Hard Times in McKeesport</i> Oral History Project's goal was to "talk to people who lived through the Great Depression or had personal experiences with the 1980s downturn of the steel industry in the Monongahela Valley."
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Steffi Domike
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1983
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	31
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio cassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Available on request
ONLINE ACCESS	No. Contact <a href="mailto:historicpittsburgh@pitt.libanswers.com">historicpittsburgh@pitt.libanswers.com</a> to request access.



# State and Local Government Archives Oral History Collection (AIS.1997.02)

[Pennsylvania](#)

Historic Pittsburgh, University of Pennsylvania Library System

<https://historicpittsburgh.org/islandora/object/pitt%3AUS-PPIU-ais199702...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“The State and Local Government Archives (SLGA) Oral History Collection includes transcripts of interviews, audiocassettes, research notes, newspaper clippings, and sundry items donated by interviewees. Interviewees are notable figures in state and local government, especially those who were involved in the areas of environmental issues, electoral campaigning, urban redevelopment, civil rights, the role of gender in governance, and details of the workings and processes of governing. The SLGA Collection complements other collections in the Archives Service Center in areas such as urban planning and development, ethnic settlement, industrialization and deindustrialization, air pollution, union organizing, and university courses and policies affecting politics.” See in particular: Roderick, David (CEO US Steel); Pease, Robert (Allegheny Conference on Community Development); Masloff, Sophie (Mayor of Pittsburgh).</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT	SLGA
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1996–2002
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	61
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio cassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Available on request.
ONLINE ACCESS	No. Contact <a href="mailto:historicpittsburgh@pitt.libanswers.com">historicpittsburgh@pitt.libanswers.com</a> to request access.

# Lawrence F. Evans Collection (AIS.1988.17): Series IV Film (Steel Valley Stories) & Series V Donetsk Oral History Project

[Pennsylvania](#)

Historic Pittsburgh, University of Pennsylvania  
Library System

<http://historicpittsburgh.org...>

DESCRIPTION	<p>Series IV includes many oral history interviews for Evans' Steel Valley Stories project, which sought to document working class life both inside and outside of the steel mills. Also present are segments for the television series "Our Own Show" and video of meetings addressing the plight of the steel industry and its workers. Series V: Evans left the Chronicle to pursue an oral history project comparing steelworkers and miners in Pittsburgh and its sister city, Donetsk, in Soviet Ukraine. He also conducted many other interviews in Pittsburgh that comprised a series called "Steel Valley Stories" which documented life in Pittsburgh during the 1980s.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Lawrence F. Evans
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1982–1988
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	Series IV – approx. 30; Series V – approx. 40
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Some audio cassette, some video cassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Available on request.
ONLINE ACCESS	No. Contact <a href="mailto:historicpittsburgh@pitt.libanswers.com">historicpittsburgh@pitt.libanswers.com</a> to request access.

# Allen Dieterich–Ward “Beyond Rust: Metropolitan Pittsburgh and the Fate of Industrial America”

Historic Pittsburgh, University of Pennsylvania Library System

DESCRIPTION	<p>Oral History interviews conducted for Dieterich–Ward’s book, all of which pertain to deindustrialization. <i>Beyond Rust</i> chronicles the rise, fall, and rebirth of metropolitan Pittsburgh, an industrial region that once formed the heart of the world’s steel production and is now touted as a model for reviving other hard–hit cities of the Rust Belt. The interviews are currently being processed in Historic Pittsburgh’s archives. The completion date for processing is unknown as of 2021.</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Allen Dieterich–Ward
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	mid–2010s
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	Unknown
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Yes, but not yet available.
ONLINE ACCESS	No. Contact <a href="mailto:historicpittsburgh@pitt.libanswers.com">historicpittsburgh@pitt.libanswers.com</a> to request access or to check in on the timeline for processing.

# Harold W. Aurand anthracite coal oral history collection, 1975–1985 (1877)

Special Collections Library Pennsylvania State University

<https://libraries.psu.edu/findingsaids/1877.htm>

DESCRIPTION	<p>“The collection consists of audio recordings of unstructured interviews about miners’ work experiences in the hard coal industry near Hazleton, Pennsylvania, from about 1920 to the end of the deep mining era.”</p>
ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Harold W. Aurand
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1975–1985
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	87
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Unknown
ONLINE ACCESS	<p>No. Researchers must submit a request through the Special Collections Library at Pennsylvania State University to access audio files and potential transcriptions. Contact <a href="mailto:spcollections@psu.edu">spcollections@psu.edu</a> for any questions.</p>

# Northeastern Pennsylvania Oral and Life History Project collection, 1959–2016 (09850)

[Pennsylvania](#)

Special Collections Library Pennsylvania State University

<https://libraries.psu.edu/findingaids/9850.htm>

“The Northeastern Pennsylvania Oral and Life History Collection includes eight oral history projects conducted in the 1970s–1990s. These projects consisted of taped interviews conducted throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by staff members and Friends of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. These interviews shed light on the lives of African Americans, Hispanic, and Jewish, and European immigrants working in the coal, steel, and electrical industries.”

Groupings relevant to deindustrialization listed here:

1. “The Wyoming Valley/Wilkes–Barre Oral History Project: Interviews conducted after 1975 with a cross–section of community members who addressed topics such as mining, immigration, ethnicity, economic development, local history, government, women, garment manufacturing, family, religion, the arts, a major flood disaster, a major mining disaster, and sports. The interviews cover the period between the 1930s and the early 21st century.”
2. “The Laurel Run Mine Fire Oral History Project: Interviews conducted in 1985 with former residents of the Laurel Run section of Wilkes–Barre Township, the scene of a still–burning underground mine fire. Topics represented include family, home, community, and forced relocation are highlighted. Owner of the collection: WVIA–FM (Public Radio in northern Pennsylvania).”
3. “The Bear Creek and the Harvey’s Lake Oral History Project: Interviews conducted in the 1980s and 1990s with individuals involved with the lumber industry in the rural area of Bear Creek Township and Luzerne County. This project also includes interviews with individuals associated with tourism in the suburban area of Harvey’s Lake in Lehman Township, Luzerne County. Topics represented include lumbering, rural life, suburbanization, recreation, family relations, and community development.”
4. “The Osterhaut Memorial Library Oral History Project: Interviews conducted for a 1976 Bicentennial project in 1977, focusing on work, ethnicity, family, and community life in the Wilkes–Barre area.”
5. “The Nanticoke Women’s Oral History Project: Interviews conducted with women in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, a small city with a large Eastern European population, in the mid–1970s. Topics represented include family, gender, ethnicity, and work.”
6. “The PSU Aurand/Hazleton Oral History Project: Interviews conducted by Penn State Hazleton in the 1980s and 1990s focused on anthracite mining, union organizing, and union politics.”

# Northeastern Pennsylvania Oral and Life History Project collection, 1959–2016 (09850)

[Pennsylvania](#)

Special Collections Library Pennsylvania State University

<https://libraries.psu.edu/findingaids/9850.htm>

ORIGINATING PROJECT / ORGANIZER / RESEARCHER	Various
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1959–2016
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	>250
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audio
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Unknown
ONLINE ACCESS	No. Researchers must submit a request through the Special Collections Library at Pennsylvania State University to access audio files and potential transcriptions. Contact <a href="mailto:spcollections@psu.edu">spcollections@psu.edu</a> for any questions.

# United Packinghouse Workers of America oral history project interviews, 1985–1986


Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin–Madison Libraries

[http://search.library.wisc.edu/catalog/  
9911124581002121](http://search.library.wisc.edu/catalog/9911124581002121)

DESCRIPTION	<p>“Interviews conducted by Rick Halpern and Roger Horowitz under a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The 128 interviewees are primarily members and former members of local unions of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (CIO). The interviews concern the interviewees’ personal backgrounds, experiences during the Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee era, the formation of the UPWA and the growth of government regulation in the 1940s, internal dissension, the aggressive national union civil rights policy and its implementation on the local level, the role of women in the UPWA, union organization and operation within the plants, various job actions and strikes, and plant closings and the decline of the union in the 1960s. Interviewees discuss their locals in Hormel, Wilson, Armour, Swift, Patrick Cudahy, Rath, and other plants in Chicago, Kansas City, Fort Worth, Austin (MN), Cedar Rapids, Cudahy (WI), East St. Louis, Omaha, St. Joseph, South St. Paul, Sioux City, and Waterloo (IA).”</p>
RESEARCHERS	Rick Halpern and Roger Horowitz
DATE OF INTERVIEWS	1985–1986
NUMBER OF RECORDED INTERVIEWS	128
LANGUAGE(S)	English
RECORDING TECHNOLOGY / FILE TYPES	Audiocassette
TRANSCRIPTIONS / CHRONOLOGIES	Available on request.
ONLINE ACCESS	No online access.





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