Recent Publications on the History of Mining

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The following bibliography contains books, dissertations and theses, and articles that relate to the history of all types of mining in North America. It does not include book review articles. We welcome suggestions for our next compilation.

Books:


Luce, Ron. *Athens County [Ohio].* (Images of America series.) Charleston, SC: Arcadia Pub., 2012. [Salt, clay and coal.]


Rose, John D. *On the Road to Tombstone: Drew’s Station, Contention City and Fairbank.* Sierra Vista, AZ: John Rose Historical Publications, 2012.


Dissertations and Theses:


Grossman, Sarah E. M. “Capital Mediators: American Mining Engineers in the U.S. Southwest and Mexico, 1850-1914.” Ph.D. diss., University of New Mexico, 2012. [How American economic hegemony was established in a border region.]


McKenna, Caitlin. “One Just Can’t Forget!: Wildland Fire and Historic Preservation in the Colorado Front Range.” M.A. thesis, Oklahoma State University, 2012. [In response to a 2010 fire near Gold Hill, Colorado, argues that wildland fire is a long-ignored historical actor and recommends ways to incorporate it into public history practices.]


Cockrell, Cathy. “Unearthing History.” Appalachian Journal 38, no. 4 (Sum. 2011): 342-3. [The efforts of an archeology student to prevent mountaintop mining on Blair Mountain, West Virginia, site of a large labor insurrection.]


de León Meza, C. René. “Los Reales de Minas de la Caja de Guadalajara Durante el Siglo XVIII: Circuitos Comerciales y Producción de Plata.” [The “Caja de Guadalajara” [Mexico] Groups of Mines During the 18th Century: Trade Routes and Silver Production.] Revista De Indias 71, no. 252 (June 2011): 481-508. [Small mining operations begun in the 16th century were instrumental in the development of the province.]
Desaulty, Anne-Marie, and Francis Albarede. “Copper, Lead, and Silver Isotopes Solve a Major Economic Conundrum of Tudor and Early Stuart Europe.” Geology 41 (Feb. 2013): 135-8. [Analysis of English coins shows Mexican silver was exported eastward while Bolivian silver was not.]


Dodds, Betty Bettencourt. “I Do Not Believe I Was Born to be Shot by an Indian.” Western Pennsylvania History 94 no. 1 (Spr. 2011): 50-62. [Thomas McClelland searched for silver in the Cerro Colorado Silver Mine (Arizona) as part the Sonora Exploring and Mining Company.]

Dym, Walter Alexander, et al. “Thoughts on Mining History.” Earth Sciences History 31, no. 2 (2012): 315-35. [Observes that the study of mining history has expanded beyond technology to social history, environmental history, etc.]


“F. A. Clinton, Mining Engineer.” Password 56, no. 2 (Sum. 2012): 74. [El Paso, Texas.]


“EMC Heritage Trust Project Grant Helps Rural Canadian Museum Preserve and Digitize Deteriorating Photos and Tapes.” PR Newswire (5 Mar. 2013): n/a. [Lumby, British Columbia, collection will be available as an online resource on forestry, farming and mining.]


Gomis Blanco, Alberto, Manuel Segura Redondo, and José María Sanchez Jimenez. “Modesto Bargalló Arévalo (1894-1981), Maestro de Maestros e Historiador de la Ciencia.” [Modesto Bargalló Arévalo (1894-1981), Master Teacher and Historian of Science.] *Llull: Revista de la Sociedad Española de Historia de las Ciencias y de las Técnicas* 34, no. 74 (2011): 419-42. [He taught in Mexico after 1939, focusing on the history of mining and metallurgy in Spanish America, as well as in the development of mining in independent Mexico.]


Grunberg Banyasz, Malin. “Off the Grid.” *Archaeology* 65, no. 3 (May-June 2012): 10. [Dyea, Alaska, on the Chilkoot Trail.]


Hanson, Todd A. “Putney: ‘Model’ Coal Town in Kanawha County.” *Goldenseal* 38, no. 3 (Fall 2012): 42-9.

“Hard Time for Annie Buller.” *Saskatchewan History* 63, no. 2 (Fall 2011): 3. [Labor leader.]


Hodon, Sara. “The Pottsville Maroons Cheated Again and Again.” *Pennsylvania Heritage* 37, no. 4 (Fall 2011): 6-11. [A coal mining town’s football team as part of the fledgling National Football League.]


Holtby, David V. “Historical Reflections on New Mexico Statehood: New Mexico’s Economy; A Case Study of Mining to 1940.” *New Mexico Historical Review* 88, no. 1 (Spr. 2013): 65-94.

Julian, Norman. “‘I Am Going to Tell the Story’: Al Anderson of Osage.” *Goldenseal* 37, no. 3 (Fall 2011): 26-33. [Coal mining and racial prejudice in West Virginia.]


Lombard, Ernest J. “The Bayhorse Saga.” *Idaho Magazine* 11, no. 9 (June 2012): 12-7. [The architect author’s efforts to preserve the Umont Mining ghost town, now a history park.]

Loo, Tina. “Fertilizing Democracy.” *Canada’s History* 91, no. 2 (Apr. 2011): 52-3. [Argues that Australian mining company BHP Billiton was ignorant of Canada’s history of government control of resources in its attempt to acquire the Canadian Potash Corporation in the fall of 2010.]


McCoy, Patrick C., et al. “230 Thorium Dating of Toolstone Procurement Strategies, Production Scale and Ritual Practices at the Mauna Kea Adze Quarry Complex, Hawai‘i.” *Journal of the Polynesian Society* 121, no. 4 (Dec. 2012): 407-20. [Suggests that a significant part of this quarry was in use by the mid-14th to mid-15th centuries AD.]


“Michel’s Misled German Miners.” *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 34, no. 2 (Apr. 2011): 66-73. [German silver miners traveled to Virginia in 1713 with the aid of Christoph von Graffenried and Swiss explorer Frantz Ludwig Michel.]


Scharnau, Ralph. “From Pioneer Days to the Dawn of Industrial Relations: The Emergence of the Working Class in Dubuque, 1833-1855.” *Annals of Iowa* 70, no. 3 (Sum. 2011): 201-24. [Includes workplace conditions and living standards of workers, especially in lead mining.]


Topping, Gary. “Another Look at Silver Reef.” *Utah Historical Quarterly* 79, no. 4 (Fall 2011): 300-16.

Tropea, Joseph L. “Catterina DeCarlo Davia—A West Virginia Donkey.” *Women’s Studies* 42, no. 4 (June 2013): 369-89. [Widow of a Monongah, West Virginia, coal miner with a reputation for scavenging coal.]


Tucker, Abigail. “Going for the Gold: There’s a New Breed of Forty-Niners Rushing to the Pacific.” *Smithsonian* 43, no. 4 (July 2012): 34-6. [Compares modern-day gold prospecting and mining to the California gold rush.]


Wilson, Karen S. “Seeking America in America: The French in the California Gold Rush.” *Southern California Quarterly* 95, no. 2 (Sum. 2013): 105-40.
