Recent Publications on the History of Mining

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The following bibliography contains books, dissertations and theses, articles, and other media, organized within those categories, 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:


Doody, Scott. *Herrin Massacre*. s.l.: Dick’s Chicken Shack Productions, 2013. [Union miners killed nineteen strikebreakers in Williamson County, 1922.]


Johnson, Eric L. *The Iron Horse Comes to the Klondike: Narrow Gauge Railways Serving Coal Mines on Cliff Creek and Coal Creek, and a Placer Gold Operation on Bear Creek, Yukon Territory, 1899 to 1918*. (Edited by Lorne H. Nicklason.) Canada: printed by Friesens Corp., 2012. [Enlarged and updated edition.]


Reynolds, Ralph. *Die Rich Here: The Lost Adams Diggings*. s.l: Trafford Pub., 2012. [In the Mogollon Breaks straddling the border of New Mexico and Arizona.]


**Theses and Dissertations:**


Bremmer, Jessica. “Self-Representation, Cultural Formation, and Mexican-American Modernism.” Ph.D. diss., University of Southern California, 2012. [Examines the efforts of Mexican American film and literature from the first half of the twentieth century to forge a cultural identity and combat racist stereotypes.]


Hiltunen, Lindsay E. “Cultural Memory and the Power of Place: One Hundred Years of Remembering the Italian Hall Tragedy and the 1913-1914 Michigan Copper Strike.” M.A. thesis, Western Illinois University, 2014.


Schneider, Bruce O. “‘To Rival the Comstock’: Reconstructing the History and Landscape of a Ghost Town, Signal, Arizona.” M.S. thesis, Northern Arizona University, 2013.


Articles:


Archer, Bill. “Elkhorn [West Virginia].” *Goldensail* 39, no. 3 (Fall 2013): 46-51. [Children of coal miners in racially segregated schools.]


Cafferata, Patricia D. “Tasker Oddie: Bitten by the Mining Bug.” *Nevada Lawyer* 21, no. 4 (Apr. 2013): 42. [His mining activities before and after becoming governor and U.S. senator.]


Congelio, Brad J. “Playing in Paháj Sájpa.” *Journal of the West* 51, no. 3 (Sum. 2012): 90-8. [Recreation in the nineteenth-century Black Hills gold rush, where Lakota had lived.]

Corriher, Donna Tolley. “Maggie and Buck: Coal Camps, Cabbage Rolls, and Community in Appalachia.” *Southern Cultures* 20, no. 2 (Sum. 2014): 90-9. [Lifestyle of the Spriggs family in McDowell County, West Virginia, in the early twentieth century.]


“Do You Know this Structure?” *Colorado Heritage* (Mar. 2014): 15, 32. [Fort Peabody sentry post, near Telluride, built in the early twentieth century amid labor disputes with the Western Federation of Miners.]


Gaudreau, Guy. “La Culture Musicale Des Mineurs De Kirkland Lake [Ontario]: Un Premier Aperçu.” (“The Musical Culture of the Miners of Kirkland Lake: A First Look.”) *Labour / Le Travail* 72 (Fall 2013): 75-100. [The diversity of musical practices in 1934 is correlated with many ethnic groups and by widely differing mining occupations.]

Greenfield, Mary C. “From St. Louis to San Francisco in 1850,” by J. E. Clark, published in the *Historical Society of Southern California [Annual Publication]* 1, no. 5 (1890): 27–32.” *Southern California Quarterly* 95, no. 4 (Win. 2013): 380-90. [Travels of an employee of the company building the railroad across the Isthmus of Panama.]

Grinder, Brian and Dan Cooper. “Conrad Kohrs, the Cattle King of Montana.” *Financial History*, no. 107 (Sum. 2013): 10-37. [Includes his early experiences as a butcher in the gold rush.]


Hughes, Benjamin M. “Celebrating Christmas during the Gold Rush—Or Not!” *California Territorial Quarterly*, no. 95 (Fall 2013): 32-47.


Johnson, Jeffrey A. “One of the Most Charming of Men.” *Journal of the West* 51, no. 4 (Fall 2012): 60-6. [Montana attorney William Scallon provided legal counsel for the Anaconda Copper Company and was later its president.]


Merritt, Christopher W., and Jacob N. Pollock. “History and Archaeology: A Match Made in Interdisciplinary Heaven.” *Western Historical Quarterly* 44, no. 2 (Sum. 2013): 187-94. [Archaeological survey of the hydro-electric company created by the Dexter Mining Company of Tuscarora, Nevada, from 1896 to 1899.]


Nokes, R. Gregory. “Remembering Chinese in Hells Canyon and the Pacific Northwest.” *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 114, no. 3 (Fall 2013): 365-9. [In 2012, a memorial was dedicated to Chinese gold miners massacred at Hells Canyon in 1887.]

Penny, H. Glenn. “Latin American Connections: Recent Work on German Interactions with Latin America.” *Central European History* 46, no. 2 (June 2013): 362-94. [Includes mining in sixteenth-century Mexico.]

Pierce, J. “Re-Remembering the Mexican IWW.” *Industrial Worker* (Nov. 2013): 8. [A strong Mexican IWW and the constant flow of Mexican members to and from the U.S. impacted industries in both countries.]


Rose, Chelsea. “Lonely Men, Loose Women: Rethinking the Demographics of a Multietnic Mining Camp, Kanaka Flat, Oregon.” *Historical Archaeology* 47, no. 3 (June 2013): 23-35. [Low-status Indian or Hawaiian women were not seen as legitimate partners or wives but served as “invisible wives” in a complex community.]


Strachan, Scotty, et al. “Application of Dendrochronology to Historical Charcoal-Production Sites in the Great Basin, United States.” *Historical Archaeology* 47, no. 4 (Oct. 2013): 103-19. [In the Comstock mining era of the late 1800s, forests were used for charcoal production to fuel smelters and related industries.]

Thomas, Carolyn, and Steve Mauro. “Burke, Idaho.” *Wild West* 26, no. 1 (June 2013): 66. [Silver and lead mining, 1880s to early twentieth century, now a highly contaminated ghost town.]

Van Horssen, Jessica. “‘À Faire Un Peu De Poussière [To Make a Bit of Dust]’: Environmental Health and the Asbestos Strike of 1949.” Labour / Le Travail 70 (Fall 2012): 101-32. [Jeffrey Mine in the town of Asbestos, Québec.]

Van Wormald, Stephen R. “Mexican and American Folk Architectural Traditions and Adaptations at Hedges: A Late Nineteenth- Early Twentieth-Century Mining Camp in the California Desert.” California Archaeology 6, no. 1 (June 2014): 95-118.

Walker, Mark. “Mining Assemblages from the Empire Mine State Historic Park, Nevada County.” Proceedings of the Society for California Archaeology 27 (Jan. 2013): 217-23. [Comparison of four residential sites associated with mining operations, 1850s to 1920, to identify changes in living and working conditions as mining operations evolved.]

Desjardins, Richard, and Robert Monderie. The Hole Story: The Real Cost of Mining in Canada. DVD (79 min.). Montreal: National Film Board of Canada, 2011. [A socio-political history. Also available in French: Trou Story.]

Ross, Ken, and Louis V. Galdieri. 1913 Massacre. DVD (66 min.). s.l.: Dreamland Pictures, 2013. [Inspired by Woody Guthrie’s ballad “1913 Massacre,” follows Arlo Guthrie to Calumet, Michigan, one hundred years after the Italian Hall disaster.]


Other Media: