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Biographical Notes:

Matewan is a small coal mining town located in Mingo County, West Virginia. Matewan is noted for its tumultuous labor history, including the Battle of Blair Mountain and the Matewan Massacre. The events began in May 1920 with a shootout between local miners and the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency, which had come to town to evict miners and their families from the Stone Mountain Coal for trying to organize as part of the United Mine Workers Association. Killing 10, the massacre spurred unrest culminating in an uprising from August 25-September 2, 1921 known as the Battle of Blair Mountain, the largest labor uprising in United States history and the largest armed uprising since the American Civil War.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of 105 oral histories conducted at the behest of the Matewan Development Center, Inc.. Oral histories are on cassette tapes and include transcripts of the oral histories and floppy disks with some of the transcripts saved on them. The oral histories focus on Matewan history, especially labor issues and conflicts surrounding the Matewan Massacre as well as customs and life in Matewan.

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001	ACCORD, Dixie Webb	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-07	WV-Huntington	2	50	1
002	ADKINS, 'Smokey' Mose	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-16	WV-Gilbert	2	32	2
003	ALIFF, Ruby Mounts	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-14	WV Blackberry City	2	31	6
004	ALIFF, William	Hennen, John C.	1989-07-13	WV-Blackberry City	2	23	3
005	ALLARA, Mattie McCoy	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-06-12	WV-Matewan	1	35	5
006	ALLEY, Mose G.	McAllister, C. Paul, Jr.	1991-05-15	KY-Tynes	1	19	13
007	BACKUS, Jim	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-13	WV-North Matewan	2	35	1
008	BALDWIN-FELTS MUSEUM	Hennen, John C.	1989-08-04	VA-Galax		5	4
009	BALL, Ted	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-24	KY-Ransom	2	44	7
010	BARRIOS, Manuel	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-27	WV-Red Jacket	1	26	7
011	BERMAN, Harry	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-28	WV-Williamson	2	49	2
013	BLACKBURN, Vicie Hatfield	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-08-03	WV-Newtown	1	23	11
014	BLAND, Archie	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-07-??	WV	2	25	11
015	BLANKENSHIP, Tom	McAllister, C. Paul, Jr.	1990-06-01	WV-Matewan	2	42	13
016	BOOTHE, Edith	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-05	VA-Fairfax	2	36	6
017	BOWEN, Jesse	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-20	WV-Blackberry City	1	29	2
018	BREWÈR, Richard	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-17	WV-Blackberry City	2	48	6
019	BROWN, Tate	Reynolds, David	1995-06-14		1	7	12
020	BURGRAFF, Hawthorne	Hennen, John C.	1989-07-06	KY-McAndrews	2	38	3

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023	CHAFIN, Tom	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-21	WV-Williamson	2	54	2
024	COLLINS, Maggie Cline	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-06-13	WV-Red Jacket	1	27	5
031	COOK, Eva Bates	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-29	WV-Matewan	2	35	9
025	CURRY, James	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-29	WV-Red Jacket		43	3
105	CURRY, James	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-??-??	WV-Red Jacket	2		
026	DAMRON, Bertha Collins	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-08-02	WV-North Matewan	2	36	7
027	DARWIN, Louise Gilliam	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-07-27	WV-Matewan	2	33	11
029	DICKENS, Harold	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-07-26	KY-Ashland	3	52	11
028	DICKENS, Sallie Chambers	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-07-20	KY-Ashland	3	40	10
030	DIXON, Charles "Hawkeye"	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-01	KY-McCarr	2	19	8
032	DOTSON, Cora McCoy	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-30	WV-Blackberry City	1	19	9
033	ELLIOTT, Charlie	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-10	WV-Blackberry City	2	41	6
034	FADDIS, Everett	Hennen, John C.	1989-07-20	VA-Woodlawn	1	21	4
035	FRANCIS, Thomas	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-01	KY-Phelps	1	17	8
036	FULLEN, Johnny	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-06	WV-Matewan	2	30	8
037	GILLIAM, Roger	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-18	WV-Blackberry City	1	17	6
038	GRIMMETT, Virginia Maynard	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-21	WV-Red Jacket	3	61	7
040	HALL, Roy and Bill	Glogovsky, Mary Hall	1989-09-??	KY-Johns Creek	1	19	13
041	HARLESS, James "Buck"	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-08-01	WV-Gilbert	2	30	11

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044	HATFIELD, Basil	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-22	KY-Belfry	2	42	7
045	HATFIELD, Dutch	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-06-28	WV-Newtown	2	50	6
046	HATFIELD, Ernest	Hennen, John C.	1989-05-31	WV-Matewan	1	35	1
047	HATFIELD, Eveline Ratcla	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-08-03	WV-Newtown	1	14	7
048	HATFIELD, Grace Steinart [?]	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-06-01	WV-Matewan	2	41	5
049	HATFIELD, Margaret	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-28	WV-Matewan	2	36	7
050	HATFIELD, Margaret	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-27	WV-Matewan	1	19	9
051	HERZBRUN, Maurice	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-19	WV-Welch	1	18	8
052	HOOD, Gladys Henderson	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-08	WV-North Matewan	2	27	8
053	HOPE, Josephine Allara	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-21	WV-Matewan	1	26	8
054	HOSKINS, Herman	McAllister, C. Paul	1991-07-10	FL		31	13
055	HOWARD, L. C.	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-27	WV-New Center	1	30	3
056	HUFF, Robert	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-07-17	WV-Varney	4	63	10
057	KIRK, Marshall	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-26	WV-Matewan	3	38	3
058	LIVELY, Paul	Bailey, Rebecca	1990- -	GA-Tucker	1	23	10
059	MAYSE, Vada [Whitt?]	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-27	WV-Matewan	1	18	9
060	McCOY, John L.	Hennen, John C.	1989-05-31	WV-Matewan	1	21	1
061	McCOY, Orville	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-07-24	KY-Raccoon Creek	1	10	11
062	McCOY, Robert W., Jr.	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-14	KY-Buskirk	2	31	2

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065	MORRELL, Mack	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-23	WV-Huntington	2	31	2
066	MORRELL, Venchie	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-13	WV-Red Jacket	2	38	1
067	MORRELL, Venchie	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-07-17	WV-Red Jacket	4	78	10
068	MOUNTS, Fred	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-11	WV-North Matewan	1	24	10
069	MOUNTS, Willard	McAllister, C. Paul	1992-05-26	CO-Denver	2	16	13
070	MOUNTS, William	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-26	WV-Matewan	1	20	9
071	NENNI, Eddie	Hennen, John C.	1989-08-02	WV-Matewan	1	36	4
072	NENNI, Nel Gentile	Hennen, John C.	1989-07-12	WV-Matewan	2	48	3
073	NOWLIN, Addie Marcum	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-10	KY-McCarr	1	25	10
074	NOWLIN, Daisey	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-06-15	WV-Blackberry City	1	32	5
075	ORE, Rosa Nenni	Hennen, John C.	1989-07-16	WV-Huntington	1	33	3
076	PHILLIPS, Aileen Ball	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-06-15	WV-Matewan	3	48	5
077	PHILLIPS, Hiram	Hennen, John C.	1989-06-06	WV-Matewan	1	27	1
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081	REAMS, Geraldine Blankenshi	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-05	VA-Fairfax	1	22	6
082	ROBERSON, Pauline Kiser	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-06-15	WV-Matewan	1	31	6
083	SANDERS, Charlotte Oliver	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-07-19	WV-Williamson	2	23	10

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091	SUTHERLAND, Howard	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-10	WV-Matewan	2	30	8
092	TAYLOR, John	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-07-11	WV-Matewan	3	43	6
093	TAYLOR, William	Bailey, Rebecca	1989- -	WV-Matewan	1	10	7
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095	WARD, Mary Smith	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-05-31	WV-Blackberry City	2	43	5
097	WARREN, George	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-13	KY-Buskirk	1	29	10
098	WEBB, W. Jeff	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-08-01	WV	1	33	11
099	WHITLOCK, John	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-14	KY-Buskirk	1	25	8
100	WOLFORD, Edna Shards	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-06-26	WV-Beech Creek	1	23	9
101	WOLFORD, Rosa McCoy	Bailey, Rebecca	1990-08-03	WV	1	24	11
102	WRIGHT, Delma Stallard	Bailey, Rebecca	1989-06-27	WV-North Matewan	2	36	5
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