

THE LESTER J. CAPPON COLLECTION

Papers, 1888-1935 (Predominantly,
1913-1914)

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The papers of Lester J. Cappon were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in December of 1976 and were opened for research in August of 1983.

Lester Cappon, who died in 1981, was an archivist and historian whose career was spent at the University of Virginia, the Institute of Early American History and Culture at Williamsburg, and the Newberry Library in Chicago.

This collection of papers consists of correspondence and clippings from Alabama newspapers (1890 to 1914) relating to the coal and iron industry in Alabama. Included are articles by Ethel M. Armes, a journalist, who wrote The Story of Coal and Iron in Alabama published in 1910. The papers also include several biographical sketches by her of William R. Fairley the United Mine Workers official. There are also a few clippings dealing with the Colorado coal strike of 1914.

Box 1

- 1-4. Alabama Coal & Iron Industry; Clippings, 1912-17, 1935
5. Armes, Ethel M.; Correspondence, Oct - Nov 1914
6. ; "A Coal Digger Who Became a National Figure"
7. ; "Three Days in a Coal Mine"
8. ; "William R. Fairley of Alabama"
9. Notes
10. Colorado Coal Strike; Bulletins, Clippings, (c. 1914)

Non-manuscript material

Issues of The Alabama Sentinel (Daily Strike Edition) for the years 1890-91 have been placed in the Archives Library.