



Allen W. Hatheway Papers (R1392)

Collection Number: R1392

Collection Title: Allen W. Hatheway Papers

Dates: 1915-2013

Creator: Hatheway, Allen W.

Abstract: The Allen Hatheway Papers contain correspondence, videos, and photographs concerning the Carondelet Coke Works in St. Louis, Missouri. The papers include correspondence of Hatheway, John Buchanan, and Erwin Blind, the latter two worked at the coke works. Also included are videos and photographs dealing with the history and workings of the coke works.

Collection Size: 0.25 cubic foot
(11 folders, 3 VHS, 6 DVDs, 2 photographs, 10 lantern slides)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research, but is stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center - Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Allen W. Hatheway on November 22, 2013 (Accession No. RA1599).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Allen W. Hatheway Papers can be found in the following collections:

Coalition for the Environment Records Addenda (S0453)

Russel S. Bauder Papers (C3347)

James Adam Davis Papers (C3666)

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Biographical Note:

Dr. Allen W. Hatheway was a geologist and geology engineer. From 1961 to 1991, he worked for the United States Army Corp of Engineers around the United States and internationally. During that time, he also worked as a geological engineer in California and as the chief geologist at Haley & Aldrich, Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He joined the staff at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy (now Missouri University of Science and Technology) in Rolla, Missouri in 1981. He worked as a professor of geological engineering until 2000, when he became an international consultant regarding former manufacture gas plants and other coal-tar sites.

A native of St. Louis, John Buchanan worked closely with Dr. Allen W. Hatheway in regards to the history and remediation practices concerning coal-tar sites. In particular, the two worked together documenting the production of coke at the Carondelet Coke Works and the remediation processes needed after the abandonment of the site. Buchanan served in the Merchant Marines where he became a mechanic, took part in the Normandy invasion. He joined the Carondelet Coke Works in 1947 in the waning days of the Laclede Gas Company. He spent 40 years there running the coke ovens.

The site of the Carondelet Coke Plant was first home to the Vulcan Iron Works, built in 1858, it sat at the intersection of the Des Peres and Mississippi Rivers. The Laclede Gas and Light Company purchased the land in 1902 and in 1915 built a new gasification plant to make coal gas and industrial coke. They were in operation until 1950. The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation took over in 1950, making the plant the Missouri Coke and Chemical Division. They sold the plant to the Carondelet Coke Corporation in 1980. They then abandoned the site in 1987 and the city of St. Louis claimed it in 1989 for failure to pay property taxes. After decades, work finally began in 2011, to remediate the highly polluted area.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series with two subseries:

Personal Papers

Media

VHS

DVD

Photographs

Scope and Content Note:

Personal Papers

This series contain the personal correspondence and papers of Dr. Allen W. Hatheway, John Buchanan, and Erwin Blind most in connection to the Carondelet Coke Works in St. Louis,

Missouri. Also included are the resume of Dr. Allen W. Hatheway and a copy of a speech given by Erwin Blind to a local civic organization.

Media

This series contains the original recordings on VHS tapes of the lecture given by John Buchanan concerning his experience working at the Carondelet Coke Works (folder 6), a video of photographs taken on Catalan Street in front of the coke works, and a promotional video for the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation that owned the coke works. It also contains DVD copies of the VHS tapes; some appear to be only partial recordings of the originals. The Magic Stone DVD in folder 7 contains a promotional video that discusses the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation and its coal manufacturing and processing operations around the country. Emphasis is placed on the Carondelet Coke Works in St. Louis that processed coal to create coke. John Buchanan talks about his experience in working at the coke works and the process of processing coal to make coke, which can be found in folder 9.

Photographs

This series contains glass plate negatives showing images from the Carondelet Coke Works from the 1900s and 1910s. The photographs of Erwin Blind in folder 11 contain images of Blind at the Koenig-Ludwig coke plant in Recklinghausen, Germany.

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Box 001	f. 1	John Buchanan correspondence, 1975, 1993
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f. 4-9		Media
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	f. 4	Magic Stone, circa 1950s
	f. 5	Catalan Street, St. Louis, Missouri, no date
	f. 6	Lecture on technologies of coke and coal tar byproduct manufacturing as employed at the Carondelet Coke works St. Louis, Missouri, by John Buchanan, 1995
	f. 7-9	DVD
	f. 7	Magic Stone, circa 1950s
	f. 8	Catalan Street, St. Louis, Missouri, no date
	f. 9	Lecture on technologies of coke and coal tar byproduct manufacturing as employed at the Carondelet Coke works St. Louis, Missouri, by John Buchanan, 1995
f. 10-11		Photographs
	f. 10	Lantern slides of Laclede Gas and Light Company., 1914, no date
	f. 11	Erwin Blind at German coke plant, 1950s

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