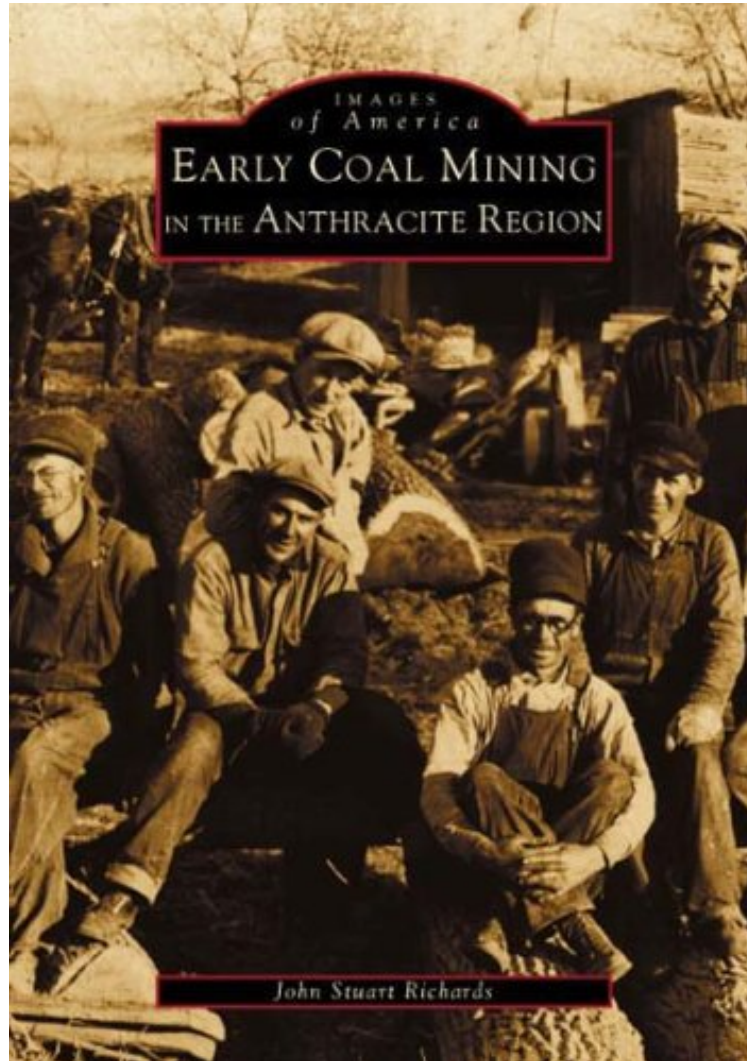


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting book By Harold This is quite an interesting and sizable collection of photos in a very reasonably priced book. This would be a better book if the photos were not so dark, and the location of each photo specified. Of particular interest in the book is a 19th century map by S Harries Daddow showing the location of some coal mines, but the map is too small to be read and there is no reference as to its

current location. As it turns out, a high resolution copy of the map is available for download from Penn State University. It would have been helpful to mention this in the book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. From the Son of a "Coal Miner's Daughter"By Ken Donahue, SE TexasThe Pennsylvania coal mines holds a hallowed place in my heart. I lost a Great Grandfather and a Grandfather to the coal mines. My own mother was a "Coal Miner's Daughter" long before Loretta Lynn was even thought about. The tales contained in this book centered around the very areas where my American Heritage began. While reading this book, I gained a better insight into the trials and hardships my ancestors endured just to have a better life here in the USA. As I viewed the many pictures of so many nameless miners, I couldn't help but wonder if I were not looking into the eyes of either of my grandparents. While others may look upon this book as merely a research piece, it is more "family history" to me. Thank you Mr. Richards0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Scott B. WilliamsLove history and old pics

Four distinct anthracite coal fields encompass an area of 1,700 square miles in the northeastern portion of Pennsylvania. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, underground coal mining was at its zenith and the work of miners was more grueling and dangerous than it is today. Faces blackened by coal and helmet lamps lit by fire are no longer parts of the everyday lives of miners in the region. Early Coal Mining in the Anthracite Region is a journey into a world that was once very familiar. These vintage photographs of collieries, breakers, miners, drivers, and breaker boys illuminate the dark of the anthracite mines. The pictures of miners, roof falls, mules, and equipment deep underground tell the story of the hard lives lived around the hard coal. Above ground, breaker boys toiled in unbearable conditions inside the noisy, vibrating, soot-filled monsters known as coal breakers.

About the AuthorJohn Stuart Richards is descended from a family of coal miners and has spent many years researching early coal mining and the lives and times of the people in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania. He has presented numerous talks on early coal mining and life in the small Anthracite villages known as patch towns. An active member of the Schuylkill County Historical Society, he has worked with both the History Channel and the Discovery Channel. Richards has assembled these photographs into a fascinating historical look at early coal mining.