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Dingess, Elizabeth (Libby) Lindsay

**Creator**

Dingess, Elizabeth (Libby) Lindsay

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1.63 Linear Feet 1 record carton, 15 in.; 1 document case, 2.5 in.; 2 flat storage boxes, 1 in. each

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### **Repository**

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Libby Lindsay Dingess was one of the coal industry's first female coal miners. She worked as an underground coal miner with Bethlehem Steel from 1976 to 1996. Lindsay Dingess was heavily involved with the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) and the Coal Employment Project (CEP). The United Mine Workers of America is a North American labor union that represents the mine workers of America, alongside other various labor careers. The Coal Employment Project was a non-profit organization that aimed to advocate for women in the coal mining career field against discrimination.

Lindsay Dingess studied at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College from 1997-1999 and at West Virginia University Institute of Technology from 1999-2001. She now serves on the Board of Directors for the West Virginia Mine Wars Museum and on the Advisory Committee for the Kipp Dawson Project. She remains active with the UMWA and other social justice fights.

## **Scope and Contents**

This collection includes materials pertaining to Libby Lindsay Dingess's work as a coal miner and union activist. It includes newspaper clippings, papers, and other materials from various coal mining operations, as well as various materials from the Coal Employment Project and the United Mine Workers of America union. Other materials include papers on employment equality, newsletters from the Coal Mining Women's Support Team News, and newspapers on coal mining strikes from the late 1980s to early 1990s. Also included in the collection are stickers and pins relating to coal mining and various coal mining conferences throughout the country.

Digital files include scans of photographs of women miners and Coal Employment Project conferences loaned for digitization.

Materials include calendars, correspondence, court records, financial records, maps, newsletters, newspaper clippings, notes, pamphlets, photographs, pins, publications, scrip, and stickers.

This collection is divided into four series:

Series 1. Labor and Mining Series 2. Coal Employment Project Series 3. Conference Planning Series 4. Appalachian and Women's Activism

## **Keywords**

Coal mines and mining

Sex discrimination in employment

West Virginia Feminist Activist and Women's History Collection

Women's rights  
Women blue collar workers  
Dingess, Elizabeth (Libby) Lindsay  
Coal Employment Project

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series 1. Labor and Mining

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242902

**Unit Date** 1957-2022 and undated

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains materials produced and collected by Libby Lindsay Dingess pertaining to her work with the United Mine Workers of America from 1980-2013 and as a female coal miner and labor organizer. Prominent topics include labor organizing, coal mining, and union strikes. The types of materials included are calendars, court documents, newspaper clippings, notes, pamphlets, publications, and scrip. The materials can be found in boxes 1, 2, and 3.

#### United Mine Workers of America Calendars

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242903

**Unit Date** 1993-2013

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 10-11 (Folder)

#### Union and Mining Newspaper Clippings and Papers

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242904

**Unit Date** 1980-2022 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 14 (Folder)

#### Separated Materials

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#### West Virginia Coal Mine Scrip

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242905

**Unit Date** 1994-1995 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 17 (Folder)

#### United States of America v. John J. Spinks

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242906

**Unit Date** 1997 January

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 28 (Folder)

#### Conditions Governing Access

Court case documents restricted until 2047

**Strikes Materials**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242907

**Unit Date** 1994-1998 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 29 (Folder)

**Mining Accidents Publication**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242908

**Unit Date** 1957

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Union Organizing Handwritten Notes**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242909

**Unit Date** 1995

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Strike Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242910

**Unit Date** 1989-1993

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 6-7c (Folder)

**Separated Materials**

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**Strike Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242911

**Unit Date** 1989-1993

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Container** 1a-2 (Folder)

**Separated Materials**

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**Union and Mining Newspaper Clippings and Papers**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242912

**Unit Date** 1993 December and undated

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Separated Materials**

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**Series 2. Coal Employment Project**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242913

**Unit Date** 1980-1998 and undated

### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains materials produced and collected by Libby Lindsay Dingess pertaining to her work with the Coal Employment Project from 1980-1998. Prominent topics include labor organizing and women coal miners. The types of materials included are financial statements, newsletters, and questionnaires. The materials can be found in boxes 1 and 3.

#### **Coal Mining Women's Support Team News**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242914

**Unit Date** 1980-1988

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1-9 (Folder)

#### **Coal Employment Project Papers**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242915

**Unit Date** 1988-1994

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

#### **Coal Employment Project Financial Statements**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242916

**Unit Date** 1992-1998

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 18 (Folder)

#### **Coal Employment Project Questionnaires**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242917

**Unit Date** 1994-1996 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 27 (Folder)

#### **Coal Employment Project Mission Statement**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242918

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

### **Series 3. Conference Planning**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242919

**Unit Date** 1978-2013 and undated

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains materials produced and collected by Libby Lindsay Dingess pertaining to her work in conference planning with the Coal Employment Project and as a union organizer from 1978-2013. Prominent topics include labor organizing and women coal miners. The types of materials included are correspondence, financial records, magazines, newspaper clippings, notes, and photographs. The materials can be found in box 1.

**Coal Mining Conference Materials**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242920

**Unit Date** 1990-2013 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 13 (Folder)

**20th National Conference of Women Miners and Supporters**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242921

**Unit Date** 1997-1998 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

**Separated Materials**

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**Savery Hotel Conference**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242922

**Unit Date** 1998-1999 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**21st National Conference of Women Miners and Supporters**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242923

**Unit Date** 1978-1999 and undated

**Unit Date** 1992-1999

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

**17th National Conference of Women Miners and Supporters**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242924

**Unit Date** 1995 June and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 22 (Folder)

**17th National Conference of Women Miners and Supporters Mixed Materials**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242925

**Unit Date** 1994-1995 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 23 (Folder)

**Conference Duties**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242926

**Unit Date** 1996 February and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 25 (Folder)

## **Resolutions - 12th and 13th Conference**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242927

**Unit Date** 1990-1991

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 26 (Folder)

## **Series 4. Appalachian and Women's Activism**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242928

**Unit Date** 1982-1998 and undated

### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains materials produced and collected by Libby Lindsay Dingess pertaining to her work in Appalachian and Women's Activism from 1982-1998. Prominent topics include women's health, mining discrimination, and labor organizing. The types of materials included are correspondence, maps, newspaper clippings, notes, pamphlets, pins, publications, and stickers. The materials can be found in boxes 1, 2, and 3.

### **Appalachia Activism Materials**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242929

**Unit Date** 1989-1991 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 15 (Folder)

### **Women's Health and Rights**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242930

**Unit Date** 1990-1994 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

### **Separated Materials**

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### **Southern Appalachian Labor School Journal**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242931

**Unit Date** 1997 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 24 (Folder)

### **Women's Health and Rights Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242932

**Unit Date** 1994-1995

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### **Separated Materials**

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**Mining Discrimination Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242933

**Unit Date** 1994-1998

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Separated Materials**

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**How to Do Leaflets, Newsletters and Newspapers**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242934

**Unit Date** 1982

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Miscellaneous Stickers and Pins**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242935

**Unit Date** 1986-1994 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Kipp Dawson Medical Record**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242936

**Unit Date** 1992 August

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Conditions Governing Access**

Medical records restricted until 2092