



E. B. Leisenring, Jr. photographs 2013.210

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Summary Information

Repository:	Audiovisual Collections
Creator:	Leisenring, E. B., Jr. (Edward Barnes), 1926-2011
Title:	E.B. Leisenring, Jr. photographs
ID:	2013.210
Date [inclusive]:	1954-1994
Physical Description:	0.5 Linear Feet
General Physical Description:	10 photographic print : color ; 8 x 10 in. 24 photographic print : b&w ; 8 x 10 in. 3 photographic print : color ; 5 x 7 in. 38 photographic print : b&w ; 5 x 7 in. 6 photographic prints : b&w ; 6.5 x 9 in. 7 photographic prints : b&w ; 9 x 12 in. 2 items : letter, typescript. 1 item : magazine photograph with caption. 11 photographic prints : b&w ; 2 x 2 in. or smaller. 20 photographic prints : b&w ; 4 x 5 in. 1 slide : color ; 35mm. 1 negative : color ; 4 x 5 in. 58 photographic prints : color ; 3.5 x 3.5 in. 4 photographic prints : b&w ; 3.5 x 3.5 in. 7 photographic print : color ; 3.5 x 5 in. or smaller. 7 cartoons. 2 negatives : b&w ; 5 x 7 in. or smaller. 1 album : vinyl cover with name in gold lettering ; 7 x 8.75 in. (closed).
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	E.B. (Edward Barnes) "Ted" Leisenring Jr. (1926-2011) was the CEO of a fourth-generation family coal-mining business. He was president of Westmoreland Coal from 1961 to 1988, and remained as chairman of the board until 1992. This small collection of photographs is from Leisenring's personal office files, which date between 1954 and 1994. The photographs consist of group and individual portraits, snapshots. The bulk of the material centers around two events: the 1964 Westmoreland Coal Company expansion and the 1970 delegation to the USSR.

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Biographical Note

E.B. (Edward Barnes) "Ted" Leisenring Jr. (1926-2011) was the CEO of a fourth-generation family coal-mining business. He was president of Westmoreland Coal from 1961 to 1988, and remained as chairman of the board until 1992.

He was born to Edward Barnes Leisenring, Sr. (1895-1952) and Margaret Pierce Leisenring (1897-1970) in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. During the latter part of World War II, Leisenring participated in non-combatant military training and service. In 1949, he graduated from Yale University with a bachelors in English. Upon graduating he went to work for Stonega Coke and Coal in Big Stone Gap, Wise County, Virginia. In 1959 Leisenring Jr. became president of Stonega Coke & Coal in 1959 and by 1961 was president of Virginia Coal & Iron and Westmoreland Coal.

In 1964, Westmoreland Coal Company merged with the Stonega Coke and Coal Company, retaining the name Westmoreland Coal Company. Virginia Coal and Iron Company absorbed Westmoreland Inc., which later became Penn Virginia Corporation, a land, mineral rights, and investment company. By 1972, Westmoreland Coal and Penn Virginia officially separated.

The Westmoreland Coal Company doubled in size in 1968 after purchasing more West Virginia mines from Sprague & Sons and Imperial Smokeless Coal Company. This made Westmoreland the largest "coal-only" firm in the industry. In 1970 Westmoreland Resources, Inc. is formed to mine coal in Montana on the Crow Tribe land in Big Horn County, Montana.

Leisenring Jr. served as president of the National Coal Association from 1970 to 1971. In May and June of 1970, he led a group of nine delegates to the USSR to visit with leaders in the coal industry. The USSR had seven delegates visit the United States coal regions in October 1969.

Leisenring served as chairman of Bituminous Coal Operators Association from 1976 to 1978. At this time the United Mine Workers went on strike for 110 days, and Leisenring represented the operators. Negotiations halted in a stalemate for a period of time and Leisenring held off on resuming negotiations even at President Carter's request. A settlement was reached, primarily in the miners favor, although they did not receive their principal goal.

After retirement as president of Westmoreland Coal Company in 1988, he continued to serve on several boards, including Westmoreland Coal Company. He was the senior director and later chair of the Philadelphia Contributionship. Leisenring also was a director of the Southern Railway Company, and played a role in its successful merger into Norfolk Southern Corporation, forming one of the two surviving big eastern railroad systems.

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Scope and Content

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In 1964 Leisenring participated in a "Directors' Inspection Trip" to Virginia and West Virginia. He owned an album devoted to the trip which contains more than sixty photographs of leaders in the coal industry traveling aboard a train, visiting mine sites (Wenz Mines and Hampton Mines), mining equipment, engineers, and social events. There are a two photographs of trains being loaded at Wentz Mines in 1967.

There is a large amount of snapshots of the National Coal Association Delegation to the USSR. These include arrival and greeting at the airport, meetings, dinners, visits to coal sites, buildings, and monuments. There are also extra passport photographs for the delegates, although the individuals are not identified. Shortly after the delegations visit, Leisenring met with the Secretary of the Interior, Walter Hickel. There is a photograph of Leisenring with a few other individuals in Hickel's office and a photograph of a the same few men with Hickel holding a painting that was a gift from the USSR.

The collection also contains individual photographs of Leisenring with Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in chronological order.

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Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Some publications were transferred to the Published Collections Department and are cataloged in Hagley's online catalog.

E.B. Leisenring, Jr., papers (Accession 2558), Manuscripts & Archives Department, Hagley Museum and Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Bituminous coal industry
- Coke-ovens
- Coal mines and mining.
- Business and politics
- Politicians
- Boards of directors
- Westmoreland Coal Company
- National Coal Association

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Group portrait in front of B65 "motorcar" at Miller Yard, 1954 October	box 1	folder 1

Scope and Contents

Includes: Fred Willingham, Master Mechanic, Mitch Mitchell, Chief Dispatcher, George Roat, Albert Sandt, Ted (E.B.) Leisenring, Mrs. Holton, Mary Roat, Albert Sandt, Julie Leisenring, Mr. A.L. Holton.

W.A. Gallagher portrait, 1955	box 1	folder 2
E.B. Leisenring, Jr. portraits, 195519661990undated	box 1	folder 3
Group portraits, 196019661974	box 1	folder 4

Scope and Content

Includes A.M.A. Academy, Management Course for Presidents; Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin; Westmoreland Coal Co. high-ranking employees in mining gear.

Directors' Inspection Trip to Virginia and West Virginia album, 1964 October 18-1964 October 20	box 1	folder 5-6
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Scope and Content

General Coal Company, The Virginia Coal and Iron Company, Westmoreland Coal Company, and Wentz Corporation. Includes Dwight L. Allison, Samuel Ballam, Jr., W.F. Brinley, Orville H. Bullitt, Jr., W.V. Burke, George R. Clark, W. Graham Claytor, Jr., Chester S. Crawford, Gregory S. Devine, G. Morris Dorrance, Jr., E.J. Dress, Earl L. Ferrell, Alfred S. Foote, W.A. Gallagher, J. Speed Gray, J.P. Hamer, Ray C. Hamblen, F.L. Hofmann, A.L. Holton, Pembertson Hutchinson, S.P. Hutchinson, Frank M. Kaylor, W. Mason King, E.B. Leisenring, Jr., H. Gates Lloyd, III, Chester J. Luke, Alvan Markle, Jr., Donald Markle, Robert V. Massey, Jr., M. J. McDonnell, Harry W. Meador, Jr., C.E. Mill, Robert A.G. Monks, William H. Moore, Edward V. O'Neil, J.W. Oliver, John Pierrepont, Thomas L. Ralph, Nathaniel G. Robertson, Jr., Albert H. Sandt, Philip S. Savage, Walter C. Schott, George H. Seal, W.F. Shupe, E. Nelson Strang, Jr., Leo Vecellio, William B. Weaver, Jr., and Mary Catherine and Walter at The Company House, Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

Directors' inspection trip empty album, undated	box 1	folder 24
Chuck Sowa, chief pilot, 1965 Julyundated	box 1	folder 7

Scope and Contents

Sowa in front of plane (full view). Sowa and Leisenring in front of open door to plane (medium view).

First trainload being pulled through Wentz plant, 1967 August 2	box 1	folder 8
Loading the first trainload at Wentz Mine, 1967 August 2	box 1	folder 9

Scope and Contents

Includes John Pendleton, Clifford Hagy, H.W. Meador, Jr., N.D. Bachman, E.B. Leisenring, Jr., Bobo Morris, and S.P. Hutchinson.

Visit to Japan snapshots, 1968 October	box 1	folder 10
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Scope and Contents

Honorable Chairman and Honorable President of Sprague Coal International, Mt. Fujiyama in background and Frank D. Laraja and E.B. Leisenring, Jr. in Hakone Park.

National Coal Association Convention snapshots, 1969 June 16	box 1	folder 11
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Scope and Contents

Leisenring presenting and one group snapshot.

National Coal Association surplus visa photographs, circa 1969	box 1	folder 12
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Scope and Contents

Mostly unidentified individuals.

National Coal Association Delegation to the USSR snapshots, 1970 May 30-1970 June 16	box 1	folder 13
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Scope and Contents

Includes arrival and greeting at the airport; meetings; dinners; site visits to coal mines; buildings and statues.

National Coal Association Delegation to the USSR snapshots, 1970 May 30-1970 June 16	box 2	folder 1
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Department of the Interior portraits, 1970 July	box 1	folder 14
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Scope and Contents

One image of Hollis Dole, Leisenring, Walter Hickel holding gifted painting of Alaskan Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Tom Mullins, Bill Crantz. Inscribed: "To Ted Leisenring, Best Wishes" signed by Walter J. Hickel - Second image Hollis Dole, T.C. Mullins, Alan G. Kirk, Bill Crantz, Leisenring, and Walter Hickel seated around a desk talking.

Leisenring in small groups with Presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush, 19701977198?1994	box 1	folder 21
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Scope and Contents

Includes copy of image of Leisenring with Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickle.

Soviet Embassy snapshot, 1970 October	box 1	folder 15
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Scope and Contents

Leisenring with three men talking.

Group snapshots, 1970 December	box 1	folder 16
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Scope and Contents

Includes Steve Dunn, J. Garvey, Carl Bagge, E.B. Leisenring, Jr.

Stanford L. Stevenson snapshot, circa 1970	box 1	folder 17
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Crow Tribal Chairman, Edison Real Bird and E.B. Leisenring, Jr. portrait, circa 1970s	box 1	folder 18
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Group snapshot at Waldorf Astoria, circa 1970s	box 1	folder 19
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Group portrait, circa 1970	box 2	folder 2
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Scope and Contents

Presumably a board meeting.

E.B. Leisenring, Jr. snapshots, 1973197419801992	box 1	folder 20
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Scope and Contents

Includes Leisenring posed in front of portrait of George Armstrong Custer; kissing the Blarney Stone; holding two freshly caught fish; and Leisenring in the Board Room of Southern Railway for the 1973 Annual Report.

Southern Railway System Board of Directors meeting group portrait, 1980	box 2	folder 3
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E.B. Leisenring shaking hands with President Ronald Reagan, circa 198?	box 2	folder 4
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E.B. Leisenring and Zui H. Muscal magazine clipping, circa 1990	box 1	folder 22
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Norfolk Southern directors group portrait, circa 1990s	box 1	folder 23
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