

Introduction

The medical cards were created by the National Coal Board Medical Service and were transferred to Lothian Health Services Archive by the Scottish Mining Museum. The cards are for workers at a number of collieries in the Lothians, including Bilston Glen and Monktonhall, but the majority are for Lady Victoria. Although some of the cards are for miners, the majority are for surface workers such as drivers and joiners and include a number of female office and canteen workers.

The wallet for each worker gives their name, lamp or check number, date of birth, date of entry into employment, unit, occupation, address and home GP. Inside the wallet there is a card listing dates of reporting to the medical service, diagnosis and treatment and sometimes including additional correspondence with the worker's home medical practice.

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