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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Department of Internal Affairs, headed by the Secretary of Internal Affairs, was bestowed under the Constitution and subsequent legislation all the duties of the Surveyor General, as well as duties involving the supervision of the activities of business organizations and charitable institutions.

The publications of the Department of Internal Affairs contain reports. Selected topics from these publications include the Pittston Twin Shaft Colliery Disaster. The bulk of the current material is dated from 1897.

Biographical / Historical

The Office of the Secretary of Internal Affairs, later simply the Department of Internal Affairs, was created by the Constitution of 1874. The Department had the responsibility for establishing a Bureau of Industrial Statistics, which later became part of the Department of Commerce. The Department also included a Bureau of Mines, which was abolished upon the creation of the Department of Mines in 1903. The Department of Internal Affairs contained five major bureaus at the time of its abolition in 1968, and these were transferred to other agencies. The Justice Department received the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, while the Bureau of Statistics became part of the Department of Commerce. The Bureau of Topographic and Geologic Survey was initially transferred to the State Planning Board, and later in 1971 to the Department of Environmental Resources. The Land Office became part of the Department of Community Affairs, which had also received the Bureau of Municipal Affairs from Internal Affairs in 1967. The Public Utilities Commission was a successor agency and was first created in 1937 as the Public Service Commission.

Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Office of the Surveyor General (incorporated agency), Department of Commerce (associated agency), Justice Department (associated agency), Department of Environmental Resources (associated agency), Department of Community Affairs (associated agency), Department of Mines (agency created Bureau)

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Department of Internal Affairs at the Pennsylvania State

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