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David Fowler Collection

**Fowler, David (b. 1877). Printed materials, 1889–1956. 6 items.**

Labor leader. Printed reports (1951–1956) regarding a welfare and retirement fund for miners; handbills (n.d.) relating to miners' organizations; two printed copies of a speech (1952) by the United Mine Workers of America president; and two issues (1957) of the *United Mine Workers Journal*.

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**Biography:**

In 1877, David Fowler was born in the mineral-rich lands of Pennsylvania. At the age of ten, he went to work in the coal mines like many of his friends. John Mitchell and Samuel Gompers discovered David Fowler; they appointed him as their secretary. After this job, Fowler became connected with John L. Lewis, a labor leader for the United Mine Workers of America. Fowler was assigned the task of organizing the coal miners of Indian Territory (District 21 of the U.M.W.) at the position of president.

- F-1: Pension Booklets  
Part II
- Pension for Coal Miners*, United Mine Workers of America Welfare and Retirement Fund. Booklet. 20pp. Published by Cornelius Printing Company, Silver Spring, Maryland.
- Welfare and Retirement Fund: Report for the Year Ending June 30, 1951* (last 4 years summarized). United Mine Workers of America Welfare and Retirement Fund Booklet. 52 pp. Published by Cornelius Printing Company, Silver Spring, Maryland. Copyright September 1951 by the United Mine Workers of America (U.M.W.A.) Welfare and Retirement Fund. U.M.W.A. Welfare and Retirement Fund: Report for the Year Ending 30, 1952. Booklet. 24 pp. Published by Cornelius Printing Company, Silver Spring, Maryland. Copyright August 1952 by the U.M.W.A. Welfare and Retirement Fund.
- F-2: Pension Booklets  
Part II
- United Mine Workers of America Welfare and Retirement Fund: Report for the Year Ending June 30, 1953*. Booklet. 28 pp. Published by Cornelius Printing Company, Silver Spring, Maryland. Copyright August 1953 by the U.M.W.A. Welfare and Retirement Fund. *U.M.W.A. Welfare and Retirement Fund: Report for the Year Ending June 30, 1956*. 10-Year Anniversary Booklet. 36 pp. Published by Cornelius Printing Company, Silver Spring, Maryland. Copyright August 1956 by the U.M.W.A. Welfare and Retirement Fund.
- F-3: Miscellaneous  
Items
- Photograph (copy) titled "Glancing Over This Group of Slate Pickers, None of Them Yet in Their Teens: Should Portray to Every American the Result of the Un-American Slave Driving, Open Shop Policy of the Coal Industry". 2 copies. Contents: shows groups of young boys from the coal mines. Speech. "Who Are the Americans of Today?" Address by John L. Lewis, President of United Mine Workers of America before the Chicago Executives' Club, June 5, 1953, Chicago, Illinois. Published and Distributed by Labor's Non-Partisan League. 12 pages. 2 copies. *United Mine Workers Journal*. July 1, 1957. No. 13. "210 Miners Killed in Five Months" and Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, President, the American National Red Cross, presented a citation to President John L. Lewis of the U.M.W.A. on June 25.

*United Mine Workers Journal*. September 15, 1957. No. 18. "1957 Welfare Report for the Year Ending June 30, 1957."