

Historic documents relating to Coniston

Below are listed the ledgers relating to Coniston mines which have been deposited at the Armitt Museum & Library at Ambleside.

Coniston EH LC 01	Slate received	1823-1836
Coniston EH LC 02	Materials received	1865-1867
Coniston EH LC 03	Sales of ore	1835-1840
Coniston EH LC 04	Labourers ledger	1885-1887
Coniston EH LC 05	Cost Book	1876-1891
Children in Mines Report	CAT Archive, IM	1842
Coniston EH LC 06	Cost Book (3)	1843-1848
Coniston EH LC 07	Smith Cost	1857-1875
Coniston EH LC 08.1	Letter book	1837-1861, 1881-1882
Coniston EH LC 09	Daybook, (tutwork)	1871-1872
Coniston EH LC 10	Dressing Cost, Paddy End	1843-1854
Coniston EH LC 11	Dressing Pay Book	1853-1859
Coniston EH LC 12	Mine Pay Book	1840-1844
Coniston EH LC 13	Underground Measurements	1862-1875
Coniston EH LC 14	Weight of Ores	1853-1860
Coniston EH LC 15	Labourers Ledger,	1875-1884

All have been digitised. Serious researchers may view the original documents held at the Armitt Library & museum, Ambleside, but please telephone or email in advance so they can get them out of the secure store. 015394 31212; info@armitt.com.

Digital images can be obtained by arrangement via membership@catmhs.org.uk



Over the years CAT members have photographed quite a lot of historic documents, some of which may no longer be available. I think it is important that this material is preserved and made available for study or research. Below is another list, of digitised historic documents relating to Coniston. Some of them have been transcribed. These too are available on request via membership@catmhs.org.uk. We hope to add to them as more material is discovered and digitised.

A collection of about 200 mine plans from the Eric Holland collection have been listed. Most are of the Cumbria west coast iron ore mines, but there are some of Coniston. They have all been scanned and digitised by the British Geological Survey. All the digital images are available on the BGS website and on the CATMHS website. The original plans pertaining to the Lake District mines have been deposited in the CATMHS archive at the Armitt Museum and Library. Cumbria iron mine material has been deposited at the CRO at Barrow-in-Furness, to be known as 'The Eric Holland Collection'.

Digitised Coniston & Tilberthwaite mine records, by date:

Title	Source	Period
1823 – 1836 Slate		
Slate received, EH LC 01	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1820-1836
Coppermine 1823- 1876, John Barratt & sons:		
Barratt letters to John Taylor	Hext sale (purchaser not known)	1823-1834
Sales of ore, EH LC 03	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1835-1840
Letter book, EH LC 08	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1837-1861
Cost Book No 2	CAT purchase, Hext sale (CRO)	1838-1843
Mine Pay Book, EH LC 12	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1840-1844
16 letters, J Barratt to R Gaunt	CAT archive (P Fleming & Co)	1841-1846
Cost Book (No 3), EH LC 06	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1843–1848
Dressing Cost, Paddy End, EH LC10	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1843-1854
Dressing Pay Book, EH LC 11	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1853-1859
Ore weights, Coniston & Ulverston EH LC14	Eric Holland archive	1853-1860
Smith Cost, EH LC 07	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1857-1875
Tutwork section, Threlkeld costbook	CAT purchase, Hext sale (CRO)	1862-1867
20 Take Notes	CAT purchase, Hext sale (CRO)	1865-1866
Underground Measurements, EH LC 13	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1862-1875
Materials received, EH LC 02	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1865-1867
Daybook, (tutwork) EH LC 09	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1871-1872
Memorandum of Association of the Coniston & Tilberthwaite Mining Company Ltd.	Ruskin Museum	1874.
Coppermine, post 1875, owner Thomas Wynne:		
Payments book	Ruskin Museum	1873 - 1884
34 letters, re meetings etc	CAT archive (P Fleming & Co)	1875-1878
Cost book	CRO, Stafford (incomplete record)	1875 -1884
Tributers Ore Sample Book	Ruskin Museum	1875 - 1884
Labourers Ledger EH LC 15	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1875-1884
Cost Book, LC 05	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1876-1891
Labourers ledger, LC 04	Eric Holland archive (Armitt)	1885-1887
Final years:		
Coniston Electrolytic Copper mines Ltd, letters written in French	Ruskin Museum	1913-1918
W T Shaw notes	CRO, Carlisle	1927
Coniston Mine prospectus	Source not known	1970
Canadian interest in Coniston copper mines		1972