

**U DX208**

**Eviction of Kinsey miners  
and other photographs**

**1768-1981**

**Historical Background:**

The eviction of the Kinsley miners is due to strike action from 1904 when the Fitzwilliam Collieries Company tried to cut wages of workers at the site in Kinsley now Fitzwilliam, West Yorkshire. The response of the miners was to strike and this caused the mine to eventually shut down two of the three coal seams in April 1905.

Kinsley was a purpose built village for the workers and their families. As the bitter industrial dispute dragged out, those miners who refused to go back to work were evicted from their homes, which were owned by the Fitzwilliam Collieries Company, between August-October 1905. The families who had already been evicted created a camp site near Fitzwilliam. The photographs show poverty stricken families being forced out of their homes with crowds of people gathering to watch. Some of the miners returned to work in May 1907, whilst others continued to picket until the dispute was settled in November 1907.

Lumley Castle is a 14th century castle at Chester-le-Street a few miles from the city of Durham and a property of the Earl of Scarborough. It is a Grade I listed building.

**Custodial history:**

Transferred from the University of Hull Photographic and Copy Service, May 1990

**Description:**

A small collection of black and white photographs including several capturing the eviction of miners from their homes in Kinsley in 1905; the interior of Burstwick Church and one of a plan of proposed alterations to Lumley Castle dated 1768.

**Extent:** 19 items

**Related material:**

File. East Yorkshire: Parish Church [U DDMM/29/82]

**Access conditions:**

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| U DX208/1 | <p>Photographs of the Kinsey Evictions<br/>Black and white photographs by Wales Hemsworth of the eviction of miners and their families from their home in Kinsley, West Riding. Many of the photographs have titles including 'Children's quarters of Evicted Miners'; 'Evicted children at dinner, Kinsley Hotel'; 'Evicted household at Kinsley'; 'Evicting the Baby'; '[Evicted children] at Kinsley Hotel'; 'Evicted Miners Wives' and the 'Evicted Miners Camp', Kinsley.<br/>14 items</p> | Aug-Oct 1905 |
| U DX208/2 | <p>Interior of Burstwick Church<br/>Four black and white photographic prints including one of the altar of All Saints church in Burstwick, East Yorkshire. Three prints are of the hatchment which shows the Royal Arms on one side and a painting showing the execution of Charles I and verses, in Latin, condemning the wickedness of rebellion and regicide, made by vicar John Catlyn in 1676.<br/>[University Negative No A5245 (8,10, 13)]<br/>4 items</p>                               | Jun 1981     |
| U DX208/3 | <p>'A Plan of Alterations Designed for Lumley Castle, the Seat of the Right Honourable the Earl of Scarbrough, by Thos. White'<br/>Black and white photograph<br/>1 item</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1768         |