



Mystery Photo

LACKAWANNA AND WYOMING VALLEY CHAPTER NRHS

Can You Identify This Location ???



This is an additional photo from the 2004 Calendar. It is a photo from the collection of Ed Miller. The lack of information about this photo demonstrates the importance of labeling slides and photos with some kind of description and/or date.

The photo shows a breaker in the distance along with a culm dump, a railroad main line, a trolley line crossing the railroad tracks and telegraph poles on the side of the ROW. No fewer than six plumes of steam can be seen, indicating the breaker is working.

This location could be anywhere in the Wyoming or Lackawanna Valley. There were several places where trolley lines served breakers.

This shot was way before the Webmaster was born, but various locations in

Larksville, Plymouth, Carbondale, or Scranton that had trolley lines running to them and could fit the bill. It looks like a wooden breaker so it quite old.

At a recent Chapter meeting, a group of members started to discuss possible locations of this photo. One bunch leaned toward the West Side of the Wyoming Valley, such as Larksville or Plymouth. One bunch thought it might have been Carbondale, but were unsure if the trolley lines ran through mine areas. Although we could only muse on the location, we were all in agreement that the shot could have been taken anywhere.

