

R. Samuel, Ed.: Miners, Quarrymen and Saltworkers. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul 1977, £ 3.75

Industrial discipline in mining, quarrying, brickmaking and other classes of mineral work was very different from that in the 19th century factories and mills. The book addresses the special situation of these occupations in 19th and early 20th century Britain. It discusses the peculiarities and common features of their work and the role played by trade unionism, material culture, wages and earnings. Three local studies are presented: pit life in County Durham, slate quarrying in North Wales, and saltworkers in Cheshire. The book is the second of the "History Workshop Series" of publications originating from professional and lay-historians at the trade union run "Ruskin College", Oxford.

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