

OUT OF THE GROUND¹

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Abstract: The region surrounding and including Pittsburgh in Southwestern Pennsylvania has been profoundly shaped by its industrial past. A unique set of circumstances converged here that destined Pittsburgh to become the Steel City, the capital of the world's industrial might for nearly a century. The history of the region's iron and steel industry has been fairly well chronicled and is generally known as part of our heritage. Not so well known is the story of the supporting industry that literally provided the fuel of the Pittsburgh region's meteoric rise to prominence, the fuel of the Industrial Revolution, coal.

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