LOC Collection: National Child Labor Committee Collection

Summary: This collection features child labor throughout the 20th Century. There are about 1000 photos of children working in fields, factories, and more.

Manuel, the young shrimp-picker, five years old, and a mountain of child-labor oyster shells behind him. He worked last year. Understands not a word of English. Dunbar, Lopez, Dukate Company. Location: Biloxi, Mississippi.

Fourteen year old spinner in a[?] Brazos Valley Cotton Mill at West. Violation of the law. Matty Lott runs six sides. See family group and their story. Location: West, Texas. Created/Published: 1913, November

Bertha Marshall a berry picker on Jenkins Farm, Rock Creek, near Baltimore, Md. Been at it 2 summers. Picks about 10 boxes a day. (2 cents a box). Photo July 7, 1909. Location: Baltimore, Maryland. Contributor Names: Hine, Lewis Wickes, 1874-1940, photographer
Joe Rose. Dumps cranberries for his father. Said he was 11 years old. Lived at Hourwich, Mass. 7 out of 57 workers were 6 to 12 years old. Working from 9 a.m. til 5 p.m. they said. Location: Hollow Branch Bog, near Wareham, Massachusetts.

Teixiera family, 50 Lombardt St., New Bedford. Mary J., 11 years; Manuel 10 years. Mother and these two children pick 40 measures a day at 7 cents a measure. See scoops and pail in foreground. There were two out of eighteen workers apparently under 12 and they expected to work several weeks more--losing some weeks of schooling. Location: Falmouth - Plimmey (?) Bog, Massachusetts.
All these children five years, six years, seven years, nine years and two a little older, were picking cotton on H.M. Lane's farm Bells, Tex. Only one adult, an aunt was picking. Father was plowing. Edith, five years, (see preceding photo) picks all day. "Hughie" six years old, girl, picks all day. Alton, seven years old, boy, picks fifty pounds a day. Ruth, nine years old, picks seventy-five pounds a day. Rob and Lee are about ten or eleven years old. The very young children like to pick, but before long they detest it. Sun is hot, hours long, bags heavy. Location: Bells, Texas.