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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains oral history interview cassette tapes and tape logs for 23 interviews conducted by students with 25 interviewees in the local community. Most interviews were collected as part of a 1991 Appalachian Community Studies class of Professor Jean Speer of the Department of Humanities at Virginia Tech. Unless noted, interviews have not been transcribed. For some interviewees, there is a student paper based on the interview.

Extent

1.25 Cubic Feet 4 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical Note

Most of the interviews in the collection were conducted as part of an Appalachian Oral History project in an 1991 Appalachian Community Studies class taught by Professor Jean Speer. With the possible exception of Kenneth Webb, interviewees resided in the New River Valley.

Scope and Contents

The collection covers 1986-91, with the bulk of the collection in the year 1991. Collection consists of interview tapes and interview tape logs of oral history interviews conducted by student interviewers in Dr. Jean Speer's Appalachian Community Studies class in the Department of Humanities at Virginia Tech, and by a student of Dr. Bohland. Interviewees include Frank W. Bannister, Lillie A. Beavers, Julia T. Bratton, Thomas Cartmel Brown, Carol M. Caldwell, Freeman A. Cockram, Virginia B. Creger, Robert and Josephine Dolinger, Ora Evans, Donald R. Fessler, Anne W. Frame, David H. Halsey, Mildred S. Richardson, Judith C. Sale, and Elizabeth M. Weatherford. Restricted interviews include Georgia Croy, Carlton Harmon, Jack and Lillian Minnick, and Ellison A. Smyth. Transcript available for Kenneth S. Hamblin, Sr., interview. The collection also includes undated tapes of the Shapenote Singing School and a tape of Presentation Music/Interview with Keith Webb, Arkansas Shapenote Gathering Concert.

Keywords

Oral histories (literary works)

Montgomery County (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

University History

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1970-)

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically by interviewee. Box 1 contains documentation and notes, boxes 2 and 3 contain tapes, and box 4 contains restricted tapes and tape logs.

Description of Subordinate Components

"The Authorized Life History of Frank W. Bannister as told to Erin J. O'Leary"

Unit Date 1991

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Lillie A. Beavers interview by K. Michael Hanna

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Container 2 (folder)

Lillie A. Beavers interview by Shawn Hash, tape log

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Container 3 (folder)

Julia T. Bratton interview by Margaret G. Sale, tape log

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Container 4 (folder)

Thomas Cartmel Brown interview by Margaret Ann Facenda, tape log and photographs

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Container 5 (folder)

Carol M. Caldwell Interview by Julie Ann Brunges, tape log, notes, and photographs of Catawba and Dragon's Tooth

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Container 6 (folder)

Freeman A. Cockram, owner of Cockram's Store in Floyd, interview by Holly Lord, tape log

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Virginia B. Creger interview by Margaret G. Sale, tape log

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Robert, caretaker at Mountain Lake, and Josephine Dolinger interview by Lesley Leonard, tape catalog and photographs

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Ora Evans interview by Heather Dorsey, tape log, "Living with Memories - Ora Evans: A Life History"

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Donald R. Fessler interview by Christina Small, tape log, "An Oral History: Part of the Appalachian Story"

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Ann W. Frame interview by Margaret G. Sale, tape log

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David H. Halsey interview by Helena D. May, tape log

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Kenneth S. Hamblin, Sr., a dulcimer maker, interview by Kimberly W. Pruett

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Perry C. and Vergie Holt interview by Trudy Teter

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Mildred S. Richardson interview by Margaret G. Sale, tape log

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Judith Crowell Sale interview by Margaret Sale, tape log

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Elizabeth M. Weatherford interview by Beverly Duncan, tape log

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Frank Bannister Interview by Erin J O'Leary

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Ora Evans Interview by Heather Dorsey

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Georgia Croy interview by Gustavo Colon, tape logs and 3 cassettes, Restricted

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Container 19 (folder)

Carlton Harmon interview by Holly Lord, tape log, tape cassette, Restricted

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Jack and Lillian Minnick interview by Stacey R. Minnick, cassette

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Ellison A. Smyth interview by unknown interviewer, tape log

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Keith Webb interview by Stephanie Meredith, tape log

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