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Collection Title: Roger W. Barbour Collection

Manuscript Series Number: MS006-1986

Date Received: 1986-1990

Processed by: Jessey C. Reed

Cataloged by: Dieter C. Ullrich

Date Listed: October 1, 2014; relisted on January 19, 2016.

Date Span: 1946-1984

Size of Collection: 39.0 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 56 letter sized document cases; 2 legal sized document cases; 4 half sized document cases; 10 10½x6 x5 in. photograph cases; 2 8x6x4 in. boxes; 2 22x15x2 in. oversize boxes; 2 record center boxes.

Type of Material: Photographic prints, negatives, slides, correspondence, manuscripts, maps, ephemera, memorabilia and artifacts.

Condition of Material: Good

Arrangement: Organized by creator; Alphabetical arrangement.

Biographical / Historical Information: Roger William Barbour, born April 5, 1919, was a college professor, naturalist and zoologist from Morehead, Kentucky. He graduated from Morehead State Teachers College (presently Morehead State University) in 1938 with a bachelor's degree in biology before completing a master's degree at Cornell University in 1939. After graduation, Barbour began his teaching career at Morehead State. He later taught at Western Kentucky State Teachers College (presently Western Kentucky State University) and at the University of Kentucky in the Zoology Department from 1950 to 1984. He is best known for his photographic work and research on various types of animals including fish, reptiles, amphibians and mammals along with several series on plant life native to the State of Kentucky. Barbour was also known for his historic photographs of Morehead and Rowan County. He wrote and co-wrote several books which chronicle nearly every aspect of natural life in Kentucky. Barbour died on August 26, 1993.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of photographs, slides, and negatives depicting numerous species of animal life, flora and fauna found in Eastern Kentucky as well as historic

images of Morehead and Rowan County, Kentucky acquired by Roger W. Barbour from the 1930s to the 1990s. Some of the photographs include accompanying information related to the animals pictured such as distribution patterns and paw print sketches. A series of photocopied articles from newspapers, magazines and journals, and chapters from books that feature the history of Eastern Kentucky and rural Appalachia used in his research. Also present are manuscripts of Barbour's publications as well as a series of correspondence. Personal artifacts from Barbour such as statuettes and small field equipment are included as well.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Barbour, William Roger, 1919-1993.

Morehead (Ky.) – History.

Kentucky – History.

Rowan County (Ky.) – History.

Appalachian Region – History.

Zoologists – United States.

Naturalists – Kentucky.

Notes: Collection was re-processed, inventoried and cataloged in the fall of 2015. Negatives from 1940s were inventoried and selected images scanned and placed in the digital archives in the summer of 2019.