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Collection Title: Rowan County Flood of 1939 Oral History Collection

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Size of Collection: 0.75 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 1 letter size document case and one oversized box.

Type of Material: Audio cassettes and transcripts.

Condition of Material: Good.

Arrangement: Organized alphabetically by surname.

Biographical / Historical Information: The Rowan County flood of 1939 occurred on the night of July 4th and lasted into the morning of July 5th. The flood devastated the City of Morehead and much of Rowan County. The flood destroyed 200 homes, damaged 800 and resulted in 25 deaths. The total cost of the damage was estimated at over \$5,000,000.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of 20 audio cassettes, 23 CDs, and 26 transcripts of 25 oral histories conducted by Morehead State University students for the 60th anniversary of the Rowan County, Kentucky flood of 1939. The oral histories offer eyewitness accounts of the flood and its devastating aftermath.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Morehead (Ky.) – History.

Rowan County (Ky.) – History.

Morehead (Ky.) – Flood, 1939.

Rowan County (Ky.) – Flood, 1939.

Floods – Kentucky – 1939 (July)

Adkins, George Walker

Barkar, Christine

Barker, Cliff
Bradley, Pucky
Buckner, Burnis
Carr, Walter
Cline, Edith
Davis, Ralph
Dean, Lloyd
Ellis, Jack and Janis
Fannin, Minnie
Fraley, Libby
Harmon, Jay
Hutchinson, Alpha
Jayne, Mary Alice
Kautz, Julia
Keeton, Nellie
Lewis, Mynea Ferguson
Mynheir, James Logan
Pierce, Billie
Pierce, Dwight
Snipes, Cordie
Sparkamn, Hattie
Stewart, Arthur
Trent, Omar

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