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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 4<sup>th</sup> and lasted into the morning of July 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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

**Notes:**