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Collection Title: Stuart Seely Sprague Collection

Manuscript Series Number: MS021-1989

Date Received: May 4, 1989

Processed by: Jessey C. Reed

Cataloged by: Dieter C. Ullrich

Date Listed: April 14, 2015

Date Span: ca. 1933-2002.

Size of Collection: 33 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 42 letter size document cases, 3 letter half size document cases, 1 legal size document case, 3 record center boxes, 2 17x12x4 in. oversize box, 1 22x15x2 in. oversize box, 1 25x21x3 in. oversize box, 3 25x19x3 in. oversize box, 1 8x4x6 in. box.

Type of Material: Correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, maps, notebooks, scrapbooks, audio cassette tapes, ephemera and memorabilia.

Condition of Material: Good.

Arrangement: Organized alphabetically by title of file folder; Chronological arrangement.

Biographical / Historical Information: Stuart Seely Sprague was born on June 24, 1937 in Connecticut. Sprague spent Undergraduate and Graduate career studying history at Yale University before receiving a Ph.D. in history from New York University. He served as a professor in history at Morehead State University from 1968 to 1995. His areas of concentration included Appalachian history and African American studies. Sprague published dozens of journal articles and several books on various historical topics, including the book, *His Promised Land: The Autobiography of John P. Parker, Former Slave and Conductor on the Underground Railroad*. He died on February 22, 2002 at Clearfield, Kentucky.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of manuscripts, research materials and correspondence created or retained by Stuart Sprague from the 1930s until his death in 2002. The bulk of the collection contains research materials, drafts and manuscripts for articles and books that Sprague submitted for publication. Included in the collection are correspondence, notebooks, photographs, maps, ephemera and memorabilia related to his time as a professor at Morehead State University and his research in Kentucky and Appalachian history.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Sprague, Stuart Seely, 1937-2002.

Kentucky – History.

Appalachian Region, Southern – History.

Authors, American – Kentucky.

Notes: The collection has been weeded but not processed or cataloged as of January 13, 2015.
Collection reprocessed and inventoried by April 14, 2015.