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Abstract

This collection contains the photographs of Earl Palmer, an award-winning photographer from Cambria, Virginia, whose work depicted the landscape and traditional culture of rural Appalachia in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Materials date from 1880 to 1989, but are primarily from the 1940s to the 1970s. The collection is divided among the following series: photographs, duplicate photographs, written materials, oversize photographs, and artifacts.

Creator

Palmer, Earl, 1905-1996

Extent

8 Cubic Feet 8 boxes (not including the artifact collection)

Physical Location

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Repository

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Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Earl Palmer Appalachian Photograph and Artifact Collection was donated jointly to the Appalachian Collection of the University Libraries and the Appalachian Studies Program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1989.

Processing Information

The re-processing, arrangement and description of the photographs and accompanying papers commenced in July 2002 and was completed in October 2002.

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Biographical Note

Earl Palmer, an Appalachian photographer, was born in Bell County (some sources claim Harlan County), Kentucky, on May 11, 1905. The son of traveling circus performers, Palmer's interest in photography began when he received a camera as a gift at age 7. After high school, Palmer took a job with a local A&P grocery store. By the time he was 19, Palmer was managing the store and was soon employed by A&P as a road supervisor, overseeing 18 stores. Meanwhile, his photos were appearing in local newspapers and were soon being seen in numerous travel magazines.

Around 1945, Palmer moved with his first wife, Alice, to Cambria, Virginia (now part of Christiansburg), where he opened a grocery store. By this time, Palmer's photos were being featured in such magazines as *Life*, *National Geographic*, and the *Saturday Evening Post*. Billing himself the "Blue Ridge Mountains' Roamin' Camera Man", Palmer concentrated on the people and places of Appalachia, particularly the region's traditional culture. Though based in southwestern Virginia, Palmer traveled the mountain regions of Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky and West Virginia in search of subjects.

By 1954, Palmer had been elected mayor of Cambria, and he would serve in that capacity until the town's merger with Christiansburg in 1964. In 1972, he retired from the grocery business to devote more time to photography. During his many trips, Palmer also collected a number of artifacts associated with traditional mountain life, including wagon wheels, handicrafts, a moonshine still and tools.

In 1982, Palmer married Evelyn Chrisman; he died at his home on March 4, 1996.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the photographs of Earl Palmer, an award-winning photographer from Cambria, Virginia, whose work depicted the landscape and traditional culture of rural Appalachia in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Materials date from the 1940s to the 1970s. The collection is divided among the following series: photographs, duplicate photographs, written materials, oversize photographs, and artifacts.

The Photographs series contains approximately 750 photos taken by Palmer from the 1940s through the 1970s. Palmer's photos document the landscape and traditional culture of Appalachia in the Virginia-Tennessee-North Carolina-Kentucky-West Virginia region and include depictions of artisans, moonshiners, coal miners and scenes from daily life in rural Appalachia. Many of the photos are accompanied by descriptions written by Palmer. The photographs are arranged by topic, with numerous cross-references directing the user to appropriate headings.

Duplicate Photos are arranged by the same subject headings used in arranging the original photographs. While there are multiple copies of some photos, others have only one duplicate, and many have none.

The Written Materials, very few in number, range in date from 1946 to 1976. Including such materials as photo descriptions, bits of correspondence and notes, postcards and printed material, this series is arranged by document type.

The Oversize Photos series consists of items which were too large to be inter-filed in the Photographs series.

The Artifacts series contains materials, collected by Palmer, which are associated with traditional Appalachian folk culture. The series includes such items as a moonshine still, wagon wheels, ox yokes and hand-made brooms, as well as items associated with coal mining and railroading. Also included is a small collection of cameras and photography equipment.

Keywords

Artifacts (object genre)
Folk, historical, and patent medicine
Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
Montgomery County (Va.)
Photographs
Traditional medicine
History of Food and Drink

Existence and Location of Copies

Some of this collection has been digitized and is available online..

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Arrangement

Series I. Photographs. This collection of Palmer's photographs spans from the 1940s to the 1970s and is arranged alphabetically by subject matter. A number of cross-references have been included to lead users to valid subject headings.

Series II. Duplicate Photos. Duplicate copies of those photos found in the Photographs Series, these photos are also arranged alphabetically by the same headings used in describing the original photos. Note that while there are multiple copies of some photos, there are no duplicate copies for others

Series III. Written Materials. This series includes a small set of papers related to Palmer's photographic work and includes photo blurbs, correspondence and notes, and postcards and other printed material.

Series IV. Oversize Materials. This series contains photos which were too large to be filed with those in the

Photographs series.

Series V. Artifacts. The Artifacts series contains materials, collected by Palmer, which are associated with traditional Appalachian folk culture. The series includes such items as a moonshine still, wagon wheels, ox yokes and hand-made brooms, as well as items associated with coal mining and railroading. Also included is a small collection of cameras and photography equipment. While the material descriptions are arranged here by subject matter, the items themselves are housed in several locations.

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Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Photographs

Alice Lloyd College

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 8 images

Amburgey, Jethro

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Animals

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 22 images. 2 folders

Apple Butter-making

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

General Physical Description note 10 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Hylton, Newton

Apple Cider-making

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

Auctions (Montgomery County, Virginia)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Ausmus, Frank farm (Powell Valley, Tennessee) - see Farms and Farming

Scope and Contents note

see Farms and Farming

Baptisms - see Churches

Bark Camp Creek - see Rivers and Streams

Baseball - see Christiansburg Baseball Team

Baskets and Basket-making

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 8 images

Beckley Exhibition Mine - see Coal Mining - Exhibition Mines and Museums

Bee Hunting

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

Belcher, Dale

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Belle of Louisville - see Riverboats

Berea College

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

General Physical Description note 12 items

Berea College - Student Industries

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General Physical Description note 9 images

Bicentennial Wagon Train

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Big Black Mountain (Kentucky)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Big Stick (West Virginia) - see Coal Mining - Sites and Buildings

Blacksmiths - see Hylton, Newton

Blue Ridge Parkway

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 6 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Moonshine and Moonshiners; Rail Fences

Boats - see Canals; Canoeing; Fishing; Rivers and Streams; Riverboats

Bookmobile (Montgomery Co., Virginia)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

General Physical Description note 17 images. 2 folders.

Boone, Daniel monument (Kentucky)

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Bowman, Bob - see Farms and Farming

Boyd, Glyndon

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Boyd, Turner

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 image

Bridges

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 6 images

Broom-making - see Berea College - Student Industries; Hash, Goode

Broyles, O. B. - see "The Long Way Home"

Buildings, Unidentified

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

General Physical Description note 7 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Groups, Unidentified

Burns, Martha - see Craft Fairs

Cabins

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

General Physical Description note 18 images. 2 folders

Scope and Contents note

see also Postcards and Printed Material; Oversize

Cambria, Virginia

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

General Physical Description note 5 images

Camping

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

General Physical Description note 10 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Cumberland Falls State Park; Fishing

Canals

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

General Physical Description note 8 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Trains; Tunnels

Caney Junior College - see Alice Lloyd College

Canoeing

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Cass Scenic Railroad - see Trains

Cattle - see Farms and Farming

Caves

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Mammoth Cave National Park

Cemeteries

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

Cherokee Indian Reservation (Cherokee, North Carolina)

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

Children, Unidentified

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 9 images

Chinquapins - see Nuts and Nutcracking

Christiansburg Baseball Team

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Churches

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

General Physical Description note 5 items

Scope and Contents note

see also Stotesbury (West Virginia)

Churchill Downs (Louisville, Kentucky) - see Horse Racing

Civil War - see McDowell Battlefield; Relics

Cliffs - see Rock Formations

Coal Mining - Miners

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 14 images

Coal Mining - Sites and Buildings

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

General Physical Description note 5 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Trains

Coal Mining - Exhibition Mines and Museums

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General Physical Description note 30 images. 3 folders

Cockram, Buren

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Cockram, Lincoln

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Conrad, Lula

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Country Stores

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Evie Shelton's Store; Palmer's Market

Court Day (Franklin Co., Virginia)

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Courthouses - see Buildings, Unidentified; Montgomery County (Virginia) Courthouse

Covered Bridges - see Bridges

Craft Fairs

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

General Physical Description note 10 images

Crafts

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 13 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Baskets and Basket-making; Berea College - Student Industries; Craft Fairs; Craftsmen; Kingdom Come Swappin' Meetin'; Soap-making

Craftsmen, Identified - see Ambrugy, Jethro; Belcher, Dale; Boyd, Glyndon; Boyd, Turner; Duncan, Rufus; Garnard, Harold; Hash, Goode; Hylton, Newton; Kingdom Come Swappin' Meetin'; McCarter, Fred

Craftsmen, Unidentified

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

General Physical Description note 6 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Berea College - Student Industries; Craft Fairs

Cumberland Falls State Park

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

General Physical Description note 6 images

Cumberland Gap National Park

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

General Physical Description note 13 images

Cumberland River - see Fishing; Rivers and Streams

Cupp, Thomas Jefferson

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Cabins

Dan River Queen - see Riverboats

Dancing - see Folk Dances; Frontier Land Amusement Park (Cherokee, North Carolina); Square Dancing

Decoy School

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Deer - see Animals

Dehart, Alice - see Quilts and Quilting

Dehart, Theodore "Ted" - see Moonshine and Moonshiners

Dehart, Walter cabin - see Cabins

Doe Hill (Virginia)

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Dogs - see Animals

Duncan, Rufus

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Eggleston Ferry - see "The Long Way Home"

Elk - see Animals

Evie Shelton's Store (Floyd Co., Virginia)

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

Farms and Farming

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

General Physical Description note 14 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Cockram, Buren; Hylton, Newton; Virginia Tech Farm

Fields, Alicine - see kingdom Come Swappin' Meetin

Fighting Creek Gap (Tennessee)

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Fire Engine, Antique (Pigeon Forge, Tennessee)

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Fire Lookout Tower

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Fishing

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 51 images. 5 folders

Scope and Contents note

see also Camping

Flowers

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Garnett, Joe

Folk Dances

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 6 images

Folk Medicine - see Garnett. Joe: Ginseng: Mullein

Food - see Apple Butter-making; Bee Hunting; Conrad, Lula; Maple Sugar

Ford Tract Wildlife Refuge - see Game Preserves

Fox, John Jr., home (Big Stone Gap, Virginia)

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Frontier Land Amusement Park (Cherokee, North Carolina)

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

General Physical Description note 9 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Palmer, Earl

Frontier Nursing Service

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

Frontier Trading Post (Asheville, North Carolina) - see Blue Ridge Parkway

Furniture-making - see Amburgey, Jethro; Duncan, Rufus; McCarter, Fred

Game Preserves

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Garnard, Harold

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Garnett, Joe

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

General Physical Description note 11 images

Giles, Rebecca Diane McNeill - see Weddings

Ginseng

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Goins, Robert - see Coal Mining - Miners

Golf Courses

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 6-7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 20 images

Grit Bread - see Conrad, Lula

Groups, Unidentified

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

General Physical Description note 19 images. 2 folders

Scope and Contents note

see also Weddings

Guns - see Relics

Harshbarger, Katherine - see "The Long Way Home"

Hash, Goode

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

Horse Racing

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Horseback Riding

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Horses - see Animals; Farms and Farming; Horse Racing; Horseback Riding

Hospitals - see Montgomery County (Virginia) Regional Hospital

Howard, Jim - see Cabins

Huckleberry Railroad - see Trains

Hylton, Newton

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 35 images. 3 folders

Individuals, Unidentified

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 18 images. 2 folders

Jackson, Elrod "Thumper" - see Moonshine and Moonshiners

Jackson's Ferry Shot Tower

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Jacobs, Cody - see Alice Lloyd College

Keeneland Race Course (Lexington, Kentucky) - see Horse Racing

Kentucky Parks

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

General Physical Description note 5 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Cumberland Gap National Park; Cumberland Falls State Park; Kingdom Come State Park; Mammoth Cave National Park; Natural Bridge State Park; Pine Mountain State Park Kingdom Come State Park (Cumberland, Kentucky) [3 images]

Kingdom Come Swappin' Meetin'

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Kuralt, Charles and Earl Palmer

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Lake Cumberland - see Fishing; Kentucky Parks

Lake Junealuska (North Carolina)

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Laurel River - see Fishing

Libraries - see Bookmobile (Montgomery Co., Virginia); Lincoln Memorial University (Middlesboro, Kentucky)

Lily of the Valley - see Flowers

Lincoln Memorial University (Middlesboro, Kentucky)

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

Little Shepherd Trail (Kentucky)

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Locomotives - see Trains

Log Rock - see Kingdom Come State Park

Logging

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Scope and Contents note

see also Williams, Jack "Piney"

"The Long Way Home"

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

General Physical Description note 15 images

Lucas, Roy - see Bookmobile (Montgomery Co., Virginia)

Mabry Mill (Virginia)

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Scope and Contents note

see also Hylton, Newton

Mammoth Cave National Park

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Maple Sugar

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Marshall, Belle

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

McCarter, Fred

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General Physical Description note 5 images

McDowell Battlefield

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Melrose Cavern (Lacy Spring, Virginia) - see Caves

Merrimac Mines - see Coal Mining - Miners

Middlesboro, Kentucky

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Mills and Milling

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Farms and Farming; Mabry Mill (Virginia); Marshall, Belle

Ministers

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 6 images

Montgomery County (Virginia) Courthouse

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Montgomery County (Virginia) Regional Hospital

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Moonshine and Moonshiners

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 16 images. 2 folders

Scope and Contents note

see also Cabins; Cockram, Lincoln; Oversize Photos

Mount Vernon (Virginia)

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

Mountain Views

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

General Physical Description note 14 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Cumberland Gap National Park; Peaks of Otter (Virginia); Shenandoah National Park; Smoky

Mountains

Mullein

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Musicians - see Hylton, Newton; Moonshine and Moonshiners

Native Americans - see Cherokee Indian Reservation (Cherokee, North Carolina)

Natural Arch (Cumberland National Forest, Kentucky)

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Natural Bridge State Park (Kentucky)

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Nurses - see Frontier Nursing Service

Nuts and Nutcracking

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Palmer, Earl

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 7 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Kuralt, Charles and Rakes, Walter

Palmer's Market (Montgomery Co., Virginia)

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Parades

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Pastors - see Ministers

Peaks of Otter (Virginia)

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Pine Mountain Settlement School

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Pine Mountain State Park

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

Plants - see Flowers; Garnett, Joe; Ginseng; Mullein; Trees

Poly-Scientific

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Potomac River - see Rivers and Streams

Preachers - see Ministers

Quilts and Quilting

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

General Physical Description note 9 images

Radarscope (Black Mountain, Kentucky)

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Radio Telescope (Green Bank, West Virginia)

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Rail Fences

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 5 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Hylton, Newton

Railroads - see Trains

Rakes, Evonne - see Baskets and Basket-making

Rakes, Lera - see Baskets and Basket-making; Quilts and Quilting

Rakes, Sylvia - see Baskets and Basket-making

Rakes, Walter "Goode" and Earl Palmer

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Relics

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

General Physical Description note 8 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Crafts; Farms and Farming; Hylton, Newton; Kingdom Come Swappin' Meetin'

Reynolds, Flossie - see Apple Butter-making

Rhododendron - see Flowers

Riverboats

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Rivers and Streams

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Fishing

Rock Cairns - see Relics

Rock Formations

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 10 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Cumberland Falls State Park; Cumberland Gap National Park; Kingdom Come State Park (Cumberland, Kentucky); Peaks of Otter (Virginia); Rivers and Streams; Seneca Rocks (West Virginia); Natural Arch; Sky Bridge

Ruckman, John - see Maple Sugar

Sand Cave (Kentucky) - see Caves

Sarver cabin (Gap Mountain) - see Cabins

Scenery

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 images

School Groups

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Decoy School; Pine Mountain Settlement School

Sculpture - see Relics

Seneca Rocks (West Virginia)

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Sharp, Josh - see Fishing

Sheep - see Animals; McDowell Battlefield

Shellfish - see Fishing

Shelton's Store (Floyd Co., Virginia) - see Evie Shelton's Store (Floyd Co., Virginia)

Shenandoah National Park

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Shot Tower (Wytheville, Virginia) - see Jackson's Ferry Shot Tower

Shows

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Frontier Land Amusement Park (Cherokee, North Carolina); "The Long Way Home;" Kingdom Come Swappin' Meetin'; "Singin' on the Mountain"

"Singin' on the Mountain"

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Sky Bridge

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Slone, Teach - see Coal Mining - Miners

Smoky Mountains

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 4 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Fighting Creek Gap (Tennessee); Golf Courses

Soap-making

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Square Dancing

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Stagecoaches

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Steffey's Wharf (Hancock, Maryland) - see Canals

Still House Overlook - see Mountain Views

Still, James

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Container 10 (folder)

General Physical Description note 1 image

Stotesbury (West Virginia)

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General Physical Description note 2 images

Stone Walls - see Relics

Stuart, Jesse

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General Physical Description note 5 images

Sutphin, Bobby and Alice

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General Physical Description note 1 image

Swinging Bridges - see Bridges

Telephone Switchboard

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General Physical Description note 1 image

Tobacco - see Farms and Farming

Trains

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General Physical Description note 10 images

Treece, Nora - see Apple Butter-making

Trees

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General Physical Description note 7 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Rail Fences

Tunnels

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Container 12 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Blue Ridge Parkway

Union Church (Blue Grass Valley) - see Churches

Virginia Tech Farm

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General Physical Description note 1 image

Wagon Wheels - see Relics

Waterfalls

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Container 13 (folder)

General Physical Description note 6 images

Scope and Contents note

see also Fishing; Rivers and Streams; Postcards and Printed Material

Weddings

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Container 14-15 (folder)

General Physical Description note 25 images

Williams, Jack "Piney"

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Container 16 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Series II. Duplicate Photographs

Animals - Bee Hunting

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Container 1 (folder)

Berea College - Bridges

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Cabins - Churches

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Coal Mining

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 folders

Country Stores - Cumberland Falls State Park

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Cumberland Gap National Park - Fire Lookout Tower

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Container 6 (folder)

Fishing

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General Physical Description note 3 folders

Flowers - Frontier Land Amusement Park (Cherokee, North Carolina)

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Container 8 (folder)

Garnett, Joe - Golf Courses

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Groups, Unidentified

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Horseback Riding - Kingdom Come State Park

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Kingdom Come Swappin' Meetin' - Ministers

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Mountain Views - Riverboats

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Rivers and Streams - Stotesbury, West Virginia

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Trains - Williams, Jack "Piney"

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Framed copies of photos with labels

box 26

Series III. Written Materials

Unit Date 1958-1976, n.d.

Photo Captions and Blurbs, n.d.

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Correspondence and Notes, 1958-1976, n.d.

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Postcards and Printed Material, 1965-1974, n.d.

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Series IV. Oversize Photos

Cabins

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Moonshine and moonshiners

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Physical Description note 2 images

Series V. Artifacts

artifact Artifacts

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Cameras and photographic equipment

box 19

box 16

box 9

AnSCO Sureshot camera

box 19

Brownie box camera

box 19

Camera bag, leather

box 16

Flash lamp

Kodak Duaflex camera

Kodak-Medalist camera

Lumiere dry plate

Moviegraph camera, large

Spool of film

Coal mining

box 17

box 18

Breast auger

Miner's cap

box 17

Miner's cap with carbide lamp

box 18

box 17

Miner's pick-axe

Crafts

box 28

box 29

box 19

box 13

Bear on tree, carved

Fan, turkey feather

Figure at well, wood-carved

box 28

Figure with churn, wood-carved

box 29

Folk toy

Horse, cornstalk carving

box 19

Pig, cornstalk carving

box 28

Mabry Mill model (carved by Newton Hylton)

Man and son going to mill, wood-carved doll

Owl, feather on wood

Miniature wagon

box 13

Farming materials

box 17

box 27

box 21

box 14

box 11

box 10

box 22

Barn wood (4 or more pieces)

box 27

Barrels, small, wood (2)

box 21

Horse collars (2)

Horseshoes, rusted

Lantern, large

box 14

Ox yoke, large (carved by Newton Hylton)

Ox yokes, medium (Newton Hylton) (2)

Ox yokes, small (Newton Hylton) (2)

box 17

Plow

Plow points, iron (2)

box 11

Rake, wooden

Saddle, leather

Stirrups (2)

box 10

Wagon hubs (2)

Wagon lamp, Conestoga

Wagon pieces (singletrees, etc.) (at least 9)

Wagon seat

Wagon wheels (2)

Water mill wheel center, wooden

Wood maul (Newton Hylton)

Furniture

Bench, wooden

Chair with caned seat, small, carved

Rocking chair and footstool (handmade)

Houseware

box 29

box 16

box 20

Andirons (hand-forged by Newton Hylton) (3)

Baskets, oak (Lera Rake) (4)

box 20

box 29

Broom, straw

Coal bucket

Edison cylinder

box 16

Hearth brooms, reed (made by Goode Hash) (4)

Kettle, copper

Medicine bottles

Octagon Soap

box 16

Shoe lathe on wood block

Snuff jar

Spinning wheel

Wash pot, iron (2)

Washtub, iron

Kitchenware and Foodstuffs

box 8

box 23

box 15

box 29

box 28

box 24

box 12

Berea sugars

General Physical Description note 4 boxes

Cheese boxes (6)

Cheese cutter

box 8

Coffee grinder

Coffee pot, spatterware

Crock, brown and white, cracked
box 23

Crock jugs (2)
box 15
box 29

Dough board

Frying pan, iron
box 29

Honey, jar
box 28

Mason jars
box 24
box 28

Meat grinder, large, iron

Meat grinders, small (2)
box 12

Rolling pin, large, wooden
box 8

Sausage grinder lid, rusted

Personal articles
box 16

Golf clubs (2)

Pipe tobacco can, Prince Albert
box 16

Sunbonnet, red
box 16

Walking stick, hand-carved

Railroads
box 12
box 17
box 16
box 28

Rail pieces (5)
box 12

Railroad lanterns, blue and clear glass (2)

box 17

Railroad spikes (5)

box 12

box 16

Saucer and bowl, Norfolk & Western Railway

box 28

Spoons, Norfolk & Western Railway (3)

Schools

box 19

School desk

School slate, cracked

box 19

School water barrels (2)

Signs

box 16

Cambria

box 16

Palmer's market

Trail of the Lonesome Pine

Miscellaneous

box 19

box 21

box 25

Adding machine and stand

Cambria car tag

Coca-Cola six-bottle holder

box 19

Courthouse vault window glasses (2)

Gas can, rusted

box 21

Hornets nests (2)

box 25

Leather, tanned

General Physical Description note 1 piece

Moonshine still

General Physical Description note 2 large barrels, copper kettle; thumpkeg; copper worm; copper bottom, copper mash pot