

# Newport and Clover Hollow, Giles County History Collection

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### Abstract

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## Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to Special Collections in December 2007.

## Processing Information

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# Historical Note

Newport and Clover Hollow are located in Giles County, Virginia. They form part of the Greater Newport Rural Historic District, which is located in the Eastern District of Giles County. Listed in the National Registrar of Historic Places in 2000, the Greater Newport Rural Historic District includes five distinct sections: Sinking Creek, Spruce Run, Clover Hollow, Plowscrew, and Mountain Lake. The historic district is agricultural and rural in character, consisting mostly of nineteenth and early-twentieth century farmsteads. Overall, the district includes approximately 21,085 acres.

Closely associated with the effort to designate this area as a rural historic district was the struggle by community members against AEP's proposed powerline. In March 1990, the contestation over proposed powerline routes was initiated when the energy company Apco -- which would change its name to AEP during the course of the powerline battle -- announced its plans to build a transmission line from West Virginia to Cloverdale. The estimated date for its completion was 1998. Following this announcement, opposition arose from communities along the proposed route. In Giles County, Virginia, concerned community members joined together to create the organization Citizens Organized to Protect the Environment (COPE), which fought against the proposed powerline. For more detailed information on the powerline struggle and establishment of the Greater Newport Rural Historical District see the following:

Carlisle, Fred. "Insiders, Outsiders, and the Struggle for Community," *Appalachian Journal*, Vol. 26, No. 3 (Spring 1999), 240-251.

Carlisle, Fred. "The Past in the Present: The Greater Newport Rural Historic District," *Appalachian Journal*, Vol. 32, No. 1 (Fall 2004), 50-66.

Sources Consulted:

"Greater Newport Rural Historic District, Giles County, Virginia,"

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/NR/publications/bulletins/01workshop/newport.htm>

# Scope and Content Note

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Some transcripts appear to be mixed into the wrong file, however, as this was the way in which material was presented, original order was maintained.

# Separated Materials

- Hiss, Tony. *The Experience of Place: A new way of looking at and dealing with our radically changing cities and countryside*. New York: Vintage Books, 1990.

- Givens, Nancy Kate. *The Red Bridge: A collection of article, stories and facts about the 1916 Covered Bridge spanning Sinking Creek by Clover Hollow Road.* 2007.
- Johnson, Patricia Givens. *Confederate Women of New River Border Country.* Blacksburg, VA: Walpa Publishing, 1993.
- Kapp, Paul Hardin. *Greater Newport Rural Historic District: Architectural Survey, Giles County, Virginia.* 1999.

## Keywords

Women -- History  
 Giles County (Va.)  
 Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

## Existence and Location of Copies

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

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into five series based on subject and material type: Series I: Oral Histories; Series II: Newport Rural Historic District Materials; Series III: Photographs; Series IV: Data Sheets; and Series V: IPS Forms for GNRHD.

Series I: Oral Histories contains two subseries. Subseries I: Transcripts includes typed transcripts of oral histories. Subseries II: Interviews contains the oral histories on cassette tape. **Please note: Series I is currently restricted, pending release forms for interviews.**

Series II: Newport Rural Historic District Materials consists of publications, newspaper clippings and articles, and other resources on the history of the Newport region.

Series III: Photographs contains photocopies of images submitted with applications for historic status, as well as original photographs of different geographical areas around Newport and Clover Hollow. Series IV: Data Sheets includes related information about the areas depicted in the photographs.

Series V: IPS Forms for GNRHD consists of copies of forms submitted for Virginia Division of Historic Landmark status. In addition to Newport and Clover Hollow, other forms relate to Mountain Lake.

Materials were organized into series based on type/format. All series were left in their original order, though the photographs and data sheets were removed from binders.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Oral Histories

#### Access Restrictions

This series is currently restricted. Please contact Special Collections for more information.

#### Subseries A: Transcripts

##### Transcripts and Notes: David Brady, Tom Brobson, Mike Dawson,

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##### Ed Givens Transcript,

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**Tillie Lucas Transcripts,**

**Unit Date** 1997

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**Transcripts of Conversations with Doris Link,**

**Unit Date** 2000-2001

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**Vincel Transcripts: Assorted Notes & Material,**

**Unit Date** 1995-2000

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**Vincel Transcripts: Bill & Caroline,**

**Unit Date** 1995, n.d.

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**Vincel Transcripts: Ed Givens,**

**Unit Date** 1995

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**Lucas Transcripts: Assorted Notes & Material,**

**Unit Date** 1995

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**Lucas Transcripts: Doak Lucas and Alva Lucas,**

**Unit Date** 1995

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**Transcripts and Notes from Conversations with Mark Givens and Mary Givens - His Mother,**

**Unit Date** 1996

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**Nancy Sibold Transcripts,**

**Unit Date** 1995

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**Vincel and Lucas Transcripts,**

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**Transcripts: Link, Martin, Miller,**

**Unit Date** 1995

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**Transcripts: Marty Farrier, Cliff Shaffer,**

**Unit Date** 1996-1997

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**Lafon Transcripts & Notes,**

**Unit Date** 1997

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**Container** 15 (folder)

**Transcript - Bill & Caroline Vincel,**

**Unit Date** February 6th and 7th

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**Container** 9 (folder)

#### **Subseries B: Interviews**

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**Brady, David,**

**Unit Date** March, 6, 2006

**Audio** 1 (cassette)

**Tillie & Marjorie Lucas,**

**Unit Date** November 24, 1996

**Audio** 2-3 (cassette)

**Lucas, Tillie,**

**Unit Date** March 5, 1997; December 3, 1997

**Audio** 4-5 (cassette)

**Jim & Gail Lucas,**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Audio** 6 (cassette)

**Lucas, Jim,**

**Audio** 7 (cassette)

**Lucas, Doak,**

**Unit Date** February 1, 1995

**Audio** 8 (cassette)

**Doak & Alva Lucas,**

**Unit Date** February 20, 1995

**Audio** 9 (cassette)

**Doak & Alva Interview - Kurstedt Interview,**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Audio** 10 (cassette)

**Stewart & Victor Link,**

**Unit Date** November 29, 1995

**Audio** 11 (cassette)

**Link, Doris,**

**Unit Date** May 18, 2000

**Audio** 12 (cassette)

**Johnson, Patricia Givens,**

**Unit Date** March 23, 1995? 1996?

**Audio** 13 (cassette)

**Givens, Nancy Kate,**

**Unit Date** April 2000

**Audio** 14 (cassette)

**Givens, Mark,**

**Unit Date** July 19, 1996; July 22, 1996; April 3, 1996

**Audio** 15-17 (cassette)

**Givens, Ed,**

**Unit Date** February 15 and 16, 1995

**Audio** 18-19 (cassette)

**Lafon,**

**Unit Date** April 13, 1997

**Audio** 20 (cassette)

**Wade & Annie (Dodgin) Lafon,**

**Unit Date** April 13, 1997

**Audio** 21 (cassette)

**Lafon, Wade,**

**Unit Date** January 19, 1997

**Audio** 22 (cassette)

**Ferrier, Marty,**

**Unit Date** February 24, 1996

**Audio** 23 (cassette)

**Domermuth, Dorothy,**

**Unit Date** April 4, 2000

**Audio** 24 (cassette)

**Brady & Brobson,**

**Unit Date** July 26, 1996

**Audio** 25 (cassette)

**Brady, David,**

**Unit Date** August 5, 1996

**Audio** 26 (cassette)

**Pat & Lyn Bohmer,**

**Unit Date** June 21, 2000

**Audio** 27 (cassette)

**Dawson, Mike,**

**Unit Date** March 21, 2001

**Audio** 28 (cassette)

**Godfrey, H. D.,**

**Unit Date** March 20, 2001

**Audio** 29 (cassette)

**Vincel,**

**Unit Date** May 19, 1998; January 1996; July 27, 1995; February 14, 1995; February 7 & 14, 1995; February 6 & 7, 1995; February 7, 1995

**Audio** 30-36 (cassette)

**Ulrich, Greg & Lovene,**

**Unit Date** May 6, 2000

**Audio** 37 (cassette)

**Snider, Karen,**

**Unit Date** August 18, 1998

**Audio** 38 (cassette)

**Shaffer, Cliff,**

**Unit Date** January 17, 1997

**Audio** 39 (cassette)

**Sibold, Nancy**

**Unit Date** June 19, 1998; February 19, 1996; March 28, 1995

**Audio** 40-43 (cassette)

**Miller, Hattie,**

**Unit Date** April 13, 1995

**Audio** 44 (cassette)

**Wilbur, Martin,**

**Unit Date** May 24, 1995

**Audio** 45 (cassette)

## **Series II: Newport Rural Historic District Materials**

**Papers Related to Greater Newport Rural Historic District (GNRHD),**

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**Applications: Newport Historic District - Grant, Original Rural, Newport,**

**Unit Date** 1995-1998

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**Copy GNRHD Nomination, Corrected,**

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**Post Office, Church, Schools, Cemeteries,**

**Unit Date** 2001

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**Post Office, Church, Schools, Cemeteries: Banks,**

**Unit Date** 2001

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**Post Office, Church, Schools, Cemeteries: Moses Atkins,**

**Unit Date** 2001

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**Post Office, Church, Schools, Cemeteries: Post Office,**

**Unit Date** 2000-2001

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**Post Office, Church, Schools, Cemeteries: Church,**

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**Miscellaneous Papers Related to the Powerline Fight,**

**Unit Date** 1997-2000

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**Informational Materials on Rural Historical Districts & "Clover Hollow Memories,"**

**Unit Date** 1984-2000

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**Newport Tall Tales,**

**Unit Date** 1996

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**GNRHD: Clover Hollow**

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**Clover Hollow,**

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**GNRHD Planning Materials,**

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**Powerline Articles,**

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**Articles and Papers Related to COPE and the Powerline Struggle,**

**Unit Date** 1993-1998

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**Newport Agricultural Fair Booklets,**

**Unit Date** 1993-1996

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**Newport Agricultural Fair Booklets,**

**Unit Date** 1998-2000

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**"A Story of Newport and its People," (Part 1 of 2),**

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**"A Story of Newport and its People," (Part 2 of 2),**

**Unit Date** n.d.

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**Greater Newport Rural Historic District Map,**

**Unit Date** 1985

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**"A Tour of the Greater Newport Rural Historic District" Video Cassette,**

**Unit Date** Summer 1996

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**Series III: Photographs**

**Copies of Photographs Submitted with Application: Sinking Creek & Clover Hollow,**

**Unit Date** 1996

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**Copies of Photographs Submitted with Application: Plowscrew, Mountain Lake Road, & Highway 460,**

**Unit Date** 1996

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**Copies of Photographs Submitted with Application: Spruce Run,**

**Unit Date** 1996

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**Pictures, Book 1: Sinking Creek, Blue Grass Trail,**

**Unit Date** 1996

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**Pictures, Book 1: Sinking Creek, Highways 601 and 604,**

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**Pictures, Book 1: Clover Hollow,**

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**Pictures, Book 2: Plow Screw,**

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**Pictures, Book 2: Highway 460, Highway 796,**

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**Pictures, Book 2: Mountain Lake Road,**

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**Pictures, Book 3: Spruce Run,**

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**Series IV: Data Sheets**

**Data Sheets: Sinking Creek, (Part 1 of 2),**

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**Data Sheets: Sinking Creek, (Part 2 of 2),**

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**Unit Date** 1996-1997

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## **Series V: IPS Forms for GNRHD**

### **IPS Forms: File Numbers 35-151-1 to 35-151-11,**

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### **IPS Forms: File Numbers 35-151-12 to 35-151-24,**

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### **IPS Form: File Number 35-59,**

**Unit Date** 1973-1989

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**Unit Date** 1998

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### **Numbered IPS Forms: 131-255,**

**Unit Date** 1998

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### **Numbered IPS Forms: 256-376,**

**Unit Date** 1996-1998

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### **Numbered IPS Forms: 377-417**

**Unit Date** 1996-1998

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### **IPS Forms: Ed Sibold Farm,**

**Unit Date** 1998

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**Container** 5 (folder)

### **IPS Forms: Mountain Lake Resort,**

**Unit Date** 1998

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### **IPS Forms: Mountain Lake Biological Station,**

**Unit Date** 1998

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