

A Guide to the Barbara Wright Oral Histories of Virginia and West Virginia Folkways, 1994-1996 SdArch 0034

Barbara Wright oral histories of Virginia and West Virginia folkways
1994-1996



Title Statement

A Guide to the Barbara Wright Oral Histories of Virginia and West Virginia Folkways, 1994-1996 SdArch 0034

Author: Sarah Roth-Mullet

Publication Statement

Publisher: James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

820 Madison Drive
MSC 1706
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807
Telephone: (540) 568-3612
library-special@jmu.edu
URL: <https://www.lib.jmu.edu/special/>



2019

Profile Description

Creation: This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on 2025-10-17 07:01:58 -0400.

Language Usage: Description is written in: English, Latin script.

Descriptive Rules: Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

SdArch 0034

Unit ID

/repositories/4/resources/513

Unit Date

1994-1996

Language

English

Abstract

Barbara Wright Oral Histories of Virginia and West Virginia Folkways, 1994-1996, is comprised of 13 interviews with individuals who recall life in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia and West Virginia prior to the establishment of the Shenandoah National Park, as well as Wright's research materials regarding the CCC in Augusta County, photographs, and research notes on the town of Stokesville, Virginia.

source

Wright, Barbara

Extent

0.2 cubic feet 9 folders, 14 audiocassettes

Extent

1.04 Gigabytes 1.04 gigabytes (13 mp3 files)

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Researchers must register and agree to copyright and privacy laws before using this collection. Please contact Research Services staff before visiting the James Madison University Special Collections Library to use this collection.

Use Restrictions

Copyright interests held by the donor, Barbara Wright, have been transferred to James Madison University Special Collections Library. All other copyright interests have not been transferred to James Madison University Special Collections; Rights assessment is the responsibility of the researcher. For more information, contact the Special Collections Library Reference Desk (library-special@jmu.edu).

Acquisition Information

Materials were donated by Barbara Wright on July 15, 2009.

Processing Notes

Interviews were recorded by Wright on 14 audiocassettes. In July of 2018, the audiocassettes were digitized (mp3 and wav files) by Digital Project Specialist, Kristin Mlodyna, of Carrier Library Innovation Spaces and Services.

Preferred Citation

[identification of item], [box #, folder #], Barbara Wright Oral Histories of Virginia and West Virginia Folkways, 1994-1996, SdArch 0034, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University.

Bio/Historical Note

Barbara Wright was raised in Hanover County, Virginia and studied at Madison College and Blue Ridge Community College, before graduating with a degree in History from Mary Baldwin College in 1996. She served on the board of the Augusta County Historical Society, starting in 1996, and was involved in Augusta County Historical Society Oral History Project conducted at that time. Wright conducted several of the interviews while working on her honors thesis at Blue Ridge Community College, which was later published as, "Some there be which have no memorial," in the VCCA Journal 9:1, in 1994. Her research on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was the basis for her article, "The Civilian Conservation Corps in August a County, Virginia, 1933-1940," published in the Spring 1996 issue of the Augusta Historical Bulletin (included in the collection).

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of sound recordings, transcripts, photographs, and research notes related to folkways of people living in the mountains near the Shenandoah Valley, and the history of the CCC in Augusta County. Most of the interviewees are people born between 1910-1925, who lived in or near the Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountain ranges in eastern Virginia and West Virginia. Interviewees recall childhood stories, and memories of livestock, churches, moonshine, and the CCC. One interview includes a tour of a gravesite now located within the Shenandoah National Park boundaries. Wright also records her own responses to the interviews, and recalls stories not captured on tape. The collection includes Wright's research materials related to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Augusta County. This includes "George Washington National Forest: a History," written by Jean L. Satterwaite of the Forest Service Southern Region

in 1991, photocopies of camp inspection reports from the 1930s, and other papers. The collection also includes Wright's research notes, newspaper clippings, and notes on the history of the town of Stokesville, Virginia, particularly related to the family of Ambrose Cramer.

The photographs depict old home sites on or near Shenandoah National Park land, including Vastine Fisher's paternal grandparents' home; cemeteries on private land above Shenandoah National Park land; photographs of the CCC camp sites at Mt. Solon and Grottoes, and other photographs that relate to interviews conducted by Wright.

Keywords

oral histories (literary works)

transcripts

Mountain people -- Blue Ridge Mountains -- Social life and customs

Mountain life -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.)

Mountain people -- Virginia -- Shenandoah National Park -- Social life and customs

Country life -- Appalachian Region, Southern

Skyline Drive (Va.) -- History

Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History

Shenandoah National Park (Va.) -- History, Local

Augusta County (Va.) -- History

Wright, Barbara

Civilian Conservation Corps (U.S.) -- History

Alternate Formats

The interview with Vastine Fisher can also be found at: Vastine Fisher interviewed by Barbara Wright, April 10, 1994, SdArch SNP-48, Shenandoah National Park Oral History Collection, 1964-1999, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University.

Arrangement

Interviews are arranged in no particular order.

Description of Subordinate Components

CCC in Augusta County Research Material

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9230

Unit Date 1992-1996

Mixed Materials [1000898343] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Stokesville Research materials

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9231

Unit Date ca. 1995-1997

Mixed Materials [1000898343] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9232

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000898343] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Barbara Wright Personal Comments

Unit ID SdArch 34-1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9239

Unit Date April 10, 1996

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Access Restrictions

Audio and transcript open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Copyright interests have been transferred to JMU Special Collections.

Nellie Blackwell Sandy, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9233

Unit Date March 15, 1996

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Transcript and Supporting Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/22612

Mixed Materials [1000898343] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Viola Shaver, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-3

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9241

Unit Date February 23, 1996

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Transcript and Supporting Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/22614

Mixed Materials [1000898343] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

J. Wilson, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-4

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9242

Unit Date September 18, 1995

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Arnold Via, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-5

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/22624

Unit Date March 26, 1996

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Vastine Fisher, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-6

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9246

Unit Date April 10, 1994

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Shirley Bodkin, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-7

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9235

Unit Date April 4, 1996

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Transcript and Supporting Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/22616

Mixed Materials [1000898343] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

George Cooke, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-8

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9243

Unit Date November 2, 1995

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Wilson, interviewed by Barbara Wright, September 18, 1995

Unit ID SdArch 34-9

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9244

Unit Date September 18, 1995

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Commander William Peale, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-10

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9245

Unit Date October 2, 1995

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Marvin Botkin, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-11

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9236

Unit Date October 15, 1996

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Transcript and Supporting Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/22618

Mixed Materials [1000898343] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Calvin Fisher, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-12

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9237

Unit Date March 14, 1996

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Transcript and Supporting Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/22620

Mixed Materials [1000898343] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Grace Simmons, interviewed by Barbara Wright

Unit ID SdArch 34-13

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/9238

Unit Date March 29, 1996

Mixed Materials SA0034-SET-001 (network storage)

Transcript and Supporting Documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/22622

Mixed Materials [1000898343] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)