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Abstract

Brochures, programs and correspondence of the John Henry Folk Festivals. The festivals are an annual celebration in West Virginia of its inter-ethnic cultural folk heritage with an emphasized focus on that of black Appalachians. The festival is especially noted for featuring Blues musicians and singers. Most correspondence is between festival director, Edward J. Cabbell, and participants or contributors to the festival. The collection, the correspondence in particular, indicates the development and changes in the format and thematic agenda of the festival over the years, an example being its 1982 participation in the World's Fair at Knoxville, Tennessee. Addendum is 6 pages of papers (1996) of the John Henry Center, the parent organization of the John Henry Folk Festival.

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Cabbell, Edward J., 1946-

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