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Corporate Name: N/A

Date: 1911 – 2004 with the bulk of the material in 1976

Extent: 5 linear feet

System of Arrangement: Oral histories are in alphabetical order by last name. Durbin Mercantile Company materials are organized in rough chronological order.

This collection was a gift from Dr. Robert P. Alexander.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE COLLECTION

Dr. Robert P. Alexander graduated from Marshall University in 1959. After graduating, Dr. Alexander was hired by Marshall University and travelled to the eastern panhandle of West Virginia to recruit prospective students. It was here he became interested in the town of Cass, WV. In 1969, Dr. Alexander completed his doctorate and became a professor of management and marketing. Dr. Alexander was also the Dean of Marshall University's College of Business and also served sixteen years on Huntington, WV's city council. In 1975 Dr. Alexander returned to Cass and created a living history of both the town and timbering industry of Pocahontas County.

The bulk of the collection contains research material related to Dr. Alexander's research conducted between 1975 and 1976 which was later presented at the John Deaver Drinko symposium on April 5, 2000 entitled "Timber: the Times and the Life at Cass, WV." Materials related to the research include: research proposals, oral histories of former timber workers, census data, newspaper articles, and businesses in Pocahontas County. The collection includes a preliminary inventory completed by Dr. Alexander and his graduate assistants.

Content List

Series 1 – Research

Box 1

Preliminary Inventory

Series 1A – Oral Histories

- Folder 1 – Baker (CD)
- Folder 2 – Beckley, William (tape)
- Folder 3 – Beckley, William (tape)
- Folder 4 – Beckley, William (tape)
- Folder 5 – Beckley, William (photos, written transcript)
- Folder 6-7 – Beckley, William (written transcripts)
- Folder 8 – Beckley, William (written and typed transcripts)
- Folder 9 – Beckley, William (typed transcript)
- Folder 10 – Burns Trucking (floppy disk)
- Folder 11-12 – Burns Trucking (tapes)
- Folder 13 – Burns Trucking (article, photos, typed transcript)
- Folder 14 – Burns Trucking (written transcript)
- Folder 15 – Cain (typed transcript)
- Folder 16-18 – Cassell, Odey (tapes)
- Folder 19 – Cassell, Odey (photos, typed and written transcripts)
- Folder 20 – Coyner, John (photos, typed transcript)
- Folder 21 – Crichard, Robert (tape)
- Folder 22-25 – Crichard, Robert (cds)
- Folder 26-27 – Crichard, Robert (reel to reels)
- Folder 28 – Crichard, Robert (articles and typed transcript)
- Folder 29 – Crichard, Robert (photos and typed transcript)
- Folder 30 – Crichard, Robert (typed transcript)
- Folder 31 – Crick (typed and written transcripts)
- Folder 32 – Cromer, Charlie (photos, typed and written transcripts)
- Folder 33-34 – Davis, James (tapes)
- Folder 35 – Davis, James (typed transcript)
- Folder 36 – Dunbrack, Marvin (photos, typed and written transcripts)
- Folder 37-38 – Evans, Bill (tapes)
- Folder 39 – Evans, Bill (photos, typed and written transcripts)
- Folder 40-41 – Eye, Howard Richard (tapes)
- Folder 42 – Eye, Howard Richard (photos, typed transcript)
- Folder 43-45 – Fowler, L.D. (cds)
- Folder 46-47 – Galford, Emmet (cds)
- Folder 48-53 – Galford, Emmet (tapes)

Box 2

- Folder 54 – Galford, Emmet (reel to reel)
- Folder 55 – Galford, Emmet (photos, article, written transcripts)
- Folder 56 – Galford, Emmet (written and typed transcripts)
- Folder 57-58 – Galford, Emmet (typed transcripts)
- Folder 59 – Hamed, Farris (photos and written transcript)

Folder 60 – Hammonds, Sherman (tape)
Folder 61 – Hammonds, Sherman (photos, typed transcript)
Folder 62 – Hammonds, Sherman (Hammonds Family Music)
Folder 63 – Hanover Shoes (tape)
Folder 64 – Hanover Shoes (photos, typed transcript)
Folder 65 – Harper, William (tape)
Folder 66 – Harper, William (photos, typed transcript)
Folder 67 – Hevener, Howard (tape)
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Folder 71 – Hevener, Howard (photos, typed transcript)
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Folder 78 – Houchins, Cecil (photos, typed transcript)
Folder 79 – Howes Leather Company (tape)
Folder 80-81 – Howes Leather Company (typed transcript)
Folder 82 – Jackson, Wayne (photos, typed transcript)
Folder 83-84 – Jett, Walter (tapes)
Folder 85 – Jett, Walter (photos, written and typed transcripts)
Folder 86 – Keshler (typed transcript)
Folder 87 – Matheny, Ira (tape)
Folder 88 – Matheny, Ira (photos, typed transcript)
Folder 89 – Matheny, Ira (written transcript)
Folder 90 – McCarty, Richard (photos, typed transcript)
Folder 91-92 – McNeel, Richard (tapes)
Folder 93 – McNeel, Richard (photos, typed transcript)
Folder 94 – McNeel, Richard (typed transcript)
Folder 95 – Moats, Raymond (typed transcript)
Folder 96 – Moore, A. (typed transcript)
Folder 97 – Mullens, Howard R (photos, written and typed transcripts)
Folder 98 – Powell, Jesse Browne Beard (photos, written transcript)
Folder 99 – Powell, Jesse Browne Beard (typed transcript)

Box 3

Folder 100 – Richardson Hardware (tape)
Folder 101 – Richardson Hardware (photos, typed transcript)
Folder 102 – Slavins, Virginia (typed transcript)
Folder 103-104 – Snyder, Kerth (tapes)
Folder 105 – Snyder, Kerth (photos, typed transcripts)
Folder 106-109 – Spencer, Glen (tapes)
Folder 110 – Wilson, Anna (floppy disk)
Folder 111 – Wilson, Anna (tape)
Folder 112 – Wilson, Anna (photos)
Folder 113 – Wilson, James (typed)
Folder 114 – Crichard, McCarty, Cain, Cassell (tape)
Folder 115 – McCarty, Cain (tape)
Folder 116 – Buckley, Jackson, Dunbrack (tape)
Folder 117 – Moore, Carmen (tape)

Folder 118-119 – Hevener, Houchins, Crichard (cd)

Series 1B – Cass

- Folder 1 – Cass WV CD
- Folder 2 – Cass Centennial Celebration
- Folder 3 – Cass Scenic Railroad State Park
- Folder 4 – Cass History
- Folder 5 – Cass Railroad August 1999, video
- Folder 6 – Timber: The Life and Times of Cass, West Virginia

Series 1C – Pocahontas County, West Virginia

- Folder 1 – Pocahontas County Music
- Folder 2 – Pocahontas County Legal Records 1991
- Folder 3 – Pocahontas County Research
- Folder 4 – Pocahontas County Outdoor Adventure Magazine
- Folder 5 – Pocahontas Research Report by Richard Cupelli
- Folder 6 – Pocahontas County Cemetery Headstones Listing
- Folder 7 – Pocahontas County Planning Program Phase 1
- Folder 8 – Pocahontas County Planning Program Phase 2

Series 1D – Durbin Mercantile Company

- Folder 1 – Durbin Correspondence 1911 – 1913 (5 items)
- Folder 2 – Durbin Correspondence 1929 (8 items)
- Folder 3 – Durbin Correspondence 1933 – 1936 (4 items)
- Folder 4 – Durbin Correspondence 1942 – 1943 (5 items)
- Folder 5 – Durbin Correspondence 1944 – 1945 (23 items)
- Folder 6 – Durbin Mercantile Company 1942 – 1945 (16 items)
- Folder 7 – Durbin Mercantile Company 1956 – 1957 (7 items)
- Folder 8 – Washburn Crosby Company 1928 – 1929 (7 items)
- Folder 9 – Ruggles and Rademaker Salt Company 1929, 1936
- Folder 10 – Durbin Mere Mise (16 items)
- Folder 11 – National Biscuit Company 1929
- Folder 12 – The Oskamp Nolting Company 1929
- Folder 13 – Fort Dearborn Watch and Clock Company 1929 (3 items)
- Folder 14 – George E. Keith Company 1929 (2 items)

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- Folder 15 – Tobacco 1929 (6 items)
- Folder 16 – Workman's Compensation 1929 (17 items)
- Folder 17 – Young & Griffin Coffee Co. 1929 – 1930 (3 items)
- Folder 18 – S.B. Wallace Company 1929 (15 items)
- Folder 19 – S.B. Wallace Company 1934 – 1935 (18 items)
- Folder 20 – S.B. Wallace Company 1935 (31 items)
- Folder 21 – Lake Shore Seed Company 1931 – 1932 (3 items)
- Folder 22 – American Seed Company 1932 – 1933 (2 items)
- Folder 23 – Fashion Trimmed Hat Company 1933 (4 items)
- Folder 24 – Snapicap Company 1933 – 1936 (15 items)
- Folder 25 – Life Insurance 1941 – 1945 (25 items)
- Folder 26 – Handwritten Notes 1942 – 1944 (10 items)

Folder 27 – Auto Repair 1943 – 1945 (16 items)
Folder 28 – Gulland – Clark Company 1944 – 1945 (16 items)
Folder 29 – Gulland – Clark Company 1944 – 1945 (5 items)
Folder 30 – Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company 1907, 1945 (3 items)
Folder 31 – K.C. Dancer Inc. 1944 (2 items)
Folder 32 – Town of Durbin Water Department 1944 (4 items)
Folder 33 – Monongahela West Penn Public Service Company 1944 – 1945 (9 items)

Folder 34 – The Bank of Marlinton 1944 – 1945 (7 items)
Folder 35 – The Bank of Marlinton 1944 – 1945 (3 items)
Folder 36 – The Bank of Marlinton 1944 – 1945 (6 items)
Folder 37 – The Bank of Marlinton 1944 – 1945 (3 items)
Folder 38 – The Bank of Marlinton 1944 – 1945 (4 items)
Folder 39 – Douglas Sporting Goods 1952 – 1957 (17 items)
Folder 40 – Miltex Dress Company 1955 – 1956 (21 items)
Folder 41 – Consumers Sale Tax (2 items)
Folder 42 – Durbin Mercantile Misc. Taxes (3 items)
Folder 43 – Memberships – Scottish Rite and Shriners (18 items)
Folder 44 – Durbin Misc. Invoices 1929 (26 items)
Folder 45 – Durbin Folder Images CD
Folder 46-55 – Durbin Mercantile General Receipts 1942-45, 1956-57
Folder 56 – Douglas Sporting Goods – Fishing Supply Ledgers 1945-1949 (33 items)

Folder 57 – Douglas Sporting Goods – Fishing Supplies Ledger 1949-1952 (36 items)

Series 1E – Additional Research Material

Folder 1 – Correspondence about research
Folder 2 – Brief information about Interviewees
Folder 3 – Initial information about interviewees
Folder 4 – West Virginia News notes 1969
Folder 5 – The West Virginia Hillbilly 1989
Folder 6 – The West Virginia Hillbilly 1975
Folder 7 – The Tennessean 1993
Folder 8 – Sunday Gazette – mail 2002, 2004
Folder 9 – The Cass Chronicle 1976
Folder 10 – The Parthenon 2000
Folder 11 – Herald Advertiser 1974
Folder 12 – The Pocahontas Times 1978, 2002
Folder 13 – Miscellaneous Newspaper articles
Folder 14-19 – 10th West Virginia Census – Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio
Folder 20 – Research Notes
Folder 21 – “Out of the Storm” video
Folder 22-23 – “Out of the Storm”
Folder 24-25 – Lumber Research
Folder 26-28 – Miscellaneous

Series 2 – Funding

Series 2A – Proposals

Folder 1 – Research Proposals

Series 2B – Expenses

Folder 1 – Research Expenses

Folder 2 – Research Expenses

Folder 3 – Research Budget 1999 – 2001

Folder 4 - Itinerary

Series 2C – Grant Applications

Folder 1 – Research Grant Applications

Series 3 – Lecture/Symposium

Series 3A – Promotional Materials

Folder 1 – Drinko Symposium April 5, 2000

Series 3B – Speeches

Folder 1 – Drinko Speech – Final

Folder 2 – Drinko Speech – Draft w/ notes

Folder 3 – Drinko Speech – Draft

Folder 4 – Drinko Speech – Draft

Folder 5 – Drinko Speech – Early Draft

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Series 4 – Photographs

Folder 1 – 35mm Slides

Folder 2-3 – Negatives

Folder 4 – Town of Durbin, West Virginia looking North (1)

Folder 5 – Durbin Mercantile Company (1)

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Folder 11 – Headstones (16)

Folder 12 – Cecil Houchins (2)

Folder 13-17 – Unidentified photographs (129)

Series 5 – Floppy Disks

Folder 1-20 – Floppy disks with unidentifiable information

Also included in collection and now located in Marshall Library:

W.E. Blackhurst *Afterglow*. Parsons: McClain Printing Company, 1972.

Roy B. Clarkson *On Beyond Leatherbark: the Cass Saga*. Parsons: McClain Printing Company, 1990.