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4 boxes. 28 folders. 97 items. 1987-1996.
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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a United States public work relief program that operated from 1933 to 1942 for unemployed, unmarried men from relief families. A part of the New Deal of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, it provided unskilled manual labor jobs related to the conservation and development of natural resources in rural lands owned by federal, state and local governments. The CCC was designed to provide employment for young men who had difficulty finding jobs during the Great Depression, while at the same time implementing a general natural resource conservation program in every state and territory. Over 2.5 million young men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five worked in CCC camps in the nation's rural areas and national, state, and local parks.

One of the largest CCC projects in Kentucky was the development of the Mammoth Cave properties. In the 1930s the CCC accelerated the transition of Mammoth Cave from a state run site to a national park. There were four different CCC camps stationed at Mammoth Cave, one of these was Company 510 (also known as Camp #1), which was made up entirely of African Americans.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection includes 29 recorded interviews with people employed in the Civilian Conservation Corps at Mammoth Cave. Also included are indices and transcripts of the interviews, as well as the final paper Kelly A. Lally wrote on the history of the CCC at Mammoth Cave. Lally wrote the paper in 1987 after receiving a grant from the Kentucky Oral History Commission to document the work of the CCC at Mammoth Cave by conducting interviews with those involved. The paper concentrates on five different areas: the background of the men who worked in the CCC at Mammoth Cave; work projects; camp life; the relationship of the Corps with the local population; and the general evaluation of the success and effectiveness of the CCC by former enrollees. Obituaries of 13 of the informants are also included.

Interview transcripts and audio recordings have been made available for download through TopSCHOLAR. It should be noted that materials are also available through the

Kentucky Oral History Commission, a branch of the Kentucky Historical Society. The catalog entry is accessible through the following link:

<https://khscatalog.on.worldcat.org/search?queryString=1988OH01.1#/oclc/85776944>

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	CCC research paper and interviews	June 8, 1987- Oct. 21, 1996	51 items
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To read interview transcripts or listen to interviews, click on the hyperlinks in each folder.

Folder 1	Inventory & obituaries of informants	June 25, 1989- Oct. 21, 1996; n.d.	14 items
Folder 2	“A History of the Civilian Conservation Corps at Mammoth Cave National Park” (photocopy)	Dec. 1987	1 item; 28pp
Folder 3	Interview indices	June 8, 1987- Sept. 8, 1987	25 items
Folder 4	Oral Lee Thomas interview (CT-1&2) and transcriptions	June 8, 1987	3 items
Folder 5	Joe Kulesza interview (CT-3) and transcription	June 9, 1987	2 items
Folder 6	Lt. Col. Henry B. Scott interview (CT-4) and transcription	June 11, 1987	2 items
Folder 7	Joseph Hall interview (CT-5) and transcription	June 12, 1987	2 items
Folder 8	Smith Meredith interview (CT-6) and transcription	June 19, 1987	2 items

BOX 2	CCC interviews	June 24, 1987- July 26, 1987	18 items
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Folder 1	Hobert Vincent interview (CT -7) and transcription	June 24, 1987	2 items
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Folder 2	James Dennison interview (CT-8) and transcription	June 27, 1987	2 items
Folder 3	Ellis Jones Sr. interview (CT-9) and transcription	July 1, 1987	2 items
Folder 4	H.B. Jackson interview (CT-10) and transcription	July 9, 1987	2 items
Folder 5	Troy E. Davis interview (CT-11) and transcription	July 14, 1987	2 items
Folder 6	Ray Scott interview (CT-12&13) and transcriptions	July 16, 1987	4 items
Folder 7	Vernon Wells interview (CT-14&15) and transcriptions	July 26, 1987	4 items
BOX 3	CCC interviews	July 29, 1987- Aug. 14, 1987	14 items

To read interview transcripts or listen to interviews, click on the hyperlinks in each folder.

Folder 1	Clint Thompson interview (CT-16) and transcription	July 29, 1987	2 items
Folder 2	Rev. Sherman Moffitt interview (CT-17) and transcription	Aug. 4, 1987	2 items
Folder 3	Georgie Childress interview (CT-18) and transcription	Aug. 6, 1987	2 items
Folder 4	Gilbert Bush interview (CT-19) and transcription	Aug. 7, 1987	2 items
Folder 5	Albert A. "Shorty" Coats interview (CT-20) and transcription	Aug. 13, 1987	2 items
Folder 6	Gilbert L. Sanders interview (CT-21) and transcription	Aug. 13, 1987	2 items
Folder 7	Kathryn A. Curd Kadel interview (CT-22) and transcription	Aug. 14, 1987	2 items

**BOX 4 CCC interviews Aug. 19, 1987-
Sept. 8, 1987 14 items**

To read interview transcripts or listen to interviews, click on the hyperlinks in each folder.

Folder 1	James Ashby interview (CT-23&24) and transcriptions	Aug. 19, 1987	4 items
Folder 2	Donald Hazellett interview (CT-25) and transcription	Aug. 20, 1987	2 items
Folder 3	Reubin Vincent interview (CT-26) and transcription	Aug. 26, 1987	2 items
Folder 4	Dawson "Doss" Davis & Vida Davis interview (CT-27) and transcription	Sept. 2, 1987	2 items
Folder 5	Elmer Britt interview (CT-28) and transcription	Sept. 4, 1987	2 items
Folder 6	Lewis Cutliff interview (CT-29) and transcription	Sept. 8, 1987	2 items

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