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Descriptive Inventory

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3 folders. 105 items. 1979-1989. Typescript, audiocassette tapes, photographs, news clippings, film negatives.

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COLLECTION NOTES

Built on a tract of land in Logan County near the Gasper River sometime between 1810 and 1820, the Felts Log House was originally owned by Archibald Felts, a native of North Carolina. More than a century later, the homestead included a barn, a chickenhouse, a smokehouse, and an outhouse, while water was gathered from a spring from a nearby foothill. Changes to the house included the construction of a kitchen in 1914—along with the addition of weatherboard siding around the same time—and the installation of electricity in the late 1930s. The interior of the log home included “east” and “west” rooms, a breezeway, a parlor, storage areas, and a large fireplace. In 1978 Sam Watkins, then-owner of the log cabin, donated both the building and its furnishings to WKU. The Felts Log House was moved from its location in Logan County to Western’s campus in the summer of 1980. The home now functions as an educational exhibit in partnership with the Kentucky Museum.

This collection contains recorded audio interviews with members of the Felts family, a brief personal essay, photographs of the interior and exterior of the home, and newspaper articles regarding the donation and relocation of the log house.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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A collection of materials relating to research on the Felts Log House undertaken by Betsy Tyrie and Colin Stephen. The documentation seeks to interpret the social aspects of the log house as well as architectural changes made to the structure over the course of nearly 150 years. The report also provides insight into the house’s history, its construction, and its eventual relocation to WKU’s campus in the late 1970s. Recorded audio interviews, black and white and color photographs, newspaper articles, and a brief personal essay are also included in the collection.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Architecture – Logan County
Bough, Mary (Weldon) – Relating to
Callis, Lucille (Informant)
Copeland, David – Relating to
Felts family
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Felts, Archibald, 1758-1825 – Relating to
Felts, Atlas – Relating to
Felts, Betsy – Relating to
Felts, Callie, 1883-1907 – Relating to
Felts, Carl – Relating to
Felts, Charles Monroe – Relating to
Felts, Cinthy M. – Relating to
Felts, David Lee, 1877-1944 – Relating to
Felts, Eliza (Hadel) – Relating to
Felts, John – Relating to
Felts, Nannie Ethel, 1902-1918 – Relating to
Felts, Nathaniel – Relating to
Felts, Neeva (Informant)
Felts, Otis – Relating to
Felts, Polly – Relating to
Felts, Samuel – Relating to
Felts, Sarah Elizabeth, 1906-1908 – Relating to
Felts, William – Relating to
Furniture
Hallet, Ollie Felts – Relating to
Kentucky Museum – Western Kentucky University
Log houses – Logan County
Nole, Tempie Corbin, 1909-2004 (Informant)
Price, Sally (Felts) – Relating to
Shakers – South Union – Relating to
Stephen, Colin (Interviewer)
Sublett, Curren – Relating to
Tyrie, Betsy (Interviewer)
Vernacular architecture
Watkins, Sam Houston, 1914-1999 (Informant)

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