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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 696 ANTHONY, Allen, 1930-2020 – Collector**

1 box. 6 folders. 86 items, 1814-1995.  
 Originals, maps, negative, and photocopies

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**COLLECTION NOTE**

Allen Anthony collected this material about Columbus, Kentucky when compiling a book that explored the lore surrounding that city being considered as the capital of the United States in the early nineteenth century. A popular claim was that Thomas Jefferson, the nation's third president, after negotiating the 1803 Louisiana Purchase, had a "definite" plan to move the nation's capital to a more central location. His book titled *Columbus, Kentucky As the Nation's Capital: Legend or Near Reality?* (Fort Davis, Tex.: River Microstudies) was published in 1993 (F459 .C65 A58 1993).

Folder 1 includes the collection inventory, a projector slide showing the Mississippi River bluff at Columbus with the U.S. Capitol building superimposed at the top, and a short bibliography about Columbus. Folder 2 includes research correspondence related to the topic. Folders 4 and 5 house photocopies of source material used by Anthony for his book, some of which is not carefully documented as to its source. Folder 6 contains a holographic manuscript for the book. Material within folders are in chronological order. The older items in the collection are photocopies only.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Allen Anthony</b>	<b>1814-1995</b>	<b>86 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		3 items
Folder 2	Correspondence	1982-1995	30 items
Folder 3	Maps and legal documents	1814-1985	12 items
Folder 4	Documentary sources, published	1823-1946	7 items
Folder 5	News clippings	1868-1991	33 items

Folder 6      Holographic manuscript of book      1993      1 item

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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Correspondence and copies of research material collected by Dr. Allen Anthony for his book, *Columbus, Kentucky As the Nation's Capital: Legend or Near Reality?* Also includes a holographic copy of the manuscript.

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Capitals (Cities) – Relating to  
Columbus – Folklore  
Hickman County – Maps      F3  
Jewell, Virginia (Honchell), 1924-2007      F2  
Robertson, John E. L.      F2

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