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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 708    BARREN River Imaginative Museum of Science –  
 Bowling Green, Kentucky**

½ box. 17 folders. 304 items. 1997-2012. Originals, digital files.

SC2020.58.1

**COLLECTION NOTE**

The Barren River Imaginative Museum of Science (BRIMS) was founded in 1994 to “engage the community in discoveries about science, scientists, and the process and outcomes of scientific exploration by presenting scientific and mathematical principles in an interactive way.” It occupied an A-frame building at 1229 Center Street, near Western Kentucky University. The Museum housed science-related exhibits and hosted programming that supported its educational mission. The Museum was open to the public, but was particularly marketed to school groups. It also partnered with WKU and the Green River Regional Educational Cooperative to provide training for teachers. For a number of years Chuck Phillips served as the Museum’s Executive Director. When he retired in 2011, the Board could not afford to hire a new director and make needed repairs to the facility. Briefly in 2012, the Museum had an exhibit area at the Greenwood Mall, but that arrangement did not last.

This collection includes some administrative papers: by-laws (Folder 2), minutes of the Board of Directors meetings (Folder 3), correspondence (Folder 4), and newsletters (Folder 7) The remaining folders in the collection contain information and photographs related to events and programming sponsored by the Museum. The digital photographs have been saved in the WKU Photo Archives.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>BRIMS</b>	<b>1997-2012</b>	<b>304 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	By-laws and oath of office	2012	2 items
Folder 3	Minutes	1997-2006	20 items
Folder 4	Correspondence	2011-2012	8 items

Folder 5	Articles about BRIMS	2011-2012	2 items
Folder 6	Sponsorship information	2010-2011	2 items
Folder 7	Brochures and newsletters	2006-2011	9 items
Folder 8	Cave Day	2002-2005	5 items
Folder 9	BRIMS exhibits	2000	13 items
Folder 10	BRIMS mural	2003	4 items
Folder 11	Special events	2003-2012	16 items
Folder 12	50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. interstate system	2006	21 items
Folder 13	BRIMS birthday party	2010-2012	34 items
Folder 14	School group visit	2010	84 items
Folder 15	MANYA – A Living History of Marie Curie	2001-2006	57 items
Folder 16	Bridge building contests	2011-2012	10 items
Folder 17	Trees of Christmas at the Houchens Center	2009-2012	16 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS 708 BARREN River Imaginative Museum of Science – Bowling Green, Kentucky 1997-2012

By-laws, board minutes, correspondence, newsletters, public relations material and information related to events and programming sponsored by the Barren River Imaginative Museum of Science (BRIMS) in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The digital photographs have been saved in the WKU Photo Archives.

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### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Caves – Relating to F8  
Christmas – Relating to F17

Curie, Marie, 1867-1934 – Relating to F15  
Eloise B. Houchens Center for Women – Bowling Green – Relating to F17  
Highways – Relating to F12  
Museums – Bowling Green  
Science – Study and teaching

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