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# Always a River: The Ohio River and the American Experience (FA 657)

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*Descriptive Inventory*

**FA 657      ALWAYS a River: The Ohio River and the American Experience**

1 box. 11 folders. 103 items. 1989-1991. Originals, photocopies, video tapes, and slides.

SC2012.179.57

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection features information and documentation on the “Always A River” exhibit created to provide the general public with high quality humanities programming and to engage that public with the best scholarship in a stimulating and accessible way. The National Endowment for the Humanities as well as Humanities Councils of the six states (Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania) whose boundaries touch on the Ohio River proposed an exhibit to demonstrate the relationship between the individual and the environment. The boldest of these was an exhibition on a barge that traveled from Pittsburgh to Cairo during the spring, summer, and fall of 1991.

The idea first originated in late-1986 at the annual meeting of the Federation of State Humanities Councils and was stimulated by an invitation from the Division of State Programs to consider the development of a cooperative and regional exemplary project and the National Endowment’s encouragement to develop major projects which extended the focus on the history of America beyond the founding period.

The barge exhibition included seven major themes: “The Natural River”, “The River as an Artery of Movement”, “Settlement Patterns Along the River”, “Ethnicity and Culture Along the River”, “Commerce on the River”, and “The Ohio River: A Threatened Ecosystem.”

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>ALWAYS a River</b>	<b>1989-1991</b>	<b>103 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Exhibit summary	1989-1990	2 items
Folder 3	Exhibit program and information	1991	3 items
Folder 4	Correspondence	1989-1990	15 items

Folder 5	Festival schedule and participants	1989-1991	41 items
Folder 6	Ohio River portrait	1989	6 items
Folder 7	Carnegie Magazine supplement	1989	8 items
Folder 8	Slides and brochures	1991	23 items
Folder 9	"Always A River: River Bottom" videotape	1991	1 item
Folder 10	"Always A River" videotape	1991	1 item
Folder 11	"Always A River: Owensboro, Barbecue, and Turtle Soup" videotapes	1991	2 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Ashland – Relating to  
 Beasley, J. L. (Informant) B1,F5  
 Beasley, Mae (Informant) B1,F5  
 Bluegrass music B1,F3; B1,F5  
 Burton, Sonny (Informant) B1,F5  
 Carrollton – Relating to  
 Clayton, Maurice (Informant) B1,F5  
 Covington – Relating to  
 Esche, Johnnie (Informant) B1,F5  
 Ewing, Gene (Informant) B1,F5

Farms and farming B1,F3; B1,F5  
 Fiddlers B1,F3; B1,F5  
 Floods, 1937 B1,F3; B1,F5  
 Foodways B1,F3; B1,F5  
 Galloway, Maurice (Informant) B1,F5  
 Gardner, Judy (Informant) B1,F5  
 Gates, Robert J. (Informant) B1,F7  
 Hallum, Richard (Informant) B1,F5  
 Henderson – Relating to  
 Hinson, Tommy (Informant) B1,F5  
 Hungate, Tom (Informant) B1,F5  
 Johnson, Thelma B. (Informant) B1,F5  
 Keach, Houston, Sr. (Informant) B1,F5  
 Key, Bev (Informant) B1,F5  
 Louisville – Relating to  
 Lowery, Carson (Informant) B1,F5  
 Maysville – Relating to  
 McDowell, James (Informant) B1,F5  
 Montell, William Lynwood, b. 1937 (Informant) B1,F7  
 Morse, Richard, Jr. (Informant) B1,F5  
 Ohio River  
 Owensboro – Relating to  
 Paducah – Relating to  
 Quilts and quilting B1,F3; B1,F5  
 Quiltmakers B1,F3; B1,F5  
 Riney, Bettye (Informant) B1,F5  
 Sparks, Scott (Informant) B1,F5  
 Smithhart, Les (Informant) B1,F5  
 Stanley, Nat (Informant) B1,F5  
 Watkins, Darah (Informant) B1,F5  
 Webb, Louise (Informant) B1,F5  
 Woodcarvers B1,F3; B1,F5  
 Woodcarving B1,F3; B1,F5

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