



Ozark Rivers Oral History Collection (R1430)

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Collection Title: Ozark Rivers Oral History Collection

Dates: 1981-1983

Creator: Primm, Alex T.

Abstract: The Ozark Rivers Oral History Collection consists of interviews done by Alex Primm of eight individuals living in Crawford, Franklin, Phelps, and Washington Counties in Missouri and their corresponding newspaper articles.

Collection Size: 0.4 cubic foot
(7 folders, 7 cassettes, 7 CDs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center - Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Alex T. Primm on July 6, 1983 (Accession No. RA0185).

Processed by: Processed by Cindy Borch, June 13, 2018

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged alphabetically into seven folders:

Scope and Content Note:

The Ozark Rivers Oral History Collection consists of interviews done by Alex Primm of eight individuals living in Crawford, Franklin, Phelps, and Washington Counties in Missouri and their corresponding newspaper articles. Primm conducted the interviews for use in articles published in local newspapers including the *Bourbon Beacon*, *Independent Journal*; *Gasconade County Republican*; *Rolla Daily News* and other publications. The interviewees touched on many aspects of rural living during the mid-twentieth century including farming, church matters, local economies, hunting, trapping, the Depression, military service, and construction of the dam on Big Piney River in the 1970s.

The interviewees are Ralph Brown of Crawford County; Bert Brinley of Belgrade in Washington County; George Langenberg of Crawford County; Marvin Mace of Edgar Springs; Tony Fischer of Washington, Missouri; Rupert Higginbotham, (River) Charlie Smallwood, and Mrs. Lucian “Aunt Rosie” Boyer, all from near Old Mines in Washington County, Missouri. The interviews were originally recorded on seven audio cassettes. They have been digitally duplicated for preservation on seven CDs.

The collection includes Primm’s interview notes and copies of the resulting newspaper articles where available. No article exists for Rupert Higginbotham, Charlie Smallwood or Mrs. Lucian Boyer. The collection also includes Primm’s article about Roundy Craine although not the interview audio recording.

Container List:

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