

**Morehead State University  
Special Collections & Archives  
Manuscript Accession Form**

**Collection Title:** County Histories of Eastern Kentucky

**Manuscript Series Number:** MS046-2017

**Date Received:** No date of reception recorded.

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**Date Listed:** June 8, 2017

**Date Span:** 1936-1993

**Size of Collection:** 2.5 linear feet.

**Number of Boxes:** 5 legal size document cases.

**Type of Material:** Reports and surveys.

**Condition of Material:** Fair with some fading to some photocopies.

**Arrangement:** Organized alphabetically by name county; Chronological arrangement.

**Biographical / Historical Information:** The collection was separated from a larger vertical file of county histories of Kentucky maintained by Special Collection Department of Morehead State University Library. The Works Progress Administration files were photocopied by Stuart S. Sprague, professor of history at Morehead State University, while conducting research at the Library of Congress.

**Scope and Content:** The bulk of the collection consist of photocopies of historical surveys of eastern Kentucky counties written by the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration from 1936 to 1939. The collection includes typescripts, manuscripts and rare publications on county and community histories written by other local authors. The surveys contain brief county histories, field reports, notes, preliminary and corrected drafts of essays, oral testimony, folklore and other miscellaneous materials.

**Subject Headings / Descriptors:**

Social & economic surveys – Kentucky.

Kentucky – Social conditions.

Kentucky – Social life and customs.

History – United States – State & Local – General.

United States -- Works Progress Administration.  
Kentucky Federal Writers' Project.

**Notes:** Oversized materials, newspaper clippings, and other non-related materials were removed from the collection and placed in the Stuart S. Sprague Papers.