

**Dr. Homer Kemp records,
1935-2000 (bulk 1985-1987)
RG 107
Finding Aid**

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Summary Information

Repository	Tennessee Technological University Archives and Special Collections
Creator	Dr. Homer Kemp
Title	Dr. Homer Kemp records
Dates	1935-2000 (bulk 1985-1987)
Extent	5.3 linear feet
Location	Archives Room
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Dr. Homer Kemp was a professor within the Department of English at Tennessee Technological University. His interest and research included Upper Cumberland folklore and the Wilder-Davidson strike. He also served as director of the Upper Cumberland Institute for many years. Dating from 1935 to 2000, the collection is comprised of textual records, photographs, slides, microfilm, and cassette audio recordings, and videos.</p>

History

Dr. Homer Kemp was a professor within the Department of English at Tennessee Technological University. His research and interests included local folklore and the Wilder-Davidson strike. He was the director of the Upper Cumberland Institute at Tennessee Tech and helped collect folklore and songs from around the Upper Cumberland. Kemp created a documentary on the Wilder-Davidson strike, using oral histories, photographs, and videos.

Kemp also was involved in the development of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Center in Oneida, TN, and had interests in the development of architecture in the Upper Cumberland. He conducted architectural surveys, later released as photographs with historical notes in the book, *Upper Cumberland Historical Architecture* (Hillsboro Press, 2002).

Scope and Contents

The Dr. Homer Kemp records date from 1935 to 2000, with the bulk of the materials dating 1985 to 1987. Comprised of textual records, photographs, slides, microfilm, audio recordings, and video, the collection spans over several areas of interest held by Kemp. The container list is in alphabetical order, with the bulk of the materials relate to Upper Cumberland Institute and Wilder-Davidson.

The Upper Cumberland Institute materials contain correspondence and tape logs from various interviews to obtain local folklore and songs. The Tennessee State Library and Archives microfilm are of the architectural surveys done of the Upper Cumberland counties, while additional media contain various interviews with histories and songs from the region.

The Wilder-Davidson materials include drafts, interview transcripts and recording logs, along with photographs and slides of Wilder, TN and the Fentress Coal Company.

There are also copies of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area Master Plan, and their Appendices, along with the recording logs from the Tennessee State Parks Folklife Project in 1979.

Container List

Box	Folder	Title, Date
9		Audio and Video Recordings, undated
1	1	Big South Fork Appendices, undated
1	2-3	Big South Fork Master Plan, Design Memorandum, No. 7, Volume I, undated
5	1	Big South Fork Master Plan, Design Memorandum, No. 7, Volume II, undated
1	4	Big South Fork Regional Vernacular Architecture, undated
1	5	Cordell Hull Recordings Log, undated
1	6	Folklore Publications, 1950-1952
5	2	Historical Documentation and Design Criteria for the Tabard Inn (Tennessee Lodge), Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Appendix H to Design Memorandum No. 7, Draft, undated
1	7	Negatives - Meeting (Town Meeting?), undated
1	8	Positives - Meeting (Town Meeting?), undated
1	9-10	Ravenscroft, TN Research, undated
1	11	Receipt, 2000
2	1-2	Recording Transcripts, 1961-1976
2	3	Tennessee Folklore Society, 1935-1959
2	4-5	Tennessee State Parks, Folklife Project 1979, Recording Logs, 1979
3	1	Thesis - Sue Ellen Klein, 1995 May
3	2	Thesis - Vernon F. Perry, 1934 June
6-8		Upper Cumberland Architectural Surveys, undated
3	3	Upper Cumberland Institute - Completed Transcript Forms, 1982-1984
3	4	Upper Cumberland Institute - Correspondence, 1987-1988
3	5	Upper Cumberland Institute - Interviewer Tape Logs, 1986
3	6	Upper Cumberland Institute - Oral History Tape Log, undated
3	7	Upper Cumberland Institute - Photo Copying Log, 1985
3	8	Upper Cumberland Institute - Videotape Release Forms, 1987
3	9	Upper Cumberland Region Map, undated
3	10	Wilder Davidson - Appendix, undated
3	11	Wilder-Davidson - Book, undated
3	12	Wilder-Davidson - Book Draft, undated
3	13	Wilder Davidson - Book Draft, undated
3	14	Wilder Davidson - Chapter Draft, undated
3	15	Wilder Davidson - Draft, undated
3	16	Wilder Davidson - Fentress Coal Company negatives, undated
3	17	Wilder Davidson - Fentress Coal Company photographs, undated
3	18	Wilder-Davidson - Hazel Wheeler, undated
3	19	Wilder Davidson - Interview Tape List, undated
3	20	Wilder Davidson - Interview Transcript, undated
4	1	Wilder Davidson - Interviews, James Dow Lusk and H. Clay Riley, undated
4	2	Wilder-Davidson - Mrs. Qualls' Essay, undated
4	3	Wilder Davidson - Pat Patterson's chapter, undated
4	4	Wilder-Davidson - Qualls, undated
4	5	Wilder Davidson - Recording Logs, 1986
4		Wilder-Davidson - Slides (box), undated

- 4 6 Wilder Davidson - Tape List (alphabetized), undated
- 4 7 Wilder Davidson - Wilder, TN Photographs, undated
- 4 8 Wilder-Davidson - Works Cited, undated
- 4 9 "Workers and Industrializing America-An Overview" Patrick D. Reagan, undated