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INTRODUCTION

The Cumberland River Development Project Papers, 1925-1953, concerning the development of the various water resources of the Cumberland River and its tributaries were transferred to Tennessee State Library and Archives from the State Planning Commission, December 6, 1963. The materials in this finding aid measure .84 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Cumberland River Development Project Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Cumberland River Development Project Papers, 1925-1953, consist of correspondence, maps and charts, printed documents, reports, bibliographies, bills, newspaper clippings, a sketch, and two lists. As documented primarily in the correspondence and legislative proceedings, a major objective of the project was that of having the Cumberland River included under the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Correspondence, covering the years 1937- 1941, is primarily to for from Leo J. Zuber, Land use Planner for the Cumberland River Development Project.

Maps and charts are for the Cumberland Basin, the Cumberland River, its dams, and its tributaries. The reports are for the same and indicate reasons for and against the Cumberland River Development Project.

Printed documents include, *A Plan for the Development of the Cumberland River*, *A Petition against Continuance of the Project*, *Letters from the Secretary of War*, and *Letters from the Chief of Engineers, United States Army*. The Bills are proposed amendments to the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933.

Other items include a sketch titled "Old Times on the Upper Cumberland," by Douglas Anderson; newspaper clippings; bibliography of reports and articles published on the Cumberland River Development Project; a list of Tennessee counties and cities in the Cumberland Valley; and a list of standing committees of the Senate.

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