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**KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE AMERICAN STUDIES
ASSOCIATION RECORDS
1958-1998**

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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid focuses on the Kentucky-Tennessee Chapter of the American Studies Association Records during the years 1958-1998. Membership is drawn from residents of these states who are affiliated with the American Studies Association. The object of the Chapter is “to promote the study of American civilization, both in general and with particular reference to the area from which its membership is drawn”. One regular Spring meeting is held annually consisting of papers presented by program participants on themes previously approved by the Executive Council.

The materials in this finding aid measure 1.5 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the material. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Kentucky-Tennessee Chapter of the American Studies Association Records may be made for scholarly research.

These records were placed in the Tennessee State Library and Archives by the Tennessee State Historical Society.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Kentucky-Tennessee Chapter of the American Studies Association Records, containing approximately 335 items, span the period 1958-1998. The collection is composed of correspondence, lists, programs, publications, and several miscellaneous items.

A large portion of the collection consists of correspondence which has been arranged by years. Within the “correspondence” files may also be found membership lists, programs of annual meetings, newsletters, budget summaries, minutes, clippings, registration lists for annual meetings, lists of regional chapters, reports, and bank statements.

Beginning in 1973, the Association published speeches presented by program participants at the annual meetings. These are found in the collection as journals under the heading “Border State”.

Other publications in the collection are newsletters of the Association as well as the parent organization, the American Studies Association.

Also included in the collection is a video entitled “The Wilder-Davidson Story: The End of an Era”. This documentary tells the story of the Wilder and Davidson coal mining communities of Fentress County, Tennessee, which no longer exist today. The names of the interview and their subjects may be found at the end of the Container List. The video is housed in the vault in the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

CONTAINER LIST

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1. Correspondence – 1990
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8. Lists – Annual Meetings Paid Attendees, 1990-1999
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10. Officers and Meeting Sites
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Box 3

1. Publications – Journal – Border States, 1973, 1974, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999
2. Publications – Newsletters – American Studies Association, 1987-1999
3. Publications – Newsletters – Kentucky and Tennessee Chapter of A.S.A., 1956-1973, 1997

Box 4

1. Video: “The Wilder – Davidson Story: The End of an Era”