

# Missouri State Archives Finding Aid RG 998.012

## Manuscript Collections Missouri Film Collection

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### Films, 1975-1977

*Abstract:* Films with significant Missouri content not produced by a state agency.

*Extent:* 0.30 cubic feet; 3 films.

*Record Description:* 16mm film reels.

*Alternative Formats:* None.

*Location:* Missouri State Archives.

### Administrative Information

*Access Restrictions:* Due to the format, access to the original film reels is restricted to staff only.

*Publication Restrictions:* Researchers bear sole responsibility for following applicable copyright laws.

*Preferred Citation:* [Item description], [Date]; [Canister]; Films, 1975-1977; Missouri Film Collection, Record Group 998.012; Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

*Acquisition Information:* Donations with letters of intent. Accession numbers 1976-0007 and 2024-0230.

*Processing Information:* Processing completed by Erika Woehlk, 12/07/2016. Last updated by EW on 12/30/2024.

### Historical and Biographical Notes

The films in this collection showcase local tourism, Missouri history, art and artists. Currently, they cover Hannibal – the hometown of author Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain – and the U.S. Bicentennial; a history of country music as depicted by artist Thomas Hart Benton; and local Missouri history as depicted by artist Daisy Cook.

## Additional Descriptive Information

### Bibliography

“On-the-Road Man Films Hannibal Show for TV,” *Mexico Ledger*, Vol. 121 No. 160 (07/09/1975): p. 9.

### Other Finding Aids

Master Motion Picture Index includes additional film specifications, available in-house.

### Related Material

Country Music Hall of Fame 2024-2025 exhibit on the 50th anniversary of Thomas Hart Benton’s mural: <https://www.countrymusichalloffame.org/calendar/an-american-masterwork-thomas-hart-bentons-sources-of-country-music-at-50>.

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*Arrangement:* Chronological.

### Scope and Content

*On the Road to '76: Hannibal, Missouri:*

This film was presented to the Missouri State Archives in 1976 by Peter M. Herford, Director of Affiliate Liaison of CBS News. A second copy was presented to the Governor. The short 3-minute 45-second film features Hannibal, Missouri and in particular local boys Steve and Stan Ehrhardt. CBS filmed in July 1975, and the episode was to have aired in August 1975 as a vignette during CBS's *Evening News* with Walter Cronkite. Rights remain with CBS News. The Archives does not have a digital copy of this film.

An outside party posted a copy of the film on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7EircVhudo>.

*Sources of Country Music:*

Follows muralist Thomas Hart Benton as he paints "Sources of Country Music," which hangs in the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, TN. Filmmakers were filming up until two days before Benton's death in January 1975. The Archives does not have a digital copy of this film.

*Daisy Cook Remembers:*

From Worldcat: "One of America's foremost primitive painters, Missouri-born Daisy Cook, 75, shows a collection of her works painted from memories of her childhood. The film provides an insight into rural life at the turn of the century and the creative potential of a senior citizen's hobby. Daisy was 65 when she taught herself to paint." The Archives does not have a digital copy of this film.

### Container List

Location	Canister	Barcode	Contents	Date
	1	0005355755	<i>On the Road to '76: Hannibal, Missouri</i> , 16mm film by Charles Kuralt	1975
	2	0005355756	<i>Sources of Country Music</i> , 16mm film by Pentacle Productions, Inc.	1975
	3	0005355757	<i>Daisy Cook Remembers</i> , 16mm film by Pentacle Productions, Inc.	1977