

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid [998.012]

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### MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

#### “On the Road” Film by Charles Kuralt

*Abstract:* One 16mm film of an episode of Charles Kuralt’s “On the Road” featuring Hannibal, MO

*Extent:* 1 reel

*Physical Description:* Film

*Location:* Missouri State Archives; Stacks

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

*Alternative Formats:* None

*Access Restrictions:* Patrons should use the digital link

*Publication Restrictions:* This film is copyright CBS News

*Preferred Citation:* “On the Road ’76,” August 1975; “*On The Road*” Film by Charles Kuralt, Record Group 998.012; Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

*Acquisition Information:* Gift; Accession #1976-0007

*Processing Information:* Processing completed by EW on 12/07/2016.

### HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

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 small 3-minute 45-second film featured Hannibal, Missouri and in particular local boys Steve and Stan Ehrhardt.

Charles Kuralt’s “On the Road” series ran as short vignettes during CBS’s Evening News with Walter Cronkite. The series featured personal stories of Americans across the nation.

“Charles Kuralt, whose ‘On the Road’ stories are a feature of CBS television, was in Hannibal for the Tom Sawyer fence painting. David Lammers, in the Hannibal Courier-Post, reports that Kuralt expects the show to be on the air in about a month. Lammers reports that Kuralt and his crew of cameraman, soundman, and electrician are travelling the 50 states this year to find historically related stories for the Bicentennial celebration. Kuralt told Lammers he thought he had found his ‘angle’ for the Hannibal story in Stan Ehrhardt, the brother of champion fence painter Steve Ehrhardt. Lammers’ story reports: ‘He saw Stan dressed in a Cub Scout uniform at the fence painting contest and the crew filmed the boy’s reaction to his brother’s victory at the whitewash boards. We wanted to do something about boys and the river. I’m going to call up Stan and see what he’s doing this weekend. But it’s usually just dumb luck when we find the angle we want.’” (Mexico Ledger, 07/09/1975, p. 9)

## ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

### Related Collections

None

### Additional External Resources

An outside party posted a copy of the film on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7EircVhudo>.

## SERIES

"On the Road to '76"

### Scope and Content

This is a short film made in Hannibal, Missouri in July 1975 by Charles Kuralt. The episode was to have aired in August 1975. Rights remain with CBS News. The film lasts 3 minutes 45 seconds.

### Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	none	none	"On the Road to '76" 16mm film by Charles Kuralt	July-August 1975