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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

John Leslie Beatty was born to William Campbell Beatty and Bertha Ellen Beatty on 25 February 1914 in Ironton, Ohio. John grew up on the Ohio River, where his father mainly worked. He attended school steadily through eighth grade, when he began working full time in a variety of jobs. Like his father, much of John's work took place on the Ohio River. On 6 October 1934 John married Marcia Pigneguy. They had a daughter, Beverly Ann, in 1938. In April 1943, Marcia was diagnosed with tuberculosis. She died on 19 July 1943. Three weeks later John met Clare Elsie Kinzeler on a mutual friends' boat. Five months later, in January 1944, they were married. During World War II, John was classified 2-B, which deferred him from service because of the marine salvage industry's importance in supporting war production.

Clare Elsie Kinzeler was born on 28 October 1915 to Albert Kinzeler and Louise Hosket in Dayton, Ohio. After graduating high school, she attended Western University (now Miami University) in Oxford, Ohio from 1933 to 1937. Elsie later went on to attend Northwestern University in Illinois for graduate school, but she only attended classes in the fall of 1943, before her marriage in January 1944 to John Beatty. Two years after John and Elsie were married, they started a mid-river harbor service business in Cincinnati. By 1960, they owned and operated three businesses: Cincinnati Marine Service, Port of Cincinnati Terminal, and Beatty, Inc. These businesses dealt in harbor, fleeting, and towing services; construction, repair, scrapping, railroad, and warehousing; and underwater operations which included marine salvage, respectively.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains a manuscript titled "Beatty's Navy: The Life and Times of Capt. John L. and Clare E. Beatty" by Barbara Fluegeman. Included with the manuscript are photocopies of photographs for possible use in publishing the manuscript and correspondence with the author concerning obtaining permissions to use materials in the manuscript. Also in the collection are transcripts of thirty-six interviews conducted by Fluegeman. Most of the interviews include written permissions for their use signed by the interviewees.

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