OHIO RIVER TRANSPORTATION MATERIALS
CA. 1900–1964

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 manuscript folder

**COLLECTION DATES:** ca. 1900–1964

**PROVENANCE:** Nicholas J. Hatfield, Indianapolis, IN

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Catharine Calhoun "Katie" Peckinpaugh Hatfield, born in Crawford County, Indiana, on 19 September 1880 to Abraham and Ruth Peckinpaugh. She died in November 1968, at Indianapolis, Ind. and is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind. She was married to Sidney J. Hatfield (1880–1946) and they had two children Nicholas W. Hatfield (1910–1981) and Wenonah Hatfield (1912–1968).

Catharine's father Abraham Peckinpaugh was part-owner of the Peckinpaugh, Harrison, and Co. Mills on the Ohio River at the mouth of the Little Blue River. This lumber yard is where the flat boats that Catharine wrote about were manufactured.

Capt. D. L. Perry was a steamboat captain mostly on the Missouri River. He is shown in the pilot house of the steam boat Chester on one of the postcards in the collection. Perry was a friend of Wenonah Peckinpaugh Somer.

Sources:
ancestry.com - library edition

Biographical and Historical Souvenir of Clark, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott, and Washington, Indiana, 1889

kchistory.org website

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This small collection is focused on flatboats of the late nineteenth century built in Cannelton, Indiana along the Ohio River. There are also two postcards and one picture related to the Missouri River steamboat Chester and its captain D. L. Perry.
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