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History/Biography

Mary Costello is an author, artist, and teacher. She grew up in Moline, and came from a family of railroad workers. The author researched *Climbing the Mississippi River Bridge by Bridge*, volumes 1 & 2, over a span of ten years, traveling the length of the river (starting in New Orleans and moving north) where she took photos, made sketches, and conducted interviews. These books were conceived from her work as an art teacher at McKinley School in Davenport, where she taught a unit on bridges. She has exhibited her artwork, much of it river-life related, in the Quad Cities area. Mary has degrees from Marycrest College and the University of Iowa.

Collection Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of the research materials collected for Costello's *Climbing the Mississippi River Bridge by Bridge*, which was published in two volumes. Volume 1 was published in 1995, and volume 2, which is devoted to the bridges in Minnesota, in 2002.

These papers are related to research done for volume 1, which begins with the bridges in Louisiana, and ends with the Winneshiek Slough Bridge near the Iowa/Minnesota border. There is some material related to volume 2. Specifically the headwaters area in Itasca State Park in Minnesota, and the swing bridge in Inver Grove, Minnesota.

There are additional folders relating to riverboat tourism, gambling, and the Big River Rendezvous.

The arrangement of this collection follows Costello's table of contents. Each bridge has its own folder (or multiple folders), and the contents within the folder are made up of newspapers clippings, HAER reports, journal and magazine articles, maps, schematic drawings, and various visual resources related to that bridge. Many folders contain Costello's preliminary sketches, snapshots that she took, as well as correspondence.

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2018 – additional research material brought in by Costello was culled and remaining items in Rec. Center Box 4

Access and Use

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Acquisition Information:

Preferred Citation:

Processing Information:

Copyright:

Related Material: see 4 record center cartons of additional research material located Range 37 Sections 7 and 5 which has not been processed but is organized

Box 1

Folder 1

Huey P. Long Bridge, Highway and Railroad, New Orleans, US 90, Louisiana

Folder 2

Hale Boggs Bridge, Luling, I-310, Louisiana

Folder 3

Gramercy/Wallace Highway Bridge, Louisiana

Folder 4

The "Sunshine Bridge", Donaldsonville, SR 70, Louisiana

Folder 5

Horace Wilkinson Bridge, Baton Rouge, I-10, Louisiana

Folder 6

Huey P. Long Highway/Railroad Bridge, US 190, Louisiana

Folder 7

Natchez Highway Bridges, US 65, Mississippi

Folder 8

Vicksburg I-20 Bridge, Mississippi

Folder 9

Vicksburg Highway/Railroad Bridge, US 80, Mississippi

Folder 10

Greenville Bridge, US 82, Mississippi

Folder 11

Helena Bridge, US 49, Arkansas

Folder 12

Memphis I-55 Bridge, Tennessee

Folder 13

"Frisco" Railroad Bridge, Memphis, Tennessee

Folder 14

Harahan Railroad Bridge, Memphis, Tennessee

Folder 15

Memphis I-40 Bridge, Tennessee

Box 2

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Caruthersville I-155 Bridge

Folder 2

Old Cairo Bridge, US 62, Illinois

Folder 3

New Cairo Bridge, I-57, Illinois

Folder 4

Thebes Railroad Bridge, Illinois

Folder 5

Cape Girardeau Highway Bridge, Missouri

Folder 6

Chester Highway Bridge, SR 51, Illinois

Folder 7

Jefferson Barracks Bridges, I-255, Missouri

Folder 8

MacArthur Railroad (Highway) Bridge, Missouri

Folder 9

Poplar Street Bridge, St. Louis, US 66, Missouri

Folder 10

Eads Highway/Railroad Bridge, Missouri

Folder 11

Martin Luther King Bridge, St. Louis, US 40, Missouri (**additional material in Box 7, Folder 2**)

Folder 12

McKinley Highway (Railroad) Bridge, St. Louis, Missouri

Folder 13

Merchants' Railroad Bridge, St. Louis, Missouri

Folder 14

Old "Chain of Rocks" Bridge (unused), St. Louis, Missouri

Folder 15

Single Chain of Rocks Canal Bridge, Madison, Illinois

Folder 16

New Chain of Rocks Bridge, Old Channel, I-270, Illinois

Folder 17

Twin Chain of Rocks Canal Bridges, I-270, Illinois

Folder 18

The "Clark Bridge", Alton, US 67, Illinois

Box 3

Folder 1

Gateway Western Railroad Bridge, Louisiana, Missouri

Folder 2

Champ Clark Bridge, Louisiana, Missouri

Folder 3

Mark Twain Memorial Bridge, Hannibal, US 36, 61, Missouri

Folder 4

Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge, Hannibal, Missouri

Folder 5

Quincy Memorial Bridge, US 24 Eastbound, Illinois

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Folder 6

Quincy "Bayview" Bridge, US 24 Westbound, Illinois

Folder 7

BN Railroad Bridge, Quincy, Illinois

Folder 8

Quincy Bay Railroad Bridge, Illinois

Folder 9

The Quincy Bay Park Bridge, Illinois

Folder 10

Keokuk/Hamilton Highway Bridge, US 136, Iowa

Folder 11

Keokuk Railroad (Highway) Bridge, Iowa

Folder 12

Santa Fe Highway/Railroad Bridge, Fork Madison, Iowa

Folder 13

BN Railroad Bridge, Burlington, Iowa

Folder 14

"The Great River Bridge," Burlington, Iowa

Folder 15

Norbert Becky Bridge, Muscatine, SR 52, Iowa

Folder 16

I-280 Bridge, Davenport, Iowa

Box 4

Folder 1

Crescent Railroad Bridge, Davenport, Iowa

Folders 2-5

Centennial Bridge, Davenport, US 67, Iowa

Folders 6-8

Rock Island Arsenal Highway/Railroad Bridge, Davenport, Iowa (**additional material in Box 7 folder 3**)

Folder 9

Sylvan Slough Bridge, Rock Island, Illinois

Folder 10

Sylvan Slough Railroad Bridge, Rock Island, Illinois

Folder 11

Sylvan Island Footbridge, Moline, Illinois

Box 5

Folder 1

Inver Grove Swing Bridge, Minnesota

Folders 2-3

Itasca, Headwaters of the Mississippi River, maps and brochures

Folder 4

Mississippi River Lock and Dam System

Folder 5

St. Genevieve Dredge, 1986-1992

Folder 6

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Steamboat-related Art and Artist, 1990-1993

Box 6

Folder 1

Riverboat Tourism, newspaper clippings, 1966-1990

Folder 2

Riverboat Tourism, newspaper clippings, 1991-2005

Folder 3

Riverboat Tourism, newspaper clippings, no dates

Folder 4

Riverboat Tourism, brochures and magazine articles, 1980s-1990s

Folder 5

Big River Rendezvous, 1996

Folder 6

Fred Kahlke, Kahlke Boatyard, Rock Island, IL

Box 7

Folder 1

Crescent City Connection Bridges, US-90 Alternate, Louisiana

Folder 2

Martin Luther King Bridge, Missouri

Folder 3

Rock Island Arsenal Highway/Railroad Bridge, Iowa

Folder 4

Miscellaneous Images, Negatives, and Clippings

Folder 5

April 2018 additional photographic snapshots Clock Tower, RIA, IL and Alton, IL railroad bridge - kmo

Subject Terms (unofficial)

Bridges subtopics (might be included)

Events, incidents, accidents

Local history

Persons of note

Historical personages

Controversies

Opening events/Dedications

Ownership issues

Construction and rebuilding

Tourism

Drought

Centennial Bridge

Lighting of

Kathy Wine

Lights! River! Action! Foundation

Tolls

Icon for City of Davenport and local businesses

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Urban redevelopment
Riverfront redevelopment
Big River Rendezvous, 1996
Tourism
Fred Kahlke, Kahlke Boatyard, Rock Island, IL
Steamboat-related art and artists
Bridge design
Bridge workers
Bridge repairs
Bill Wundram, Quad Cities Times columnist