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Scope and Content Note

The Tichenor Collection consists of correspondence, court documents, organizational records, and ephemera collected by Carroll and Doris Tichenor and related to the couple's environmental activism, which spanned from the late 1960s through the early twenty-first century. Of particular interest are items related to the early years of the Cumberland Chapter of the Sierra Club, including previously unarchived material related to efforts to save Red River Gorge in Kentucky from a proposed dam, which were highlighted by a 1967 protest hike led by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. The collection also contains newsletters and correspondence related to the national Sierra Club, as well as material from the Tichenors' efforts to stop the Eastern Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) from constructing a transmission cable that would cross their property. Also included are a number of environmental reports, compiled by both governmental and private agencies, and related to Kentucky and the nation at large.

Although the collection has not been formally separated into series, its organization emphasizes its two major themes: the Sierra Club and the EKPC campaign. Both major sections are organized alphabetically, with environmental reports of indeterminable context organized similarly at the end of the collection.

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Biographical Note

Carroll (b. 1927) and Doris (b. 1931) Tichenor—activists, outdoor enthusiasts, and partners—fought to ensure the preservation and protection of the natural environment from the late 1960s through the early twenty-first century. They were instrumental in the formation of the first Kentucky chapter of the Sierra Club and in the organization of the protest march, led by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, which gave the chapter much of its early energy, and Carroll later became president of the chapter from 1970-1971. The Tichenors remained active in the organization throughout the later half of the twentieth century, and in the early twenty-first century successfully prevented the construction of an electrical transmission line across their family farm, which would have damaged the land and disturbed historic sites on the property. Carroll and Doris have two children, a daughter Karen, born in 1955, and a son, Annis, born in 1956.

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