

Finding Aid:**Title:** Glenville Flooding Collection**Donor:** Collection Assembled by Glenville State University Archives Department**A & M Box #:** GSC20220505**No. of Boxes:** 1**Inclusive Dates:** 1924 - 1991**Bulk Dates:** 1939 - 1970**Biographical Note:** Town of Glenville, West Virginia

Description: This collection contains original and copied photograph from different floods throughout Glenville's history. Beginning with a photograph taken from the Kanawhachen Yearbook of 1924, the collection spans to a Canal History and Technology Proceedings document from March 23, 1991. It also includes brochures from January 1970 and DVDs from the 1985 flood. This collection has been developed by the Library and Archives Staff over the years by collecting different artifacts from the floods of Glenville.

Source: GSC Archives**Dates:** 1924-1991**Size:** 1 box, 2.5 in.**A & M Box #:** GSC20220505**Index Terms:**

Glenville, Flooding, Little Kanawha River, Frank Beall.

Box Contents (In order):**1924**

- (2) Flooding photographs from the 1924 yearbook

1939

- Two cardboard collage prints of the flooding plus 2 computer copies of the same prints
- A small and enlarged photograph of houses and a boat(?)

- Photograph of Glenville's street underwater

1967

- Man in rain jacket standing on top of a boat, rescuing people from the waters flooding the street
- A photograph of buildings underwater with two people standing in the foreground on dry land
- Photograph of boat heading towards a building on the "street"
- A photograph of A & P Food Stores underwater
- A street view photograph of the risen waters
- A photograph of flooding at Hardman Hardware
- Some brochures from January 1970 explaining flooding in Glenville

1985

- Photograph of the bank underwater in downtown Glenville
- (2) CDs with video footage from the flood waters

1991

- Canal History and Technology Proceedings document

Biographical Note: The Town of Glenville

In the late 1700s and early 1800s, people began settling in the area they named "the Ford" because it was a place where travelers could cross the river. Later, the community was named Glenville because of its location in a glen. The first grist mill in present-day Gilmer County was constructed there in 1812. The first courthouse was completed in 1850, the second in 1872, and the current courthouse in 1923. Glenville was incorporated in 1856. Glenville State University was founded in 1872 and has been the "Lighthouse on the Hill" ever since. Glenville is also now the headquarters for many oil and gas companies.

Historical Note: Flooding in Glenville

The town of Glenville has had floods for many years, even spanning back to what GSU archivists believe to be in the 1800s. As the years go by, the floods only seem to worsen. From 1907 to 1970, there had been 131 floods — averaging 2 floods every year. As said in the brochure/folder located in this collection, "Floods higher than those of the past can occur. A study of floods and storms occurring in the area surrounding Glenville indicates that future floods could be significantly higher than past floods...Pictures in this folder show heights that future floods could read at selected locations."