

CVC library holds best collection of original Appalachian material

The John Wyllie Cook Library at Clinch Valley College was surveyed Aug. 10 to assess its conservation needs.

The survey was one of 20 to be done in 1989 as part of a major conservation and preservation project undertaken by the Virginia State Library and Archives and the State Historical Records Advisory Board.

The survey was conducted by Susan Duehl of the Conservation

Center for Art and Historic Artifacts and Marianne Withers of the Virginia State Library and Archives.

According to researchers using these collections, the John Wyllie Cook Library has one of the best collection of original Appalachian material in Southwest Virginia. The James Taylor Adams papers, along with the Elihu Jasper Sutherland collections, are excellent sources of

genealogical data and folklore information. The collections also contain newspapers, of which no other copies are known to exist, dating back to the early 1900s.

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