



The Kentucky Archaeology & Heritage Series
“Creelsboro and the Cumberland: A Living History”

- Series:** *Kentucky Archaeology & Heritage Series*
- Episode Title:** “Creelsboro and the Cumberland: A Living History” (episode seven)
- Components:** A one-hour, public television documentary (56:50 minutes), companion website, educational materials and digital media archive
- Subject:** Archaeology, history, architecture, rural lifeways and the Cumberland River
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- Companion website:** <https://voyageurmedia.org/portfolio/creelsboro-and-the-cumberland-a-living-history/>

Project Summary:

“Creelsboro and the Cumberland: A Living History” is a one-hour documentary that examines the history and culture of a rural valley along the Cumberland River in Russell County, Kentucky. The documentary follows Janie-Rice Brother, Principal Scholar and Architectural Historian, as she compiles archival research, architectural surveys, oral histories and family photographs about the Creelsboro valley. Interviews from scholars and residents bring the valley’s rich cultural heritage to life, from the first American Indians to occupy the area, through early settlement by Euro-American pioneers to the golden age of steamboats and changes from the construction of Wolf Creek Dam. The documentary also presents beautiful aerial video, rare archival photographs, original artworks, and an original soundtrack for compelling look at the valley’s history, and the community’s intimate connection to the Cumberland River.

Components:

The Creelsboro documentary project features four components: the one-hour documentary; a companion website; educational materials, and a digital media archive. These integrated components broaden the scope of the documentary, enhance its educational use, and provide materials for research and educational use by future generations.

Distribution (winter, 2020):

“Creelsboro and the Cumberland: A Living History” is the seventh episode in *The Kentucky Archaeology & Heritage Series*, which is produced by Voyageur Media Group, Inc. for the Kentucky Archaeological Survey. The documentary is being provided to regional public television stations for broadcast and streaming video to viewers, teachers and students.

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