

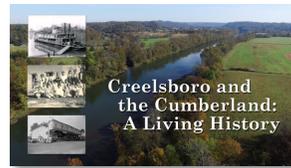
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*The Kentucky Archaeology & Heritage Series*

## ***Creelsboro and the Cumberland: A Living History***

*Creelsboro and the Cumberland: A Living History* is a one-hour documentary that examines the rich culture heritage of a rural community along the Cumberland River in Russell County, Kentucky. Academic research, oral histories, and family photographs are combined with original artwork and stunning aerial video for a compelling look at the valley's history, and the community's intimate connection to the Cumberland River. The program follows Janie-Rice Brother, Principal Scholar and Architectural Historian, as she documents life in the Creelsboro Rural Historic District, which extends about ten miles along the Cumberland River from Wolf Creek Dam to Rockhouse Natural Bridge in south-central Kentucky. At the beginning of her research, Ms. Brother states, "I hope to learn not only about the history of the rural historic district, but what patterns emerge throughout that history and what people value about their roots and their stories in this river valley, and what they would like the rest of the world to know."

*Creelsboro and the Cumberland: A Living History* features a companion website, educational materials and a digital media archive that preserves archival research, oral histories, family photographs, original artworks, and stunning aerial video of the valley. It is the seventh episode in the *Kentucky Archaeology & Heritage Series*, which is produced by Voyageur Media Group for the Kentucky Archaeological Survey, a program housed in the Department of Folk Studies & Anthropology at Western Kentucky University (<https://www.wku.edu/fsa/kas/index.php>).

Dr. David Pollack, Director, Kentucky Archaeological Survey, says, "Programs such as *Creelsboro and the Cumberland: A Living History* tell the story of what it was like to grow up and live in rural America during the nineteenth and into the mid-twentieth century." Pollack adds, "The *Kentucky Archaeology & Heritage Series* allows scholars to make information about Kentucky's rich cultural heritage accessible to everyone, which is one of the primary missions of the Kentucky Archaeological Survey."

Dr. A. Gwynn Henderson, Education Director, Kentucky Archaeological Survey, is developing educational materials with education curriculum specialist Judy Sizemore. Dr. Henderson says, "Kentucky educators know that history truly comes alive for their students when they can link local histories to broader historical themes. In this way, students can begin to see their place in history, take ownership and pride in their own past, and recognize its relevance in their lives. The standards-linked educational materials that we are developing to accompany this documentary encourage educators to extend student learning to meet instructional requirements."

*Creelsboro and the Cumberland: A Living History* is being offered to regional public television stations for broadcast and streaming video in 2020. Go to the Creelsboro companion website for more information about broadcast dates and educational materials: (<https://voyageurmedia.org/portfolio/creelsboro-and-the-cumberland-a-living-history/>).

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