Guide to the Black Warrior and Tombigbee Rivers, Alabama, lock records
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# Summary Information

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## Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

The inland waterway (including the Black Warrior and Tombigbee rivers) system's primary value is their ability to convey bulk cargoes long distances. Coal is the largest commodity by volume, followed by petroleum, grain, stone, sand, gravel, chemicals, metal ores, minerals, and steel. Moving bulk cargo by barge on the inland waterways is both fuel efficient and environmentally friendly. On average, one gallon of fuel allows one ton of cargo to be shipped 514 miles by barge, whereas that same tonnage of cargo only travels approximately 200 miles by truck and 450 miles by rail. Barge traffic has lower carbon dioxide emissions than truck or rail.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains three ledgers indicating commercial boat traffic through the Black Warrior and Tombigbee Rivers locks.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama November 2014

Conditions Governing Access note
none

Provenance
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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Black Warrior River (Ala.).
- Tombigbee River (Miss. and Ala.).

Subject(s)

- Inland navigation
- Locks (Hydraulic engineering)
- Rivers
## Collection Inventory

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