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**Dates:** 1975-1985  
**Creator:** Roberts, John W., collector  
**Collection Size:** 6 cubic feet, 1 card file

**Introduction**  
Student papers and related materials received by a former University of Missouri-Columbia folklore professor.

**Donor Information**  
The collection was donated by Elaine Lawless on 20 June 1987.

**Restriction**  
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