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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Highway 61 Collection  
**Dates:** 1984-1992  
**Collector:** Mississippi Public Broadcasting (formerly Public Radio in Mississippi) and the Center for the Study of Southern Culture  
**Physical Extent:** 0.63 Linear feet (3 boxes)  
**Repository:** Archives and Special Collections, University of Mississippi Libraries  
**Identification:** MUM00803  
**Language of Material:** English  
**Abstract:** Correspondence and playlists of the Highway 61 radio program broadcast on Mississippi Public Broadcasting (formerly Public Radio in Mississippi).

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Received from Public Radio in Mississippi (now Mississippi Public Broadcasting) and the Center for the Study of Southern Culture

### Processing Information

Finding aid created by Greg Johnson, April 2022.

### Additions

The Archive is actively seeking materials to expand the holdings.

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## Subject Terms

Radio programs—United States  
Correspondence--1980-1990  
Blues (Music)

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## Formats

correspondence  
documents

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## Scope and Content Note

Through correspondence and playlists, this collection documents roughly the first decade of the Highway 61 radio program and hosts Steven Brull and William “Bill” Ferris.

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## Biographical / Historical Note

Highway 61 is a radio program established, owned, and broadcast by Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB) [formerly Public Radio in Mississippi (PRM)]. Initially produced directly by PRM, in 1985 the University of Mississippi’s Center for the Study of Southern Culture began producing the show for airing on MPB. Program hosts have included Steven Brull, William “Bill” Ferris, David Nelson, D. Allen Mitchell, and Scott Barretta.

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## User Information

### Preferred Citation

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The University of Mississippi

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged between correspondence and playlists.

[Series I. Correspondence](#)

[Series II. Playlists](#)

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## Container List

### Series I. Correspondence

- 1.1 Letters to Steven Brull, 1984
- 1.2 Letters to Steven Brull, January-May 1985
- 1.3 Letters to Steven Brull, 1984-1985
- 1.4 Highway 61 Form Letter and Enclosures, 1985
- 1.5 Letters to Bill Ferris, June-September 1985
- 1.6 Letters to Bill Ferris, October 1985
- 1.7 Letters to Bill Ferris, November 1985
- 1.8 Letters to Bill Ferris, December 1985
- 1.9 Undated Letters to Bill Ferris, 1985
- 1.10 Highway 61 PR Materials, 1985
- 1.11 Letters to Bill Ferris, February 1986
- 1.12 Letters to Bill Ferris, January 1986
- 1.13 Letters to Bill Ferris, March 1986
- 1.14 Letters to Bill Ferris, April 1986
- 1.15 Letters to Bill Ferris, May 1986
- 1.16 Letters to Bill Ferris, June 1986
- 1.17 Letters to Bill Ferris, July 1986
- 1.18 Letters to Bill Ferris, August 1986
- 1.19 Letters to Bill Ferris, September-October 1996
- 1.20 Letters to Bill Ferris, November-December 1986
- 1.21 Letters to Bill Ferris, January-June 1987
- 1.22 Letters to Bill Ferris, July-August 1987
- 1.23 Letters to Bill Ferris, August-September 1987
- 1.24 Letters to Bill Ferris, Undated
- 1.25 Form Letter Original and list of program numbers, Undated
- 2.1 Letters to Bill Ferris, 1988
- 2.2 Letters to Bill Ferris, 1989
- 2.3 Letters to Bill Ferris, 1991

2.4 Letters to Bill Ferris, 1992

**Series II. Playlists**

- 3.1 Highway 61 Playlists, 1985
- 3.2 Highway 61 Playlists, January-June 1986
- 3.3 Highway 61 Playlists, July-December 1986
- 3.4 Highway 61 Playlists, January-June 1987
- 3.5 Highway 61 Playlists, July-December 1987
- 3.6 Highway 61 Playlists, 1988
- 3.7 Highway 61 Playlists, 1989