



## **Crawdad Alliance Records (S0097)**

**Collection Number:** S0097

**Collection Title:** Crawdad Alliance Records

**Dates:** 1979-1981

**Creator:** Crawdad Alliance

**Abstract:** The records contain flyers, leaflets, handbooks, newsletters, meeting minutes and a newspaper pertaining to the Crawdad Alliance's efforts to halt the proliferation of nuclear power in Missouri, including the construction of the Calloway Power Plant in Calloway County, Missouri, through nonviolent means, including civil disobedience.

**Collection Size:** .1 cubic foot  
(1 folder)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri-Research Center, St. Louis](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center). If you would like more information, please contact us at [stlouis@shsmo.org](mailto:stlouis@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Crawdad Alliance Records* (S0097); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-STL].

**Donor Information:** The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Dan Brogan on February 18, 1982 (Accession No. SA2451).

**Separated Material:** The *St. Louis Mirror* newspaper, dated July 1981, is located in the newspaper drawer. An oral history interview with Dan Brogan, a Crawdad Alliance organizer, conducted on April 7, 1982, is located in box 15 of the *Oral History Collection* (S0829).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to nuclear power and the antinuclear movement in Missouri can be found in the following collections:

*Calloway County Nuclear Power Plant Records* (CA6184)  
*Citizens for Reformed Electric Rates Records* (S0434)  
*Coalition for the Environment Records* (S0421)  
*Mark Haim Collection* (CA5796)  
*Bonnie Hart Papers* (S0657)  
*Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment Records* (SA0935)  
*St. Louis Regional Fellowship of Reconciliation* (S0082)

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### **Historical Note:**

In the summer of 1979, the Sunbelt Alliance, an antinuclear power group in Oklahoma, contacted the St. Louis Peace and Freedom Party about organizing protests against the Union Electric Company's nuclear power plant in Callaway County, Missouri. The Sunbelt Alliance had conducted successful civil disobedience actions against the construction of the Black Fox Nuclear Power Plant in Oklahoma and had learned that the Peace and Freedom Party was interested in organizing similar protests. After attending Sunbelt Alliance-sponsored training sessions in non-violent civil disobedience, the Peace and Freedom Party reorganized as the Crawdad Alliance in August 1979, taking its name from a Missouri crustacean.

The Crawdad Alliance held meetings and fundraising benefits, as well as distributing leaflets and newsletters alerting the public to the dangers of nuclear power. During its brief existence, the Crawdad Alliance also coordinated with other Missouri anti-nuclear power groups to protest Union Electric's construction of the Calloway Power Plant, located in Calloway County, Missouri, through civil disobedience. On March 29, 1980, Crawdad Alliance leaders led 90 protesters to the Calloway Power Plant on the anniversary of the Three Mile Island crisis. Twenty-six of the marchers trespassed on Union Electric property and were arrested by the Calloway County Sheriff's Department. The Crawdad Alliance remained active in the antinuclear movement throughout the early 1980s.

### **Arrangement:**

The materials in the folder are arranged chronologically.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

Records of the Crawdad Alliance including leaflets, flyers, handbooks, issues of the *Crawdad Cabal* newsletters, and a July 1981 edition of the *St. Louis Mirror* newspaper concerning the Union Electric Company's Calloway Power Plant in Calloway County, Missouri, including plans for peaceful demonstrations to block the construction of the plant; civil disobedience and non-violence training for Alliance members; health hazards relating to nuclear power; the Sunbelt Alliance's nonviolent protests of the Black Fox Nuclear Power Plant in Oklahoma; and the Three-Mile Island incident in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1979.

**Container List:**

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