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**JAMES H. KELLAR,
THE EVANSVILLE SHIPYARD:
OUTSIDE ANY SHIPBUILDING ZONE**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

In January 1942 the United States Navy selected Evansville, Indiana, as the site for a new inland shipyard. Production at the Evansville Shipyard, which began that summer, was centered on the building of Landing Ship Tanks (LSTs), a new type of amphibious landing craft that was to have a profound influence in World War II. The shipyard became the largest wartime employer in Evansville and, at its peak in 1944, employed over 19,000 individuals. It ceased production in late summer 1945 after constructing 202 vessels, 167 of which were LSTs.

Source: Material in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a 368-page manuscript of *The Evansville Shipyard: Outside Any Shipbuilding Zone*, authored by James Harley Kellar (b. 1922) and Patricia C. Kellar. The work is a history of the shipyard from its construction in 1942 to 1945, when it ceased production. The Kellars discuss the type of ship built at the Evansville Shipyard, the Landing Ship Tank, and its role in World War II. They also analyze the effects of the shipyard's operation and closing on Evansville's economy. The manuscript contains several photocopied photographs and a photocopied map of the shipyard.

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