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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 68      HERDMAN, Guy Hess, 1875-1947**

3 boxes. 53 folders. 1,160 items. 1884-1935. Typescripts, carbon copies.

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***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Guy Hess Herdman, the son of John M. and Camilla (Hess) Herdman, was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky on 28 May 1875. He was educated at Ogden College in Bowling Green, after which he earned a law degree at the University of Virginia.

Returning to his hometown, young Herdman began his law practice with Benjamin Franklin Procter. Later he had his own firm prior to various partnerships with Judge Nathaniel Porter Sims, John Levette Stout, and Otho P. Roper. Herdman served eight years as city attorney of Bowling Green and also was an active member of the Common Council and Board of Education.

Herdman married Lula Gaines of Biloxi, Mississippi, and they were the parents of a daughter, Camilla (1908-1983), and a son, Walter C. (1916-2011). Among his interests were his family, stamp collecting, and sporting activities.

Herdman was respected throughout the state for his legal abilities. He lost his hearing completely following a sinus operation in 1934 and was forced to relinquish his court practice. Despite his deafness, he was appointed assistant attorney general of Kentucky in 1936, whereupon he and his wife moved to Frankfort and he retained this position until his unexpected death on 14 December 1947.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

The Herdman Collection consists chiefly of legal papers, business correspondence, and some personal correspondence. It contains materials on cases representative of the major part of Guy Herdman's career. The collection is arranged chronologically by case. Preceding the law cases are miscellaneous personal and business papers, while the miscellaneous legal correspondence follows the listing of the various law cases. Most of the items are either typescript or carbon copies.

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Folder 5	Miscellaneous business papers	1919-1935	40 items
Folder 6	Legal papers	1884-1918	69 items
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	6c – J. C. Cummings vs. J. M. Ruby	1908	3 items
	6d – C. F. Willis vs. Speed & Company	1914-1915	20 items
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	6h – Ben Davis vs. John L. Stout	1918	3 items
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	7h – Jacob E. Moulder property	1919	11 items
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Folder 8	Allen Engineering Company vs. Harry Smith	1919	28 items
Folder 9	Harry C. Smith vs. Great Lakes Petroleum Company	1919-1920	53 items
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	6c – Montgomery Electric Company vs. McFarland	1921	2 items
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Folder 10	Sherman vs. Stewart	1921	8 items
Folder 11	Smith vs. Wilson	1921	4 items
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	12c – Wright Tool Company vs. Ross	n.d.	2 items

Folder 13	Graham vs. Mager	1921-1922	11 items
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attorney general of Kentucky, 1936-1947, and legal papers  
from his practice in Bowling Green which relate chiefly to  
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