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**MSS 174 HOBSON, Margaret Morehead, 1890-1987**

*Descriptive Inventory*

4 boxes. 45 folders. 1560 items. 1901-1986. Originals.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Margaret Morehead Hobson was born 18 March 1890 to William E. and Ida (Thomas) Hobson in Warren County, Kentucky. She received a Bachelor's degree in 1909 from Potter College for Young Ladies in Bowling Green. She lived her entire life on her family's 308-acre farm, Walnut Lawn. In 1919, an oil boom in south-central Kentucky led Margaret to seek out oil exploration for the farm. She began to lease land for oil and gas exploration in a number of south-central Kentucky counties, a career that lasted 50 years. Hobson was involved in a number of lineage societies and in the restoration of her grandfather's home, Riverview at Hobson Grove. She was an avid sportswoman, and particularly enjoyed fox hunting. Hobson died on 20 May 1987 and is interred in Bowling Green's Fairview Cemetery.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

The collection consists of personal correspondence of Margaret Morehead Hobson and business papers concerning her involvement in oil and gas exploration in south-central Kentucky. The papers are arranged chronologically within three sections: Correspondence, Personal and Genealogical Information, and Business Records. Hobson had substantial correspondence with two leading geologists of the day: William L. Russell and Louise Barton Freeman. The collection also contains 31 maps-- many of them done by Hobson and/or Russell—related to oil and gas exploration in south-central Kentucky. The collection also includes a nature notebook, done by Hobson as a child, filled with sketches of Warren County flora and fauna, information related to Riverview at Hobson Grove, and a few small pieces of artwork related to interior decorating.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Personal Correspondence</b>	<b>1917-1986</b>	<b>377 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory	1 item	

Folder 2	Personal correspondence	1917-1939	63 items
Folder 3	Personal correspondence	1940-1943	31 items
Folder 4	Personal correspondence	1944-1947	38 items
Folder 5	Personal correspondence	1948-1949	46 items
Folder 6	Personal correspondence	1950-1959	72 items
Folder 7	Personal correspondence	1960-1986	77 items
Folder 8	Miscellaneous correspondence, notes and leases	n.d.	47 items
Folder 9	Stencils, floor plans, and valentine	n.d.	11 items
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Nature notebook and Genealogical information</b>	<b>1901-1982</b>	<b>145 items</b>
Folder 1	Nature notebook	Jan. 1901- April 1903	1 item
Folder 1a	Nature notebook – photocopy	Jan. 1901- April 1903	1 item
Folder 2	Genealogical information	1914, 1976	20 items
Folder 3	Notebooks, checks, misc. etc.	1924-1980	33 items
Folder 4	Materials regarding court cases for extension of a sewer system	1980-1982	28 items
Folder 5	Photographs	n.d.	53 items
Folder 6	Materials regarding Riverview, Colonel Atwood Hobson, and Bowling Green	n.d.	9 items
Folder 7	Historical information	n.d.	5 items

<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Materials regarding oil and gas exploration</b>	<b>1918-1976</b>	<b>582 items</b>
Folder 1	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Jessamine County	1918	2 items
Folder 2	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Todd County	1920-1939	88 items
Folder 3	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Logan County	1920-1955	81 items
Folder 4	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Grayson County	1921-1976; n.d.	61 items
Folder 5	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Tennessee	1923-1929	22 items
Folder 6	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Edmonson County	1923-1946; n.d.	42 items
Folder 7	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Warren County	1920-1952	123 items
Folder 8	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Butler County	1929-1976; n.d.	84 items
Folder 9	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Christian County	1930-1946; n.d.	79 items
<b>BOX 4</b>	<b>Materials regarding oil and gas exploration</b>	<b>1931-1960</b>	<b>451 items</b>
Folder 1	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Hart County n.d.	1931-1959;	11 items
Folder 2	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Hardin County	1932-1959; n.d.	20 items
Folder 3	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Green County - includes proof of death and heirship of Claude Womack	1935	2 items
Folder 4	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Webster County	1938-1939	8 items

Folder 5	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Caldwell County	1938-1948; n.d.	17 items
Folder 6	Copies of "Jerry Robertson's Tri-State Oil Report"	1939,1943	3 items
Folder 7	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Todd County	1941-1945	125 items
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Folder 9	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Clinton County	1946;n.d.	3 items
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Folder 11	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Wayne County	1948	13 items
Folder 12	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Barren County	1948	3 items
Folder 13	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Todd County	1950-1960	46 items
Folder 14	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Hopkins County	1955	2 items
Folder 15	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Ohio County	n.d.	1 item
Folder 16	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in McLean County	n.d.	6 items
Folder 17	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Larue County	n.d.	3 items
Folder 18	Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Todd County	n.d.	121 items
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**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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