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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 224 WILSON, William Michael, b. 1956

½ box. 7 folders. 2 items. Typescripts.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Michael “Mike” Wilson was born on 31 July 1956 in Louisville, Kentucky, the son of Floyd and Betty Marie (Morgan) Wilson. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He began his career in data management with the state of Kentucky, before coming to work in Electronic Data Services at the General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky. His interest in local history led to the publication of several books including: *Descendants of Jonathan Wilson of Warren County, Kentucky* with Mitchell Wilson; *Mt. Moriah Cemetery: A History and Census of Bowling Green, Kentucky’s African-American Cemetery* with Jonathan Jeffrey; and *John Cowles of James County, Virginia*. He married Danna Spears on 1 June 1983, and they have one child, Kathleen McKenna Wilson. He is a member of Broadway Methodist Church and enjoys sailing.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists entirely of a pre-edited draft of Wilson’s book, *History of the 11th Kentucky Volunteer Regiment*. The draft has bibliographic notes, maps, and photographs included in the formatted text. After editing, repagination, and addition of an index, this book was published with the same title by the Landmark Association of Bowling Green and Warren County in 2006. The Kentucky Library copy of the book carries the call number: E509.5 11th .W54 2006.

The 11th Kentucky was one of the first groups of men to answer the call to arms in Kentucky at the onset of the Civil War. The regiment’s organizer was Bowling Green’s Colonel Pierce Butler Hawkins. He formed the organization from the Green River counties of Warren, Muhlenberg, Butler, and Edmonson. Together with Lt. Colonel Love and Major E. H. Mottley, also of Bowling Green, Hawkins led the regiment through a number of Civil War engagements in northern Alabama and middle Tennessee, the battles of Shiloh, Stones River, Perryville, Atlanta, and the siege of Knoxville. The regiment suffered a total of 264 casualties: 2 officers and 45 enlisted men were killed in battle; disease claimed 3 officers and 214 enlisted men.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	History of the 11th Kentucky Volunteer Regiment	2 items	2006
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BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Unedited draft of Wilson's book, *History of the 11th Kentucky Volunteer Regiment*, a Union regiment consisting chiefly of soldiers from southcentral Kentucky. They participated in numerous engagements in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Civil War, 1861-1865

Civil War, 1861-1865 – Kentucky – Infantry – 11th Volunteer Regiment

Hawkins, Percival Butler, 1817-1893 – Relating to

Love, Smoloff Pallas, 1826-1903 – Relating to

Mottley, Erasmus Louis, 1837-1918 – Relating to

Regiments – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Infantry – 11th Kentucky Volunteer Regiment

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