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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 66 MAMMOTH Cave Hotel – Registers

1 box. 1 folder. 5 items. 1856-1866.
Bound original volumes and bound typescript volumes.

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See also: [MSS 509](#)

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Mammoth Cave Hotel was built in 1835 in response to the popularity of Mammoth Cave as a tourist destination in Edmonson County, Kentucky. The hotel housed visitors from around the world, including Great Britain, France, Germany, India, Peru, and Canada. Within the United States, visitors came from every state. Dr. John Croghan, owner of the cave at this time, gave James Miller control of the hotel after its completion. Martin Charlet became manager of the hotel and cave in 1916. The hotel suffered from several fires, first in 1916, and another in 1919. By 1925, a new Mammoth Cave Hotel building was completed. In 1930, an addition was built. Cottages were then constructed, expanding the hotel experience. By 1942, the hotel had been completely modernized. In addition, a coffee shop, picnic area, tennis courts and other visitor facilities were added. A new Mammoth Cave Hotel was built in 1965; the 1925-era hotel was finally razed in 1979 after a vociferous effort to preserve the building failed.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of two original bound folio hotel registers which detail visitor information from 1858-1860 and 1862-1866. In addition to the original registers, the collection includes two typescript bound volumes of the registers. The registers include arrival date, visitors' names, visitors' residence, and destination. There are occasional comments from the clerk concerning the weather. Occasionally people used pseudonyms. In Register 2 someone signed in as Abraham Lincoln on 30 May 1863.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Mammoth Cave Hotel Registers	1856-1866	5 items
Folder 1	Inventory	n.d.	1 item
Folder 2	Register (Original)	1856-1860	1 item
Folder 3	Register (Original)	1862-1866	1 item
Folder 4	Bound typescript of register in Folder 2	1856-1860	1 item
Folder 5	Bound typescript of register in Folder 3	1862-1866	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Original, bound folio hotel registers and bound typescript copies of the same for the Mammoth Cave Hotel, located near the famed subterranean tourist attraction in Edmonson County, Kentucky. Entries include the name and hometown of the visitor as well as the date. One wag signed in as Abraham Lincoln on 30 May 1863.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Historic hotels – Edmonson County
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865 – Mentioned
Mammoth Cave Hotel
Mammoth Cave National Park – Relating to

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