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***Descriptive Inventory***

**MSS 165    McCOMBS, Harold Spillman, 1903-1975**

4 boxes. 46 folders. 50 items. 1903-2007. Originals.

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***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Harold Spillman McCombs (1903-1975) was born in Edmonson County, Kentucky to George William and Lulu Spillman McCombs. George William McCombs was first a merchant and then a lawyer. They were both teachers at one time in the rural schools of Kentucky. George and Lulu McCombs had seven children who attended Western Kentucky University. Harold McCombs graduated from Western Kentucky University with both his Bachelors and Masters degrees. He started writing poetry at a young age; he pursued this as a passion throughout his life. His first teaching position was at the Capitol Hill School near Brownsville, Kentucky. Later, he became principal of the Kyrock School. Harold and his wife, Maybelle Jones McCombs, had two children, George and Doris. McCombs taught until 1973, when he retired from the Jefferson County school system. He died in 1975 leaving his work to his wife, Maybelle, who in turn left the collection to her daughter, Doris Cloar; Maybelle died in 2004.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection is composed chiefly of poetry written from 1918 to 1973 by Harold S. McCombs. It also includes a birth receipt, some photographs, and an oral interview with Doris Cloar about her family, father's poetry, and the Munfordville tornado of November 6, 2005 (5 AM).

The poetry was received in damaged binders. The poems have been removed and placed in acid-free materials. A table of contents is included for each year. There is also a general chronological list of poetry. McCombs also donated 15,000 records to WKYU-FM in 1980.

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Poetry</b>	<b>1903-1951</b>	<b>16 items</b>
Folder 1	Descriptive inventory		1 item

Folder 2	Birth receipt and photos of Harold McCombs	1903	4 items
Folder 3	Letters to George McCombs	1933; 1935	2 items
Folder 4	Article about Harold McCombs	1969	1 items
Folder 5	Chronological list of poetry by McCombs	1918-1951	1 item; 56 pp.
Folder 6	Poetry	1918; 1920; 1922	1 item; 26 pp.
Folder 7	Poetry	1922-1924	1 item; 47 pp.
Folder 8	Poetry	1923	1 item; 193 pp.
Folder 9	"Birthday Reverie" - Poetry set to music	1924	1 item; 153pp.
Folder 10	Poetry	1924	1 item; 214 pp.
Folder 11	Poetry	1925	1 item; 179 pp.
Folder 12	Poetry	1925	1 item; 137 pp.
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Poetry</b>	<b>1925-1938</b>	<b>9 items</b>
Folder 1	"The Shadows on the Wall"	1925-1927	1 item; 106 pp.
Folder 2	Poetry, prose, plays, and miscellaneous	1926-1938	1 item; 105 pp.
Folder 3	Poetry	1926-1938	1 item; 130 pp.
Folder 4	Poetry	1926	1 item; 203 pp.
Folder 5	"Two Dozen Poems"	1926	1 item

Folder 6	Poetry	1927	1 item; 137 pp.
Folder 7	Poetry and clippings	1928-1929	1 item; 90 pp.
Folder 8	Poetry	1930	1 item; 106 pp.
<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Poetry</b>	<b>1931-1950</b>	<b>11 items</b>
Folder 1	Poetry	1931	1 item; 95 pp.
Folder 2	Poetry	1931-1963	1 item; 133p.
Folder 3	Poetry	1932-1933	1 item; 43 pp.
Folder 4	Poetry	1934	1 item; 75 pp.
Folder 5	Poetry	1935-1939	1 item; 99 pp.
Folder 6	Poetry	1940-1945	1 item; 91 pp.
Folder 7	Poetry	1946	1 item; 103 pp.
Folder 8	Poetry	1947	1 item; 116 pp.
Folder 9	Poetry	1948	1 item; 66 pp.
Folder 10	Poetry	1949	1 item; 71 pp.
Folder 11	Poetry	1950	1 item; 29 pp.
<b>BOX 4</b>	<b>Poetry</b>	<b>1951-2007;</b>	<b>16 items</b>

Folder 1	Poetry	1951-1953	1 item; 181 pp.
Folder 2	Poetry	1954	1 item; 62 pp.
Folder 3	Poetry	1955	1 item; 61 pp.
Folder 4	Poetry	1956	1 item; 62 pp.
Folder 5	Poetry	1957	1 item; 88 pp.
Folder 6	Poetry	1958	1 item; 84 pp.
Folder 7	Poetry	1959	1 item; 71 pp.
Folder 8	Poetry	1962	1 item; 116 pp.
Folder 9	Poetry	1963-1973	1 item; 30 pp.
Folder 10	Interview with Doris Cloar (cassette), photographs, and brochures	2007	5 items
Folder 11	"Thouts: Here and There"	n.d.	1 item; 87 pp.
Folder 12	Poetry	n.d.	1 item; 44 pp.

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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Poetry volumes, 1918-1973, written by McCombs, a native of Edmonson County who taught in several Kentucky communities. Also includes oral history interview with his daughter, Doris Cloar, concerning her father's work, family history, and 2005 tornado in Munfordville, Kentucky.

Photographs of tornado damage included.  
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***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Cloar, Doris Duncan (McCombs), b. 1932      B4, F10  
Edmonson County  
Hart County  
Kyrock – Relating to      B4, F10  
Tornadoes - Munfordville, 2005      B4, F10

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