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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 176 RANKIN, Frank Gilbert, Jr., 1906-1994

1 box. 7 folders. 27 items, 1861-1986. Photocopies.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Frank Gilbert Rankin, Jr. was born on 13 August 1906 to Frank Gilbert and Blanche P. (Lion) Rankin in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Louisville's duPont Manual High School in 1922. He began work in the grain business for S. Zorn & Company in Louisville, becoming sales manager in 1938; he left to join Gold Proof Grain Elevator Company in 1942. At Gold Proof he eventually became general manager. Rankin was interested in the history of Kentucky and particularly enjoyed Civil War history. He was the founder and first president of the Louisville Civil War Roundtable. He was elected chairman of the governor's commission to commemorate Kentucky's 175th anniversary. He was also elected president of the 1958 Kentucky Derby Festival Committee. He served as Director for the Bank of Louisville and for Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee. He was a Mason and a member of the First Church of Christ, Science.

Rankin was also vitally interested in historic preservation. In 1975, Governor Julian Carroll appointed Rankin to the Kentucky Historic Preservation Board. He was later chosen to head the Louisville Historic Landmark Commission and the Kentucky Heritage Commission. Under his leadership, the Cherokee Triangle neighborhood in Louisville became a local preservation district.

Rankin died 20 January 1994 and was interred in Louisville's Cave Hill Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of a copy of the journal of John S. Jackman of the Orphan Brigade and a copy of the Civil War record of John M. Porter of Morgan's Cavalry. It also includes copies of other materials related to Porter's Civil War service, a copy of a letter from John Hunt Morgan to Gen. John C. Breckenridge, a copy of a report of an engagement from Captain Thomas Henry Hines, and a copy of the funeral record of Colonel William Beatty of Cromwell, Kentucky, as well as copies of materials relating to the Orphan Brigade's history.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	RANKIN, Frank G., 1906-1994	1861-1986	27 items
Folder 1a	Preliminary inventory		1 item
Folder 1	Funeral record of William Beatty, Cromwell, Ky.; letter from J.L. Thomas re: Beatty	1942, 1986	2 items
Folder 2	Journal of John S. Jackman, First Brigade (Orphan), 9 th Regiment, Company B.	1861-1863	4 items
Folder 3	John Hunt Morgan letter to John C. Breckinridge	Feb. 13, 1864	2 items
Folder 4	Autographs of Morgan's men captured at Buffington Island, Ohio	1863	1 item
Folder 5	John M. Porter Civil War record (written 1872). (Typescript in MSS 15, Box 1, Folder 2)	1861-1876	2 items
Folder 6	John M. Porter Confederate records	1862-1865	14 items
Folder 7	Report of Thomas Henry Hines reprinted in Basil Duke <i>Morgan's Cavalry</i> pp. 357-358	March 3, 1863	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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Beatty, William, 1842-1942 – Relating to, 1942 F1
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Civil War, 1861-1865 – Prisoners and prisons – In Ohio – Johnson’s Island, 1863-1865 F4
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Morgan, John Hunt, 1825-1864 – Raid at Cynthiana, 1862 – Relating to F5
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