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

*Descriptive Inventory*

4 boxes. 45 folders. 1555 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,<br>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-<br>April 1903 | 1 item           |
| Folder 1a    | Nature notebook – photocopy  | Jan. 1901-<br>April 1903 | 1 items          |
| Folder 2     | Genealogical information   | 1914, 1976               | 20 items         |
| Folder 3     | Notebooks, checks, misc. etc.                                      | 1924-1980                | 33 items         |
| Folder 4     | Materials regarding court cases<br>for extension of a sewer system | 1980-1982                | 23 items         |
| Folder 5     | Photographs  | n.d.                     | 53 items         |
| Folder 6     | Materials regarding Riverview,<br>Colonel Atwood Hobson, and       | n.d.                     | 9 items          |

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|              | Bowling Green   |                    |                  |
| 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;<br>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;<br>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;<br>n.d. | 84 items         |
| Folder 9     | Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Christian County | 1930-1946;<br>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      | 1931-1959;<br>n.d. | 11 items         |
| Folder 2     | Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Hardin County    | 1932-1959;<br>n.d. | 20 items         |
| Folder 3     | Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Green County -   | 1935               | 2 items          |

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|           | includes proof of death and heirship of Claude Womack          |                    |                  |
| 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;<br>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        |
| Folder 8  | Daily record book  | 1943-1945          | 1 item;<br>35pp. |
| Folder 9  | Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Clinton County  | 1946;n.d.          | 3 items          |
| Folder 10 | Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Todd County     | 1947-1949          | 65 items         |
| 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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| Folder 19                   | Materials regarding oil and gas exploration in Lincoln County | n.d. | 1 item   |
| Folder 20<br>C1,D2b,<br>#12 | Maps of oil and gas explorations from south-central Kentucky  | n.d. | 31 items |

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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Includes personal and business correspondence of Margaret Morehead Hobson, Bowling Green, Kentucky, chiefly related to oil and gas exploration in south-central Kentucky. Collection also includes nature notebook containing flora and fauna sketches done by Hobson as a child, Hobson family genealogy, some small artwork done for interior decorating, and information about Riverview at Hobson Grove.

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