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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.
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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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