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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 169 STONE, Richard Gabriel, Jr., b.1937**

2½ boxes. 25 folders. 52 items. 1974-1982. Originals, typescripts, cassette tapes.

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**BIOGRAPHY**

Richard Gabriel Stone, Jr. was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1937, the son of Dr. R.G. and Marye Stone of North Carolina. His father served for many years as president of St. Mary's College, an Episcopal girls school in Raleigh, North Carolina. Richard, Jr. received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of North Carolina and his Doctorate in History from the University of Tennessee. He served on the History faculty at Western Kentucky University from 1969 to 2000, when he took optional retirement. He continued to teach occasionally for WKU after his retirement. His field of specialty was military history, and he published two books related to the history of the military in Kentucky: *Kentucky: A Brittle Sword* and *Kentucky Fighting Men*. He also contributed articles to the publications of the East Tennessee Historical Society and entries for the *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography* and the *Encyclopedia of Southern History*.

Stone married Elizabeth Ruth Clark in 1965. They had one daughter.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

A large portion of this collection consists of drafts and proofs of two books written by Stone: *A Brittle Sword: The Kentucky Militia, 1776-1912* published by the University Press of Kentucky in 1977 and *Kentucky Fighting Men, 1861-1945* published by the same press in 1982. Also included are oral interviews (18 cassette tapes) with nine Kentuckians who served in various branches of the military and at varying times. A majority of them served in World War II, but some of them also saw service in Korea and Vietnam. The interviewees include: William Earl Barber, Creed C. Burlingame, Harry Monroe Caudill, Lowell Hayes Harrison, Laban P. Jackson, Gary A. Riggs, Edwin W. Rue, Harry Thomas, and Jerry Ward. Transcriptions or tape indexes are available for each of the interviews.

**SHELF LIST**

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| <b>BOX 1</b> | <b>Stone, Richard G., Jr.</b>   | <b>1974-1979</b> | <b>26 items</b>       |
| Folder 1     | Inventory   | n.d.             | 1 item                |
| Folder 2     | Information related to Stone and the collection                       | n.d.             | 4 items               |
| Folder 3     | Correspondence - <i>A Brittle Sword:....</i>                          | 1974-1978        | 12 items              |
| Folder 4     | Printer's copy of <i>A Brittle Sword:....</i>                         | c1977            | 1 item; 91p.          |
| Folder 5     | Printer's copy of <i>A Brittle Sword:...</i>                          | c1977            | p.92-173              |
| Folder 6     | Typescript of <i>A Brittle Sword:...</i>                              | c1977            | 1 item;<br>p.i-a - 94 |
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| <b>BOX 2</b> | <b>Stone, Richard G., Jr.</b>   | <b>1978</b>      | <b>24 items</b>       |
| Folder 1     | William Earl Barber – Interview (transcription and cassette tapes)    | n.d.             | 2 items               |
| Folder 2     | Creed C. Burlingame – Interview (transcription and cassette tapes)    | March 9, 1978    | 3 items               |
| Folder 3     | Harry M. Caudill – Interview (transcription and cassette tapes)       | May 17, 1978     | 3 items               |

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| Folder 4     | Lowell H. Harrison – Interview<br>(transcription and cassette tapes)             | March 28, 1978   | 3 items             |
| Folder 5     | Laban P. Jackson – Interview<br>(transcription and cassette tapes)               | April 11, 1978   | 3 items             |
| Folder 6     | Gary A. Riggs – Interview<br>(transcription and cassette tapes)                  | February 5, 1978 | 3 items             |
| Folder 7     | Edwin W. Rue – Interview<br>(transcription and cassette tapes)                   | May 18, 1978     | 3 items             |
| Folder 8     | Harry Thomas – Interview<br>(tape index and cassette tapes;<br>no transcription) | April 30, 1978   | 2 items             |
| Folder 9     | Jerry Ward – Interview<br>(tape index and cassette tapes;<br>no transcription)   | May 4, 1978      | 2 items             |
| <b>BOX 3</b> | <b>Stone, Richard G., Jr.</b>  | <b>1982</b>      | <b>2 items</b>      |
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