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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 55 TEMPLE Collection

1 box. 4 folders. 133 items. 1715-1972. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHY

William Montgomery Temple was born on 28 September 1893 in Bowling Green, Kentucky, to Robert Willis Temple and Loudella (Perry) Temple. William lived elsewhere the majority of his life. He was a resident of Washington, D.C., for many years, but retained his love for his hometown and its history. Temple was also an autograph collector, specializing in this acquisition of Kentucky governors' autographs. William died on 26 October 1967 in Howard County, Maryland.

THE COLLECTION

The collection consists chiefly of autograph letters, especially those of Kentucky governors covering the period from 1805 to 1951 (50 items); other manuscript documents, which were collected for their autographical value, dating from 1715 to 1941 (16 items); and Temple's articles and notes about Bowling Green, centering on the post office and fire department during the years of 1901 to 1964 (14 items).

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	TEMPLE, William M.	1715-1972	133 items
Folder 1	Correspondence	1931-1970	33 items
Folder 2	Papers of Kentucky governors	1805-1951	50 items
	2a – Temple's notes about Kentucky governors and Kentucky	n.d.	20 items

Folder 3	Autograph letters and signatures	1715-1972	27 items
	3a – John White – Deed, 1726, and related materials	1726-1972	12 items
Folder 4	Articles about Bowling Green and Warren County written by Temple, photographs, and miscellaneous items	1901-1964	23 items

BOX 2 Scrapbook – Newspaper clippings 12 1/4” x 14 5/8” 1 item

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1. Coroner, Mercer County, May 20, 1851. Signed by John L. Helm.
 2. Justice of the Peace, Lincoln County, Nov. 6, 1855. Signed by C.S. Morehead.
 3. Police Judge, Lincoln County, Feb. 22, 1860. Signed by B. Magoffin.
 4. Justice of the Peace, Mercer County, June 20, 1865. Signed by Thomas Bramlette.
 5. Notary Public, Jefferson County, Jan. 18, 1876. Signed by James B. McCreary.
 6. Notary Public, Jefferson County, Jan. 19, 1880. Signed by Luke P. Blackburn.
 7. Notary Public, Jefferson County, Jan. 25, 1886. Signed by J. Proctor Knott.
 8. Notary Public, Jefferson County, Feb. 23, 1888. Signed by S. B. Buckner.
 9. Justice of the Peace, Aug. 30, 1890. Signed by James W. Bryan and S. B. Buckner.
 10. Notary Public, Jefferson County, Feb. 9, 1893. Signed by John Young Brown.

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Correspondence, 1931-1970 (33 items), chiefly of William Montgomery Temple, originally of Bowling Green, Kentucky, an autograph collector; his collection of papers of Kentucky governors, 1805-1951 (50); other autograph letters, 1715-1941 (17); and articles about Bowling Green, etc., (23).
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