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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 121 HOBSON Family Papers

3 boxes. 47 folders. 678 items. 1789-2010. Originals, photocopies.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Jonathan Hobson (1774-1863) came to Bowling Green, Kentucky, from Green County, Kentucky, in 1807 and assumed the responsibilities of County Court Clerk. In 1840 those duties were assumed by his nephew Atwood Gaines Hobson (1815-1898). Atwood married Juliet Van Meter on November 23, 1836. His cousin, Edward Henry Hobson, was the famed Civil War general from Greensburg.

Atwood and Juliet lived in Bowling Green with her family. In 1857 construction began on Atwood's house, Riverview, on 400 acres of land near the Barren River, west of the town; it was completed in 1872. The couple had five children that lived to adulthood: Mary Elizabeth (1840-1926); William Edward (1844-1909); Jonathan (1845-1913); Joseph Van Meter (1848-1933); and George Atwood (1864-1958).

After Atwood's death in 1898, the family continued to reside at Riverview. The house was occupied by a Hobson family member until the early 1950s. George Hobson, the youngest son, who had married Anna Perkins (1869-1950), was the last family member to live in the house.

Shortly after the turn of the twentieth century, George opened a trapshooting operation on the property. His only child, George Anna (1907-1988), became an excellent marksman and in 1924 was the national women's trapshooting champion.

Riverview was restored in the late 1960s through the efforts of the Hobson House Association and was opened for tours in 1972.

COLLECTION NOTE

The strengths of this collection are the Civil War reminiscences of William Edward Hobson, and George Anna Hobson's correspondence related to her trapshooting activities. A letter from William A. Obenchain to William Edward Hobson, in which he asks for increased compensation if he is to take the teaching position at Bowling Green's Ogden College is worthy of note. Obenchain later became president of Ogden College. Of particular significance are Civil War reminiscences by William Hobson (Boxes 2 & 3) and Atwood Hobson (Boxes 2 & 3), and Mary Elizabeth (Shrewsbury) Van Meter's diary concerning the evacuation of Bowling Green during the

Civil War (Box 3). Many of the eighteenth- and early twentieth-century documents found in this collection are photocopies or holographic copies of originals.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	HOBSON Family Papers	1841-1965	305 items
Folder 1	Inventory and associated materials		17 items
Folder 2	Beard, Thomas W. and Mary (Hobson) Beard – Letters to	1947-1965	8 items
Folder 3	Hobson, Edward Henry – Letter from Lucy Ann Hobson and Eliza Lewis	1860	1 item
Folder 4	Hobson, Atwood Gaines – Correspondence and reminiscences	1841-1898	23 items
Folder 5	Hobson family – Genealogy	1925-1963	14 items
Folder 6	Hobson, George Atwood – Correspondence	1894-1949	67 items
Folder 7	Hobson, George Anna – Incoming letters	1922-1923	17 items
Folder 8	Hobson, George Anna – Incoming letters	1924	41 items
Folder 9	Hobson, George Anna – Incoming letters	1925-1926	33 items
Folder 10	Hobson, George Anna – Incoming letters	1927-1931	27 items
Folder 11	Hobson, George Anna – Miscellaneous items	1919-1931	14 items
Folder 12	Hobson, George Anna – Newspaper clippings	1920-1938	26 items
Folder 13	Hobson, George Anna – Trapshooting averages	1924-1944	11 items
Folder 14	Hobson, Ida (Thomas) – Legal papers, bond receipts, pension papers	1897-1921	6 items

BOX 2	HOBSON Family Papers	1829-1944	214 items
Folder 1	Hobson, Jonathan – Legal papers and fictional account about Hobson	1829; 1867-1874	5 items
Folder 2	Hobson, Joseph V. – Incoming letters, legal papers and receipts	1877-1923	13 items
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Folder 5	Hobson, William E. – Correspondence	1908-1909	38 items
Folder 6	Hobson, William E. – Speeches and reminiscences	1868, n.d.	9 items
Folder 7	Hobson, William E. – Materials related to Hudson Springs, New Mexico	1889-1891	7 items
Folder 8	Hobson, William E. – Report of wounded after battle near Knoxville, Tennessee and list of engagements in which the 13 th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry participated	1863	2 items
Folder 9	Riverview and Walnut Lawn – Information about	n.d.	7 items
Folder 10	Newspaper clippings about Hobsons	1869-1908	20 items
Folder 11	Miscellaneous	n.d.	3 items
Folder 12	Sympathy letters to family members of James T. Hobson and Julia Hobson	1944	42 items
Folder 13	Thomas family – Letters from Dr. Richard C. Thomas and newspaper clippings	1863	9 items
Folder 14	Duncan family – Genealogy and incoming letters to Robert Duncan	1890	7 items
BOX 3	HOBSON Family Papers	1789-2010	159 items
Folder 1	Borden family – Genealogical research material	n.d.	5 items

Folder 2	Duncan family – Genealogical research material	1799-1977	29 items
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Folder 4	Atwood Gaines Hobson – Reminiscences about Civil War experiences, legal documents and news clippings	1843-1899	7 items
Folder 5	Edward H. Hobson – News clippings and research notes related to Hobson	1901-2005	6 items
Folder 6	Margaret M. Hobson – Correspondence and research notes by or about Hobson	1909-1991	12 items
Folder 7	William Edward Hobson – Reminiscences about Civil War experiences, correspondence and news clippings about Hobson	1872-1906	13 items
Folder 8	Hobson family – News clippings and research notes related to Hobsons	1819-2010	19 items
Folder 9	Information about Hobson homes: Riverview and Walnut Lawn	1950-2004	18 items
Folder 10	Hobson family – Vital records in holographic form	1789-1960	1 item
Folder 11	Kirtley family – Genealogical research material	1993-2001	4 items
Folder 12	Marshall family – Genealogical research material	1953-2010	16 items
Folder 13	Richardson family – Genealogical research material	1982-1999	7 items
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Folder 16	Van Meter family – Genealogical research material	1874-2004	12 items

Folder 17	Van Meter, Mary Elizabeth – Diary about evacuating Bowling Green during the Civil War	1862	2 items
Folder 18	Wickliffe family – Genealogical research material	1956	3 items

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Correspondence, legal papers, and news clippings about the Hobsons, a prominent family of Bowling Green, Kentucky. The correspondence and reminiscences of Civil War veteran William E. Hobson; a diary kept by Mary Elizabeth Van Meter during the evacuation of Bowling Green, 1861; and George Anna (Hobson) Duncan's material related to her exploits as an award winning trapshooter, are of particular significance.

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