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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 324     MILLER Family Papers**

1/2 box. 7 folders. 16 items, 1911-1947.  
 Originals, typescripts and compact discs.

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***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Joseph Thomas Miller was born 14 October 1840 near Hartford, Ohio County, Kentucky, the son of David A. and Maria (Williams) Miller. He attended Hartford Seminary before studying medicine under Dr. John E. Pendleton of Hartford; after the Civil War he attended Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, graduating in 1870. Family history records that Miller cared for wounded soldiers during the Civil War. Joseph Miller was married to Virginia "Jennie" Short in May 1880. Dr. Miller was a "devoted Methodist, a prominent Mason, and a valued civic leader."

The Millers had five children, one of whom was David Green Miller, a druggist who practiced in Central City, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. He married Mary Abigail Griffin on 4 June 1907. Their son, David Griffin Miller, Jr., born in 1908, became a physician and practiced in Morgantown, Butler County, Kentucky. His son David Griffin Miller III was born 3 October 1937 and attended Morgantown public schools. He eventually matriculated at the University of Louisville, where he participated in the U.S. Air Force R.O.T.C.. He married Sarah Laine Peden in 1956 and received an Air Force commission in 1960. He stayed in the Air Force until 1963. Afterwards he worked in engineering positions for several large industries before retiring in 1997.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

One of the highlights of the collection is David Griffin Miller, Jr.'s daybook in which he meticulously records information about his patients and their payments; this daybook begins 1 May 1937 and ends 8 November 1938. Most of the patients were visited in their homes in Butler County, Kentucky. The collection also contains a large archive of over 750 digital photographs of the Miller and Hudson families which have been identified. The photographs include scenes from Morgantown, Butler County, Kentucky. A memoir by David Griffin Miller, III titled "Mind Travel" can be found in Folder 7.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Miller Family</b>	<b>1911-2010</b>	<b>16 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and biographical information	2010	2 items
Folder 2	Doctor's day book for David Griffin Miller, Jr. and compact disc with scans of same	1937-1938	2 items
Folder 3	<i>Regional Dissections of the Human Body</i>	1947	1 item
Folder 4	"Physician's Perfect Call List and Record" personalized to J.T. Miller	1911	1 item
Folder 5	Miller family photographs on compact disc along with printouts of thumbnail images	n.d.	3 items
Folder 6	Hudson family photos on two compact discs and printouts of thumbnail images	n.d.	5 items
Folder 7	"Mind Travel" – Draft memoir by David Griffin Miller III	2010	2 items

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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Collection consists of a physician's daybook kept by David Griffin Miller, Jr. in Butler County, Kentucky, 1937-1938, and some other material related to Miller's medical career. Also included are numerous photographs from the Miller and Hudson families and a memoir by David Griffin Miller, III.

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Account books – Physician, 1937-1938 F2  
Butler County – Physicians, F2-4  
Butler County – Relating to  
Genealogy – Miller family

Hudson family – Photographs F6  
Miller, David Griffin, Jr., 1908-1973 F2-3  
Miller, David Griffin, III, b. 1937 F7  
Miller family – Photographs F5  
Miller, Joseph Thomas, 1840-1911 F4

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