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## Riggs Refining Company - Warren County, Kentucky (MSS 442)

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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 442      RIGGS Refining Company – Warren County, Kentucky

1 box. 7 folders. 542 items. 1922-1925. Originals and photocopies.

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### ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Riggs Refining Company developed as a result of the oil boom in south central Kentucky during the late-1910s and 1920s. During this boom hundreds of wells were drilled in Warren and contiguous counties and several small refineries were established in the Bowling Green-Warren County area. The land on which the refinery was built was originally part of the 100-acre Winlock Bend farm, in the Davenport oil pool, northwest of Bowling Green. In January 1920, Dr. W. Mayfield purchased the land for \$10,000 with several associates, and then sold the property for \$50,000 and divided it in half. One-half (50 acres) of the property was purchased by Edgar R. Riggs and associates. Profitable wells were subsequently drilled on the land and the refinery built. The Riggs Refining Company stopped operating under this name by 1926.

### COLLECTION NOTE

This collection is chiefly composed of financial records from the Riggs Refining Company of Delafield, Kentucky. These records include check registers, bank statements, account books, and checkbook stubs. The majority of the collection consists of receipts made out to clients from whom the company purchased crude oil.

### SHELF LIST

BOX 1	RIGGS Refining Company, 1922-1925	1922-1925	542 items
Folder 1	Inventory and related information	n.d.	7 items
Folder 2	Check register	1925	1 item
Folder 3	Crude checks – Check register	1924	1 item

Folder 4	Checkbook stubs	1924-1925	1 item
Folder 5	Bank statement	1925	1 item
Folder 6	Receipts	1925	530 items
Folder 7	Account book	1922-1925	1 item

#### BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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#### SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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