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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 127 CAIN, Frank Davis, Sr., 1890-1953**

½ box. 9 folders. 108 items. 1896-1952. Originals.

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***BIOGRAPHY***

Frank Davis Cain, Sr. was born October 6, 1890 in Morton's Gap (Hopkins County), Kentucky, the son of Michael Frank and Minnie Cain. He graduated from Madisonville High, attended Transylvania College, and received a bachelor's degree in civil and mining engineering from the University of Kentucky. He worked for many years as the chief engineer of the St. Bernard Coal and Mining Company in Earlington and later was associated with West Kentucky Coal Company.

Cain served as First Lieutenant with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery in World War I. He was a manager of the Bituminous Coal Commission District 9 in Louisville, served as a director of the Earlington Bank, was the head of the NRA in Madisonville during the middle 1930s, and was the chairman of Hopkins County Selective Service Board during World War II. Cain was also heavily involved in the Masons, being a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason and a member of Rizpah Temple in Madisonville.

Cain married Lurline Coil on February 18, 1922; the couple had one child, Frank Davis Cain, Jr., 1922-1994. After a prolonged illness, Cain died February 12, 1953 in a Nashville hospital. He is interred in the Grapevine Cemetery in Madisonville.

***THE COLLECTION***

This collection contains information about various groups and projects that Cain worked with including the Bituminous Coal Commission, the 1940 Census, and the Madisonville Selective Service Board. A collection highlight is a letter to Cain from Governor Ruby Laffoon thanking him for a Madisonville homecoming held in his honor.

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>CAIN, Frank Davis, Sr.</b>	<b>1917-1945</b>	<b>108 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and separation sheet	n.d.	2 items

Folder 2	Ruby Laffoon – Incoming letter regarding homecoming event	July 5, 1935	1 item
Folder 3	Bituminous Coal Commission – Correspondence and weekly coal reports	Sept. 4, 1935-1942	20 items
Folder 4	Correspondence, 1940 census, and miscellaneous personal items	Jan. 9, 1896-Sept. 18, 1952	16 items
Folder 5	Frank Davis Cain, Jr. – Papers concerning his potential U. S. Naval Academy appointment	Feb.- March 1941	6 items
Folder 6	Correspondence –Selective Service	1941-1942; n.d.	12 items
Folder 7	Manual – Selective Service	1942-1945	1 item
Folder 8	Photos – Photocopies of originals in Kentucky Library Photo Collection (Can be accessed by number)	n.d.	54 photos, 48p.
Folder 9 C1-D6,#9	Certificates – Selective Service, Madisonville Country Club and military appointment	1917-1940	7 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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Correspondence, reports and certificates of Madisonville engineer Cain. Includes information about Madisonville's Selective Service Board in World War II, the National Bituminous Coal Commission, and the 1940 Census.

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