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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 475 KINGTON, DONALD Mason, b. 1928**

½ box. 3 folders. 3 items. 1995. Typescript.

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***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Donald (“Don”) Mason Kington was born on 31 May 1928 in Madisonville, Hopkins County, Kentucky. After graduating from Madisonville High School in 1946, Kington attended the University of Louisville School of Music for two years. In 1948, he transferred to Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, where he received a bachelor’s degree in vocal music.

After serving as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War era, Kington returned to Madisonville and became owner/manager of a retail store. In 1961, as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, he was recalled to active duty and remained until retiring with the rank of colonel in 1978. He spent 14 years as an Army information officer, serving for one year in Vietnam as the information officer for the Fourth Infantry Division. His final military assignment was as Chief, Advertising and Public Affairs Division, Second ROTC Region, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

After retiring from the Army, Kington joined Bank of America in San Francisco as a Senior Public Relations Officer. He retired in 1992 after 14 years with the bank’s Corporate Communications department.

Kington is a former Accredited Public Relations member of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists of a typewritten draft, with corrections, of Donald Kington’s book *Forgotten Summers: The Story of the Citizens’ Military Training Camps, 1921-1940* (Folders 2 and 3). Published in 1995, the book chronicles the one-month-long Citizens’ Military Training Camps run every summer by the U.S. Army to give young volunteers the experience of soldiering. A biographical sketch of the author is in Folder 1.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Kington, Donald Mason</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>3 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory; biographical sketch		2 items
Folder 2	<i>Forgotten Summers: The Story of the Citizens' Military Training Camps, 1921-1940</i> – Draft	1995	1 item, 1a-138p.
Folder 3	<i>Forgotten Summers: The Story of the Citizens' Military Training Camps, 1921-1940</i> – Draft	1995	139-266p.

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