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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 446 SKAGGS Transfer, Incorporated – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

8 boxes. 65 folders. 3,005 items. 1954-1978.  
 Originals, photocopies, and photos.

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***ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY***

Skaggs Transfer, Incorporated, was a motor freight business located in Warren County, Kentucky, with home offices in Louisville, Kentucky. Its freight terminal was located on Russellville Road, right outside of Bowling Green. Most items in this collection were produced by Willett Douglas Kirkpatrick in his role as vice-president of the company at its location in Bowling Green. During the period of this collection, the company also had freight terminals in Columbia, Glasgow, Greensburg, Hopkinsville and Louisville. Kirkpatrick's correspondence is generally quite business-like, but occasionally he received letters addressed to "Skinny" and signed by "Chrome Dome".

Willett Douglas Kirkpatrick, known as "W. D." or "Doug", was born in Laurel, Mississippi in 1928. He came to the Bowling Green College of Commerce in the 1940s and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1951. He also attended the University of Tennessee for a Master of Science in Economics. Kirkpatrick began his work in freight transportation in 1950 when he took a position with Bowling Green Express. In 1959, he became the general traffic manager of Johnson Freight Lines Company in Nashville, Tennessee. The following year, he moved back to Bowling Green to become the vice-president of Skaggs Transfer, Inc., a position he held until 1971. Skaggs Transfer was purchased by Renner's Express in 1971 for \$800,000, and Kirkpatrick moved to Indianapolis to work for Renner's. In 1972, he came back to Bowling Green as the vice-president of Southern Forwarding Company. Kirkpatrick died in 1997.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection is chiefly composed of correspondence, financial papers, and business records generated by Willet Douglas Kirkpatrick in his work as vice-president of Skaggs Transfer, Incorporated from 1957-1972. Status reports on Kirkpatrick's work were sent to his co-owners of the company: Emmett A. Kaelin and Charles B. Schladand, thus letters and memos to EAK and CS refer to these co-owners of the business. Boxes 4 through 7 contain

material related to Interstate Commerce Commission applications and corollary material submitted by Skaggs Transfer for approval of new freight routes. Box 8 includes information about Renner's Express Company's negotiations and eventual purchase of Skaggs Transfer in 1971. Box 9 contains some material related to the Bowling Green-Warren County Chamber of Commerce as well as the local Civitan Club. Folder 6 contains photographs of the Skaggs Transfer facilities and one semi-truck.

### ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>1957-1966</b>	<b>650 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and related information		1 item
Folder 2	Willet Douglas Kirkpatrick – Personal material	1963-1975	14 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	1957-1959	37 items
Folder 4	Correspondence	1960	51 items
Folder 5	Correspondence	1961	55 items
Folder 6	Correspondence	1962	7 items
Folder 7	Correspondence	1963	86 items
Folder 8	Correspondence	1964	101 items
Folder 9	Correspondence	Jan.- May 1965	88 items
Folder 10	Correspondence	June-Dec. 1965	83 items
Folder 11	Correspondence	1966	127 items
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>1967-1976</b>	<b>458 items</b>
Folder 1	Correspondence	1967	107 items
Folder 2	Correspondence	1968	80 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	1969	108 items
Folder 4	Correspondence	1970	43 items
Folder 5	Correspondence	1971-1972	37 items

Folder 6	Correspondence (non-Skaggs Transfer related)	1973-1976	73 items
Folder 6	Correspondence	n.d.	10 items
<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Financial records</b>	<b>1960-1971</b>	<b>176 items</b>
Folder 1	Financial statements	1960-1964	42 items
Folder 2	Financial statements	1965-1968	42 items
Folder 3	Financial statements	1968-1971	37 items
Folder 4	Claim reports	1966-1970	11 items
Folder 5	Expense reports	1964-1970	20 items
Folder 6	Cost reports	1963-1971	15 items
Folder 7	Equipment list	1962-1965	3 items
Folder 8	Accident reports	1960	6 items
<b>BOX 4</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>1955-1970</b>	<b>541 items</b>
Folder 1	Memphis application	1955-1968	104 items
Folder 2	Memphis application	1967-1970	152 items
Folder 3	Franklin application	1962-1965	24 items
Folder 4	Evansville-Nashville application	1965-1970	164 items
Folder 5	Evansville-Nashville application	1968-1969	67 items
Folder 7	Temporary authority – Franklin	1964	14 items
Folder 8	Skaggs Transfer purchases from Majors	1968	16 items
<b>BOX 5</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>1966-1972</b>	<b>267 items</b>
Folder 1	Adairville application	1969-1970	18 items

Folder 2	Cadiz application	1965	12 items
Folder 3	Evansville-Hopkinsville application	1966-1968	59 items
Folder 4	Mammoth Cave area application material	1964-1965	12 items
Folder 5	Memphis application	1969	43 items
Folder 6	Memphis application	Jan.-May 1970	60 items
Folder 7	Memphis application	Jun.-Dec. 1970	26 items
Folder 8	Memphis application	1971-1972	37 items
<b>BOX 6</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>1963-1971</b>	<b>346 items</b>
Folder 1	Cave Area application	1963-1968	74 items
Folder 2	Elkton application	1965-1971	42 items
Folder 3	Ford Motor Plant – Louisville application	1968-1969	39 items
Folder 4	Franklin application	1964-1969	30 items
Folder 5	Munfordville intrastate application	1964-1966	35 items
Folder 6	Princeton application	1963-1966	84 items
Folder 7	Scottsville application	1964-1966	42 items
<b>BOX 7</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>1955-1970</b>	<b>211 items</b>
Folder 1	Western Kentucky application	1955-1966	93 items
Folder 2	Western Kentucky application	1967-1968	58 items
Folder 3	Western Kentucky application	1968-1970	45 items
Folder 4	Western Kentucky application	n.d.	15 items

<b>BOX 8</b>	<b>Renner Express – Purchase material</b>	<b>1962-1971</b>	<b>154 items</b>
Folder 1	Renner Purchase	1962-1969	38 items
Folder 2	Renner Purchase	1970	69 items
Folder 3	Renner Purchase	1971	47 items
<b>BOX 9</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>1954-1978</b>	<b>202 items</b>
Folder 1	Open House: Skaggs Transfer	1963	10 items
Folder 2	Traffic leads	1972-1973	10 items
Folder 3	Newspaper clippings and certificates	1964-1978	18 items
Folder 4	Christmas list	1961-1970	14 items
Folder 5	Miscellaneous	1954-1975	35 items
Folder 6	Miscellaneous photographs	1966	5 items
Folder 7	American Society of Traffic – Correspondence and pamphlets	1961-1970	24 items
Folder 8	Civitian Club – Bowling Green	1960-1962	3 items
Folder 9	Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce	1961-1965	56 items
Folder 10	Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce	1965-1971	27 items

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

MSS SKAGGS Transfer, Incorporated – Bowling Green, 1954-1978  
446 Kentucky

Correspondence, financial records, applications for new freight routes, and other papers generated chiefly by Willet Douglas Kirkpatrick in his position as vice-president of Skaggs Transfer, a motor-based freight transfer company located in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Includes information about Renner Express Company's negotiations and eventual purchase of Skaggs Transfer in 1971.

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