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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 760 EDMONSON County, Kentucky – Records**

4 boxes. 15 folders. 204 items. 1786-1934. Originals, typescripts.

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**COLLECTION NOTE**

Edmonson County, Kentucky was established on 12 January 1825 out of land taken from Grayson, Hart, and Warren counties. This collection contains primarily nineteenth-century records of the county, especially the county court. Of particular interest are: the county court order book that begins in the year of the county's creation; militia lists; and early deed lists. Also included is genealogical and historical data on two pioneer families, particularly the Houchin family, gathered by an unknown collector. An inventory is in Box 1, Folder 1.

Box 1, Folders 2-3 contain typed copies of certain land grants issued in Warren and Edmonson counties between 1786-1908. These copies are arranged alphabetically by grantee and include details of the grant and the Kentucky Land Office registration particulars.

Box 1, Folder 4 contains the County Court Order Book from May 1825 to February 1831. Of interest are orders establishing the town of Brownsville on 100 acres of land in the county (pp. 4-5), and adopting a town plan (pp. 36-37). Entries cover various other matters of county administration such as the appointment of constables, justices of the peace, road viewers and surveyors, tax commissioners, election officials, guardians, estate administrators and appraisers, and captains of slave patrols. Also appointed are commissioners for special tasks such as building a courthouse, jail, warehouse and stray pen; selling lots in the town of Brownsville; and dividing lands allotted to the county for a seminary of learning. The court issues orders to authorize payment for services to the county; to bind disadvantaged individuals in service to a trade or occupation; and to permit individuals to perform marriages, operate a ferry or tavern, or practice as an attorney. Also included are reports of fines and records of appeal judgements rendered by the court. (Note: page numbers for this book in the subject analytics below refer to the numbers added in pencil at the upper corners of the pages, not the original page numbering.)

Box 2, Folder 1 contains lists of deeds recorded in the county from 1831-1847. Included is the date of the deed, the parties, the acreage, the related watercourse, and the recipients of the land entry and patent. An entry on the first page records a deed dated 2 October 1829 (or 1830) from "Abraham Lincoln" to Thomas Ray of 100 acres on the Green River, and a deed dated 27 September 1829 (or 1830) from the Grayson County sheriff to "Abraham Lincoln" for 1000 acres on the Green River. Also recorded in this book are descriptions of the boundaries of

the common school districts of the county for 1856-1877, and of colored school districts for 1874.

Box 2, Folder 2 covers the years 1838-1858 and contains a register of receipts to individuals desiring to obtain warrants for vacant lands in the county, along with instructions to the county surveyor to prepare metes and bounds surveys for such lands. Loose items from the book are contained in Folder 3.

Box 2, Folder 4 contains a book recording fees collected from 1847-1855 for various matters such as filing lawsuits, recording deeds, issuing licenses, and granting orders for land warrants, probate, guardianships, etc. A name index is in the front of the book. Loose items from the book (Folder 5) include summons and miscellaneous court documents. A handwritten sheet of notes from 1878 appears to reference medical examination questions.

Box 3, Folder 1 contains a register of enrolled militia members for the county covering the years 1861, 1863, and 1867-1874. Also included in the book are records of fees collected from 1897-1901 for various matters such as recording deeds, issuing orders, and granting licenses; entries for fees to grant a marriage license are accompanied by the name of the applicant. A handwritten narrative about Daniel Boone appears on p. 238.

Box 3, Folder 2 contains additional lists of enrolled militia members for 1868.

Box 3, Folder 3 contains narrative and genealogical material on the Houchin family, one of the pioneer families of the area. While hunting a bear in 1807, John "Johnny Dick" Houchin was reputed to have stumbled across the entrance to Mammoth Cave.

Box 3, Folder 4 contains a biographical sketch of Reuben Vincent, another early settler.

Box 4, Folder 1 contains a book recording fees collected from 1844-1856 for various matters such as recording deeds, granting orders, issuing licenses, etc. Loose items from the book (Folder 4) include name indexes for 1845, 1846 and 1849.

### ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Edmonson County Records</b>	<b>1786-1908</b>	<b>150 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Land grants – Allen-Doddy	1786-1908	67 items
Folder 3	Land grants – Doyle-Wilkins	1786-1908	81 items
Folder 4	County Court Order Book	1825-1831	1 item
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Edmonson County Records</b>	<b>1831-1874</b>	<b>13 items</b>
Folder 1	Memorials of Deeds recorded 1831-1847; Common school districts, 1856-1877; Colored school districts, 1874	1831-1874	1 item
Folder 2	Land Warrants Book	1838-1858	1 item

Folder 3	Land Warrants Book – Loose items	184?-1853	2 items
Folder 4	Fee Book	1847-1855	1 item
Folder 5	Fee Book – Loose items	1855-1858, n.d.	8 items
<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Edmonson County Records</b>	<b>1861-1934</b>	<b>36 items</b>
Folder 1	Militia Rolls, 1861, 1863, 1868-1874; Fees 1897-1901	1861-1901	1 item
Folder 2	Militia Rolls	1868	9 items
Folder 3	Houchin family data	1932-1934, n.d.	25 items
Folder 4	Reuben Vincent	n.d.	1 item
<b>BOX 4</b>	<b>Edmonson County Records</b>	<b>1844-1856</b>	<b>5 items</b>
Folder 1	Fee Book	1844-1856	1 item
Folder 2	Fee Book – Loose items	1845-1849	4 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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Records

Primarily nineteenth-century records of Edmonson County, Kentucky, particularly the county court. Includes the county court order book beginning in 1825, the year of the county's creation, militia lists, deed lists, and fee books. Also includes genealogical and historical data on the Houchin family.

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### **SEE or SEE ALSO**

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