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

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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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