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Mammoth Cave Hotel - Registers, 1858-1860, 2008 (MSS 509)

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Mammoth Cave Hotel was built in 1835 in response to the popularity of Mammoth Cave as a tourist destination in Edmonson County, Kentucky. The hotel housed visitors from around the world, including Great Britain, France, Germany, India, Peru, and Canada. Within the United States, visitors came from every state. Dr. John Croghan, owner of the cave at this time, gave James Miller control of the hotel after its completion. Martin Charlet became manager of the hotel and cave in 1916. The hotel suffered from several fires, first in 1916, and another in 1919. By 1925, a new Mammoth Cave Hotel building was completed. In 1930, an addition was built. Cottages were then constructed, expanding the hotel experience. By 1942, the hotel had been completely modernized. In addition, a coffee shop, picnic area, tennis courts and other visitor facilities were added. A new Mammoth Cave Hotel was built in 1965; the 1925-era hotel was finally razed in 1979 after a vociferous effort to preserve the building failed.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of typescripts of the original Mammoth Cave Hotel Registers owned by the Department of Library Special Collections and found in Manuscripts Collection 66 (MSS 66). The work was done by Charles Swedlund of Cobden, Illinois. After entering the data, he printed one copy sorted by date and one copy sorted alphabetically by guest name. A compact disc containing the original Microsoft Access database is also included.

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