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**Edwin Scott Foote b. 1935
Papers, 1947-1997.**

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Bibliographical Note

Edwin Scott Foote was born in Kentucky and educated at Western Kentucky University. His first distillery job was with Seagram where he worked at several of their Kentucky distilleries including the McKenna Distillery in Fairfield, Ky. and the Louisville, Ky. Calvert Distillery on 7th Street Road. He retired from Seagram and then took the job as Master Distiller at the Old Fitzgerald Distillery (Formerly known as Stitzel-Weller) in 1984. He worked as the Master Distiller from that time until they closed the Distillery in 1992. During that time the company had been consolidated with first Schenley and then Glenmore Distilling companies as United Distillers acquired a larger share of the bourbon industry. He became the first Master Distiller at the remodeled Bernheim Distillery in Louisville in 1992. He retired from United Distillers in 1997.

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Scope and Content Note

A collection of training manuals, history files, union contracts and office communications collected by Foote while he was employed as a distiller for first Seagram and then Stitzel-Weller distilleries. The journals are from the Stitzel-Weller distillery and start from when Foote was hired in 1984 and end when the distillery was closed in 1992. History files include photocopies of many old newspaper articles and pamphlets dealing with the distillery industry. Training manuals explain in detail the distilling process and include manuals from bourbon distilleries, scotch whisky distilleries and a tequila distillery.

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- Folder 8: Independent Distillery Workers Contract – Stitzel-Weller 1965.
- Folder 9: Independent Distillery Workers Contract – Stitzel-Weller 1966.
- Folder 10: Independent Distillery Workers Contract – Stitzel-Weller 1968.
- Folder 11: Independent Distillery Workers Contract – Old Fitzgerald Distillery, Inc. 1974.
- Folder 12: United Paperworkers International Union Contract – Old Fitzgerald Distillery, Inc. 1977.
- Folder 13: United Paperworkers International Union Contract – Old Fitzgerald Distillery, Inc. 1980.
- Folder 14: Distillery, Rectifying, Wine and Allied Workers Contract – Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc. 1978.
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- Folder 20: Distillery Log Book 1982-1984.
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- Folder 26: Equipment & Procedures, Wine Room, Rotary Dryers, Evaporators, Glossary.
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