The Filson Historical Society

George Rogers Clark Memorial Movement Records, 1941-1942

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Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, publications, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous materials related to the efforts of the George Rogers Clark Memorial Movement to raise money for the construction of a Clark monument in Kentucky. Collection is mainly correspondence to and from educators, politicians, newspaper editors and other prominent Kentuckians. Includes information on the Filson Club's role in the movement and especially the involvement of Hambleton Tapp who was the chairman of the Memorial Movement.

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Historical Note

The George Rogers Clark Memorial Movement, led by Hambleton Tapp and based at the Filson Club, worked to raise \$100,000 to erect a monument to Clark somewhere in Kentucky. Most of the group's efforts began in earnest in September 1941 and planned to finish on November 19, Clark's Birthday. The collection ends in early 1942. The group did not reach its goal, raising less than \$20,000. In the 1950s, it merged with the George Rogers Clark Memorial Foundation and constructed the shelter now at George Rogers Clark Park.

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Mellon Survey

George Rogers Clark Memorial Movement (1940 – 1942)

Approximately 2.5 Cubic Feet

Title/Ownership:

• Excellent – No restriction as to access or use.

Category 1: Subject Content Interest

- Rating: 3
- The collection seems to contain a large amount of information on Clark, the attempts to memorialize Clark in the 1940s, and the Filson Club's close association with the memorialization movement.

Category 2: Subject Quality of Documentation

- Rating: 5
- Extensive information on the movement to raise money for a Clark memorial in Kentucky. Provides information on those involved in movement and the techniques it used to achieve its goal.

Category 3: Physical Arrangement

- Rating: 3
- Some of the collection, particularly the correspondence, was in the original order and most of the collection had been foldered. Some of the collection was loose and a lot of it needed to be arranged.

Category 4: Physical Condition

- Rating: 3
- Most of the collection was in good shape except for those items covered with what appears to be coal dust.

Category 5: Related Materials

- Rating: 3
- This collection adds to The Filson's collections relating to George Rogers Clark, the Filson Club, and Louisville in the mid-twentieth century.