

The Filson Historical Society

**Hamilton Family
Papers, 1841-1978**

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Size of Collection:

.33 cubic feet

Location Number:

Mss./A/H222

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Scope and Content Note

Hamilton collection contains business correspondence, 1841-1978, a family scrapbook, several miscellaneous items, and an unbound copy of the World War Two picture magazine, *Experience in Battle*. Correspondence consists of legal, insurance, receipt, order, transportation, and grain trade documents. Loose scrapbook includes newspaper clippings of family births, deaths, and marriages, as well as military paraphernalia. Family patriarch James Clay Hamilton, 1838-1925, was a regionally prominent businessman from Uniontown, Kentucky.

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Biographical Note

Family patriarch James Clay Hamilton, 1838-1925, was a regionally prominent wharf boat proprietor, grain dealer, and insurance salesman from Uniontown, Kentucky, whose associates included businessmen from Morganfield, Paducah, Evansville, Tell City, and Louisville. His correspondence consists of legal, insurance, receipt, order, transportation, and grain trade documents. The Hamilton family was connected to several notable persons via marriage and business. A loose scrapbook includes newspaper clippings of family births, deaths, and marriages, as well as military paraphernalia. It also contains *Union County (Ky.) Advocate* articles on Hamilton family members Col. J.D. Givens, Major J.C. Hamilton, and Tech Sgt. William Lyle Hamilton, who was killed over Germany in a 1943 bombing mission.

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Folder List

Folder 1: Business Correspondence

Folder 2: Business Correspondence

Folder 3: *Experience in Battle* Magazine

Folder 4: Miscellaneous

Folder 5: Scrapbook

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Subject Headings

Grain trade – Ohio River Valley
Hamilton family
Hamilton, James Clay, 1838-1925
Union County (Ky.) – Commerce
World War, 1939-1945