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**John W. McTighe, 1949-2005
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Biographical Note

John William McTighe was born on July 27, 1949 in Louisville, Kentucky. He attended Brescia College in Owensboro, Kentucky, where he received a Bachelor of Science in history in May of 1972. In 1977, McTighe began working as an Assembler at the Ford Assembly Plant in Louisville, Kentucky. While employed with Ford, he became involved in the local union and served as a UAW (Local 862) committeeperson. In August of 1990, he received a Master's degree from the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Louisville. His thesis for this degree, *The Barefoot Boy on the Parkway: A History of the Local Union*, was published in 1991. McTighe received a second Master's degree from the Department of Sociology at the University of Louisville in 1995, and completed a Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Western Michigan in 2002. His dissertation was entitled, *The Origin and Development of a Systemic Growth Regime in Louisville, Kentucky, 1848-1933*. McTighe died of a heart attack on December 1, 2005.

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Scope and Content Note

John W. McTighe gathered the materials in this collection while completing his dissertation, *Economic Development and Social Diversity: The Origin and Composition of a Systemic Growth Regime in Louisville, Kentucky, 1897-1933*. This collection contains copies of newspaper, journal, and magazine articles along with excerpts from theses and dissertations related to Louisville history and economic concerns. The papers also include copies of city directories, membership registers for Louisville clubs, and McTighe's own list of Louisville "elites." In addition, a manuscript copy of McTighe's thesis for the University of Louisville Department of Sociology and his miscellaneous research notes are contained in this collection. A bound copy of his dissertation can be found in The Filson Historical Society Library.

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Folder 56: Thesis - Metcalf, George P. "The Fusion Movement in Louisville, 1905-1907," August 1969.
Folder 57: Thesis - O'Brien, Mary Lawrence, "A Study of the Effects of Urbanization on the Institution of Slavery as it Existed in Louisville, Kentucky," 1979.
Folder 58: Thesis - Sullivan, James P. "Civic and Business Advancement in Louisville's Rioting Decade, 1850-1860," 1958.
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