

The Filson Historical Society
The Papers of Otto Arthur Rothert

The papers of Otto Arthur Rothert, author of Louisville, Kentucky.

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Size of Collection

1 cubic foot

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Biographical Note

- 1871 Born in Huntinburg, Indiana.
- 1889 Moved to Louisville with his family.
- 1892 Graduated from the University of Notre Dame.
- 1913 His work *History of Muhlenburg County* was published.
- 1917-
1945 Served as secretary of the Filson Club.
- 1921 *The Story of a Poet: Madison Cawein.*
- 1924 *The Outlaws of Cave-In-Rock.*
- 1928 Began editing the *Filson Club History Quarterly.*
- 1956 Died in Greenville, Ky. and was buried in Huntinburg, Ind.

Scope and Content Note

Material consists of letters to Rothert congratulating him upon the publication of his *History of Muhlenburg County, Kentucky* and *The Outlaws of Cave-In-Rock*; copies of letters from Rothert to individuals and institutions requesting information about Mike Fink and the flatboat men, Samuel Mason, the Harpe brothers and other outlaws, and the history of Cave-In-Rock, Ill.; miscellaneous notes, clippings, and pictures; and copies of books and documents. Correspondents include Young E. Allison, J. Christian Bay, Irvin S. Cobb, and Charles Martel.

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A Otto Arthur Rothert
R846 Papers. 1908-1927.

Box 1

- fl. 1 Correspondence, 1908 Jan.-Nov. 15.
- fl. 2 Correspondence, 1915 Nov. 17-Dec. 30.
- fl. 3 Correspondence, 1916 Jan.-Mar.
- fl. 4 Correspondence, 1916 Apr.-May.
- fl. 5 Correspondence, 1916 June.
- fl. 6 Correspondence, 1916 July-Aug.
- fl. 7 Correspondence, 1916 Sept.
- fl. 8 Correspondence, 1916 Oct.-Nov.
- fl. 9 Correspondence, 1916 Dec.
- fl. 10 Correspondence, 1917 Jan.-Feb.
- fl. 11 Correspondence, 1917 Mar.
- fl. 12 Correspondence, 1917 Apr.-May.
- fl. 13 Correspondence, 1917 June-July.
- fl. 14 Correspondence, 1917 Aug.-Sept.
- fl. 15 Correspondence, 1917 Oct. 1-15.
- fl. 16 Correspondence, 1917 Oct. 17-31.
- fl. 17 Correspondence, 1917 Nov.

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- fl. 18 Correspondence, 1917 Dec.
- fl. 19 Correspondence, 1918 Jan.-Mar.
- fl. 20 Correspondence, 1918 Apr.-Dec.
- fl. 21 Correspondence, 1919-1920.
- fl. 22 Correspondence, 1921 May-June 15.
- fl. 23 Correspondence, 1921 June 16-30.
- fl. 24 Correspondence, 1921 July 1-10.
- fl. 25 Correspondence, 1921 July 11-26.
- fl. 26 Correspondence, 1921 Aug.-Dec.
- fl. 27 Correspondence, 1922 Mar.-1924 Feb.
- fl. 28 Correspondence, 1924 Mar.-1931 Oct.
- fl. 29 "The Outlaw."
Chapter from Banvard's Mississippi River.
- fl. 30 Mike Fink, a legend of Cave-in-Rock (scenario by Rothert). Two copies.
- fl. 31 Miscellaneous material.
- pkg. 32 Material pertaining to Cave-in-Rock: copies of documents, chapters of books and

maps; also pictures and notes.