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Frank Barton Thompson**

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Biographical Note

Frank Barton Thompson was born in Anchorage, Ky., on July 4, 1895. He graduated from Male High School and the University of Michigan, where he studied engineering. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War I. In 1923, Thompson became president of the Glenmore Distilleries, a company which his father had founded. When his National Guard commission was not activated following the attack at Pearl Harbor, Thompson enlisted in the Army as a private. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel, becoming a battalion commander in the 158th Regimental Combat Team. He left the distillery in 1974. He was married to Ida Maney Webb in 1925, they had four children. Thompson died in Louisville in 1990.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence relating to genealogical research on various family lines by Thompson. The material is arranged in four divisions: (1) the Orr family, (2) the Thompson family, (3) miscellaneous, and (4) biographical sketches. Most of the information consists of copies of public and private records; photographs; extracts of directories, census, Bible and church records; and family mementos. Included is data on some of Louisville's and Kentucky's most prominent families and the distillery business.

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