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**Ronald Reginald Van Stockum, 1916-  
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### **Biographical Note**

Ronald Reginald Van Stockum was born seven days after his father, Sergeant Reginald Barcham, was killed in the battle of the Somme in 1916. His mother, Florence Barcham, born in England and then living in France, moved to the United States and married again to A. William Van Stockum, who adopted the young man. Van Stockum grew up on the west coast and graduated from the ROTC program at the University of Washington in 1937. From there he attended the Officers School at the Marine Barracks at the Naval Yards in Philadelphia.

He began his career in the Marines as a Lieutenant on the *USS Tennessee*. He made his first trip through the Panama Canal with that ship and was part of the crew that showed the flag at the 1939 World's Fair in New York. He was later transferred to the *USS Wasp* and was part of the North Atlantic fleet protecting convoys in U.S. waters before the U.S. engagement in World War II. When the U.S. entered the war, Van Stockum had been promoted to Captain and was still aboard the *Wasp*. He served on the ship as it made two runs into the Mediterranean Sea to deliver Spitfire fighters to Malta in 1942.

Van Stockum left the *Wasp* before it was sunk by a Japanese torpedo. He trained in New Zealand and then was part of the invasions of Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima. By the end of the war he was promoted to Colonel and had received several medals including a Bronze Star. After the war he was involved with training and recruiting for the Marines before being sent to Japan in the early 1950s.

After his time in Japan, he was involved in an exercise in Thule, Greenland and was later part of the Army's Arctic Training School. He then was sent to the Canadian Defense College and after assigned to Camp Lejeune, N.C. While at Camp Lejeune he found himself serving as the aggressor "Colonel-General" in a war game, and then as Chief of Staff at the base. His promotion to Brigadier General ended his stay at Camp Lejeune.

His promotion placed Van Stockum with the Marine Reserves in the Pennsylvania/Ohio area traveling on inspection tours of the various units. This lasted until his transfer to Okinawa, Japan in 1966-1967. While on Okinawa, he made several trips through the region, visiting Japan, South Korea and the Republic of Vietnam. He was involved in logistics and transport of people to and from Vietnam. After leaving Okinawa he served as the Marine Representative on the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals. He served on the board until his retirement in 1969.

After retirement from the United States Marine Corps, Van Stockum moved to his wife's family farm in Shelby County, Kentucky. He worked at the University of Louisville as an administrative officer, including time as the Assistant Dean of Administration of the School of Medicine, until he retired from the civilian workforce. He also served on Louisville's Armed Forces Commission. After his civilian retirement, he served as President of the Filson Club and later as its temporary director. Van Stockum also authored two books on Shelby County and Kentucky history.

Van Stockum married Susanne Meriwether Henning de Charette (12 April 1915-20 May 2000); they had three children, Michele Herzog, Ronald Reginald Jr., and Charles Anthony.

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**Scope and Content Note**

Papers dealing with Van Stockum's writing career after his retirement from the United States Marine Corps in 1969. The collection includes photocopies of research materials, drafts of his books, and some original material Van Stockum consulted while writing *Squire Boone and Nicholas Meriwether: Kentucky Pioneers* and *Kentucky and the Bourbons: The True Story of Allen Dale Farm*. Original material in the collection chiefly consists of correspondence related to Allen Dale Farm in Shelby County, Kentucky, Susanne Henning, and Van Stockum's efforts to publish his books. Research materials primarily concern Squire Boone (brother of Daniel Boone), Nicholas Meriwether (cousin of Meriwether Lewis and early Kentucky settler), and Allen Dale Farm in Shelby County, Kentucky. Material related to Van Stockum's publication of these books is also included.

A photo album was separated to The Filson's Photograph Collection (accession number 013PC36).

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***Kentucky and the Bourbons: The True Story of Allen Dale Farm Materials***

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**Added Entries**

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Allen, Robert Polk, 1767-1834.  
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Boone, Daniel, 1734-1820.  
Boone, Joy Bale.  
Boone, Squire, 1744-1815.  
Boone family.  
Cattle – Kentucky – Shelby County.  
Caudill, Anne Frye.  
Clark, Thomas Dionysius, 1903-2005.  
Dairy farms – Kentucky – Shelby County.  
Foot-and-mouth disease – Kentucky – Shelby County.  
Henning, Susan Thornton, 1865-1933.  
Henning family.  
Jersey cattle – Kentucky – Shelby County.  
Land grants – Kentucky – History – Sources.  
Meriwether, Lee, 1862-1966.  
Meriwether, Nicholas, 1749-1828.  
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Meriwether Society.  
Pioneers – Kentucky – History – Sources.  
Poets, American – Kentucky.  
Shannon, William.  
Shelby County (Ky.)  
Van Stockum, Susanne Meriwether de Charette, 1915-2000.