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**Collection Title:** Steve Hamilton Collection

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**Date Span:** 1940s to 2008

**Size of Collection:** 7.0 linear feet.

**Number of Boxes:** 2 letter sized document cases; 2 half sized document cases; 2 25x19x2 in. boxes; 1 12x10x3 in. box; 1 record center box.

**Type of Material:** Photographs, newspapers, correspondence, magazines, photographic slides, audio cassettes, CDs, ephemera, memorabilia, and artifacts.

**Condition of Material:** Good

**Arrangement:** Organized by format of material; Chronological arrangement.

**Biographical / Historical Information:** Steven Absher Hamilton was born on November 30, 1934 in Columbia, Kentucky to James and Ruby (Absher) Hamilton. During his youth, his family moved to Charlestown, Indiana where he graduated from high school in 1952. Hamilton attended Morehead State College, presently Morehead State University, from 1953 to 1958 during which time he played for the baseball, basketball, and track teams. In basketball he was All-Ohio Valley Conference in the 1955 and 1957 seasons and All-American in 1957. In 1958, Hamilton began his National Basketball Association career when was drafted and played with the Minneapolis/Los Angeles Lakers in the 1958 and 1959 seasons. Following his brief NBA career, Hamilton began a twelve year baseball career for five teams: the Cleveland Indians, 1961; Washington Senators, 1962-1963; New York Yankees, 1963-1970; Chicago White Sox, 1970; San Francisco Giants, 1971; Chicago Cubs, 1972. Hamilton played 421 games with a win-loss record of 40 and 31, and developed a slow speed, high pitch known as the "folly-floater." In 1973, Hamilton worked as a scout for the New York Yankees and in 1975 as a pitching coach for the Detroit Tigers. He returned to MSU in 1976 as the university's head baseball coach where he was named OVC coach of the year five times. In 1988, Hamilton became MSU's athletic director. He was inducted into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985, the OVC Hall of Fame in

1991, and the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. Hamilton died on December 2, 1997 after a long battle with colon cancer.

**Scope and Content:** Collection consists of photographic images of Steve Hamilton's personal life, academic, professional and sports careers. The collection also includes newspaper issues and clippings that highlighted Hamilton's sports career, correspondence, audio cassettes and CDs featuring interviews, photographic slides, scrap books, memorabilia and ephemera.

**Subject Headings / Descriptors:**

Hamilton, Steven Absher, 1934-1997.

Morehead State University – History.

Morehead State University – Baseball.

Morehead State University – Basketball.

Baseball players – United States.

**Notes:**