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Collection Title: Robert M. Rennick Kentucky Place Name Collection

Manuscript Series Number: MS044-2008

Date Received: 2008; Exact date not documented.

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Date Span: ca. 1970-2010

Size of Collection: 4.5 linear feet 6 map cabinet case drawers.

Number of Boxes: 5 letter size document cases; 1 letter half size document case; 12 3x5 card cases; 10 over sized boxes; 1 record center box; over 700 7.5 minute United States Geological Survey maps.

Type of Material: Manuscripts, note cards, audio tapes, maps and ephemera.

Condition of Material: Good.

Arrangement: Organized by format of material; Arranged alphabetically by name of county.

Biographical / Historical Information: Robert M. Rennick was an authority on Kentucky place names and post offices. He wrote a number of books, including *Kentucky Place Names* and *From Red Hot to Monkey's Eyebrow: Unusual Kentucky Place Names*, as well as a series of newspaper and journal articles on post offices in various regions of the state. Rennick was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 28, 1932. He taught at a number of colleges and universities before moving to Kentucky in 1970, when he took a position at Prestonsburg Community College. He was also employed by the Kentucky Division of Licensing and Regulations from 1972 until his retirement in 1997. He later served as a consultant in cooperation with Morehead State University on a project to add names to the federal Geographical Names Information System database. Rennick died on April 8, 2010 and buried at Gethsemane Gardens in Prestonsburg.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of maps, oral histories, manuscripts and note cards on Kentucky place names produced by Robert M. Rennick of Prestonsburg, Kentucky from the early 1970s to 2010. There are over 33,000 note cards and manuscripts that contain brief histories and information on the origins of community names, over 150 oral history recordings of county historians and genealogists and several 100 topographical maps with handwritten notes.

Included in the collection are microfilm reels related to Kentucky post offices, subject files and ephemera.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Rennick, Robert M., 1932-2010.

Names, Geographical -- Kentucky.

Kentucky -- History, Local.

Names, Geographical.

Notes: See http://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/robert_rennick_collection/ for digital collections related to the Robert M. Rennick Kentucky Place Name Collection.