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**Collection Title:** Byron Wentz Papers

**Manuscript Series Number:** MS072-2020

**Date Received:** No date donation registered.

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**Date Listed:** August 25, 2020

**Date Span:** 1949-1966 (bulk, 1965-1966)

**Size of Collection:** 0.5 linear feet.

**Number of Boxes:** 1 letter size document case.

**Type of Material:** Correspondence, newspaper clippings and ephemera.

**Condition of Material:** Good

**Arrangement:** Organized alphabetically by subject of file folder; Chronological arrangement.

**Biographical / Historical Information:** Byron Emerson Wentz was an optometrist from Morehead, Kentucky from 1957 to 1992. He was born in Kenton, Ohio on April 12, 1924 and attended local public schools until he joined the United States Army in 1943. During the Second World War he served as a bomber pilot in Europe. After the war, he attended Stockton Junior College and later Pacific University where he earned bachelor's degree in Biology and a doctorate in Optometry. After graduation, he relocated to Mount Sterling where he worked as an optometrist from 1953 to 1957. Dr. Wentz was the first optometrist in Kentucky to possess a Doctor of Optometry degree. He was very active in the community of Morehead and led the movement to improve water quality and initiate the construction of a water plant for the city and county. He died on September 25, 2009 and is buried at Lee Cemetery in Morehead.

**Scope and Content:** Collection consists of correspondence received and written by Byron Wentz related to City of Morehead water supply and the need for a new water plant in Rowan County, Kentucky from 1965 and 1966. The collection contains transcripts of newspaper articles, news clippings, personal notes, radio announcement scripts, petitions, ordinances, legislation and ephemera associated with county's water supply and the Economic Development Administration. Also included are documents on the establishment of the Morehead Development Association, transcripts of contracts between Morehead State and the City of

Morehead, newspaper clippings of the Adron Doran's speeding ticket controversy and a brief history of the First Christian Church and the creation of the Morehead Normal School.

**Subject Headings / Descriptors:**

Wentz, Byron Emerson, 1924-2009.

Doran, Adron, 1901-2001.

First Christian Church (Morehead, Ky.) – History.

Morehead Normal School – History.

Morehead (Ky.) – History.

Rowan County (Ky.) – History.

Water quality – Kentucky – Morehead.

Water quality – Kentucky – Rowan County.

Water-supply – Kentucky – Morehead.

Water supply – Kentucky – Rowan County.

**Notes:** Duplicates and triplicates of documents found in the collection were removed and recycled.