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Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS-7

COLLECTION TITLE: Coffman Family Papers

DATES: 1918-1961

SIZE: .20cf [6 folders, including one oversized folder]

DONOR: Estate of Mona L. Coffman, c/o Nancy R. Moyers, Administrator

PROCESSED: January 2004, Tracy Harter

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Floyd Wilmer Coffman, the son of Edwin E. and Columbia Stover Coffman, was born in Elkton, Virginia, on September 14, 1889. On August 17, 1918 he joined the U. S. Army as a sergeant, serving as an aerial photographer. He was promoted to Sergeant First Class on August 1, 1919, while aboard the U.S.S. Pocahontas. Nine days later he received an honorable discharge at Camp Lee, Virginia. In the 1930s, he was Vice Commander of the American Legion, Department of Virginia. On November 19, 1941, he married Mona Lucille Lyon (July 28, 1907-Feb. 27, 2001). Mr. Coffman died on July 1, 1961.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection consists of military papers, genealogical notes, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other material relating to the Coffman, Stover, Conrad, and allied families. Military papers consist of Floyd Wilmer Coffman's appointment and discharge papers with the U.S. Army between 1918-1919. Correspondence and genealogical notes pertain to the Coffman [Kauffman], Stover, and Conrad families, especially Coffman's grandfathers, William C. Coffman and David H. Stover, both of whom were Confederate veterans. The United Daughters of the Confederacy's Cross of Military Service, housed with other oversized items, commemorates these veterans' military service as well as Floyd Coffman's U.S. Army service and contains photographs of each of the men. Newspaper clippings are primarily obituaries of various Coffman/Kauffman and Stover family members, dating from 1934-1961, including Catherine Leedy Smith (1934), John W. Stover (undated), Lena Stover Hensley (1961), Philip M. Kauffman (undated), as well as feature stories mentioning the Stover family (1955 and 1960). Other material contained in the collection includes a photograph of Floyd Wilmer Coffman, 1918, in his military uniform, and a print of the Conrad family seal.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Folder 1:	Military Papers, 1918-1919
Folder 2:	Correspondence, 1930-1956
Folder 3:	Genealogical Notes, n.d.
Folder 4:	Newspaper Clippings, n.d., and 1934-1961
Folder 5:	Photographs and Prints, c. 1918
Folder 6:	United Daughters of the Confederacy, Cross of Military Service, 1932