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Collection Title: Lavinia Espy Morehead Scrapbook & Portrait

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Date Received: March 24, 2015

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Date Span: ca. 1840-ca. 1915

Size of Collection: 3 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 2 oversized boxes.

Type of Material: Correspondence, scrapbook and painting.

Condition of Material: Fair with foxing and fading due to aging and improper storage.

Arrangement: Arranged by format of material

Biographical / Historical Information: The city of Morehead, Kentucky was named after the 12th governor of Kentucky James Turner Morehead in 1854. He was born on May 24, 1797 near Shepherdsville, Kentucky in Bullitt County. He attended Transylvania University from 1813 to 1815 and later studied law under John J. Crittenden. He was admitted to the bar in 1818 and practiced law at Bowling Green. He was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives representing Warren County in 1828. He was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1831 and when Governor John Breathitt died Morehead was sworn in as governor on February 22, 1834. After serving as governor, he returned to his law practice. He was reelected to the State legislature in 1837 and served until 1838. In 1841, he was appointed to the United States Senate where he served until 1847. After his time in Congress, he continued to practice law in Covington, Kentucky until his death. He is interred in the Frankfort Cemetery. Lavinia Espy Morehead was the wife of James T. Morehead. They married in Columbus, Ohio in 1839. She was born in Bedford, Pennsylvania on February 7, 1818 and died on July 14, 1900 at Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of a scrapbook containing correspondence, memorabilia and ephemera from the 1840s to the 1910s. Scrapbook contains family history information on the Morehead and Epsy families, Henry Clay campaign badge (1844), Centennial of American Independence badge (1876), correspondence from W. D. Howell (1872), Rutherford Hayes

(1878), Mrs. Daniel Webster (n.d.), Simon P. Chase (1862), and Edwin M. Stanton (1863).
Included with the scrapbook is a color portrait of Lavinia Epsy Morehead.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Morehead, James Turner, 1797-1854.

Morehead, Lavinia Epsy, 1818-1900.

Governors – Kentucky.

Kentucky. – Governor (1834-1836 : Morehead)

Senators – Kentucky.

Lawyers – Kentucky.

Notes: Donated by Philip D. Morehead of Chicago, Illinois on February 12, 2015.