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Collection Title: Mt. Sterling American Legion Scrapbooks

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Date Received: No exact date, possibly 2010.

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Date Span: 1943-1945

Size of Collection: 1.0 linear foot.

Number of Boxes: 1 record center box.

Type of Material: Scrapbooks, newspaper clippings and photographs.

Condition of Material: Fair condition with foxing and fading due to aging and acidic deterioration of paper and inks used during the time period of production.

Arrangement: Organized by subject; Chronological arrangement.

Biographical / Historical Information: The Mt. Sterling American Legion, Montgomery Post 22, Department of Kentucky was chartered on July 10, 1921 as a patriotic veteran's non-profit organization. Originally organized for the benefit of veterans of the First World War, the Legion was gradually reorganized during the 1930's and 1940's to extend its membership to all veterans of foreign wars. After American entry into the Second World War in 1941, the Legion provided active support for the war effort which offered aid for serving and returning soldiers.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of two scrapbooks assembled by the Mt. Sterling American Legion chronicling the participation of Montgomery County communities of Kentucky from 1943 to 1945. The collection contains clippings from local and nearby newspapers including the *Mt. Sterling Advocate*, *The Sentinel Democrat*, *Kentucky Legionnaire*, *Mt. Sterling Gazette*, and *The Lexington Leader*. The clippings are arranged in each scrape book by subjects such as enlistment notices, casualties, decorations, home front efforts, and occasional accounts of combat. Other items of interest include photographs of the Davis brothers of Mt. Sterling.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

American Legion. -- Post 22 (Montgomery County, Ky.)
Mt. Sterling (Ky.) – History.
Montgomery County (Ky.) – History.
United States -- World War, 1939-1945 -- Homefront.

Notes: Scrapbooks were brought to the archives sometime in the spring of 2010 for repairs by an unnamed student. No deed of gift had been issued or received.