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# Roark, Ethel Elizabeth (Stagner), 1913-1992 (MSS 105)

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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 105 ROARK, Ethel Elizabeth (Stagner), 1913-1992**

1 box. 4 folders. 42 items. 1879-1992.

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***BIOGRAPHY***

Ethel Elizabeth Stagner was born in Simpson County, Kentucky, on May 31, 1913. She was the daughter of William P. (1871-1958) and Sallie E. (Johnson) Stagner (1880-1949). In the late 1940s she married Samuel Guy Roark after his first wife Carrie Roark's death in 1943. Ethel died on January 23, 1992.

***THE COLLECTION***

This small collection contains miscellaneous papers of Ethel Stagner and S. G. Roark, including one World War II letter and four personal letters. Of particular interest is a 1954 form letter from "Franklin Citizens for Legal Sale of Alcoholic Beverages" written to the citizens of Simpson County favoring the legalization of alcohol sales. The collection also contains a store ledger for a general store which the Roarks operated near Franklin. The ledger includes a complete inventory of the store in 1929. The 1965 diary contains simple entries related to the Roark farm and some information about local deaths and weather. The collection was donated to Manuscripts by Kirby Auctions in 1992.

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>		<b>1879-1992</b>	<b>42 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and auction leaflet	1992	2 items
Folder 2	Roarks – Miscellaneous papers	1879-1954	37 items
Folder 3	Roarks – General store ledger	1928-1929; 1940-1941;	1 item; 70p.

Folder 4	Diary 1965, and recipe book, 1946-1950	1946-1950; 1965	2 items
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### **CATALOG CARD**

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Miscellaneous papers collected by Ethel Roark, Franklin, Kentucky. Includes a World War II letter; personal letters (4); Knights of Pythias certificate; general store ledger with a 1929 inventory; 1954 letter promoting legal alcohol sales in Simpson County; and 1965 farm diary.

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### **SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

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