
Summary Information

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Title:	Brinker, Dr. William J. papers
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Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [Box] :	1
Abstract:	The collection primarily documents William John "Bill" Brinker's interviews with Cookeville veterans who served either in the Vietnam War or the 109th Cavalry as well as interviews with their families and his research on such topics. Brinker (1935-2021) was a history professor at Tennessee Tech University and eventually the chairman of the History Department. Having served in the military himself, he was an avid researcher of war studies, specifically of the Vietnam War. Using the research and interviews found in this collection, Brinker published several books and articles.

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The collection largely documents oral histories from Cookeville residents who served in the 109th Cavalry or the Vietnam War, as well as the spouses, parents, and children of Vietnam veterans. The research and interviews were primarily done by William John "Bill" Brinker. These papers were all created and collected in the process of writing the books "A Time for Looking Back" and "And We Did Cope" as well as articles such as [a-](#)

his personal activities, including his being on the board of the Cookeville Arts Council--minutes included; some correspondence, and his personal history and travels represented by some effects, travel slides, and newspaper articles about him.

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