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Introduction

Papers of a wildlife and woodland conservationist, hunter, teacher, pilot, UFO researcher, restoration hobbyist, and manager of Rothwell Ranch Wildlife and Woodland Preserve, Piedmont, Missouri.

Biographical Sketch

Daniel Rothwell was born on November 18, 1930, in Columbia, Missouri, but grew up on a central Missouri Ozarks farm, where he learned to hunt from his father. In the early 1940s, he moved back to Columbia, and in 1947, while still in high school, he worked part-time for the Missouri Conservation Department. Rothwell helped found the Columbia Green Valley Rifle and Pistol Club in 1948. As a Hickman High School senior in 1948, he was elected president of the first Hickman High Rifle Club to be organized. That same year, Rothwell joined the Missouri National Guard, and was soon competing in Missouri National Guard rifle matches throughout the state.

After college, he moved to St. Louis in September of 1953, and began a 34 year career as a Section Manager-Technical Illustrations/Graphics, and later a Support Data Engineering Supervisor for McDonnell Aircraft Company, which later became McDonnell-Douglas Corp.

In the late 1950s, Rothwell began looking for rural property to purchase. He eventually purchased an area of land in Piedmont, Wayne County, Missouri, in the heart of the Missouri Ozarks. He named the property the Rothwell Ranch Wildlife and Woodland Preserve. This became the center for major conservation efforts, including visits by both members of the conservation community, and the general public. The ranch was used to promote and teach the importance of the conservation of Missouri’s forests and wildlife. Rothwell managed the ranch for 33 years. He subsequently wrote a book on this experience.

From the 1980s thorough 1990s, he worked as a real-estate associate. Rothwell died on May 23, 2011.

Box List

Box 1
My Mountain: The Rothwell Ranch Story (2 binders)
Rothwell Ranch Reports, 1960-1993 (5 binders)
Scrapbook (includes maps and photos)
Dam Laws: Regulations, Planning and Construction (1 binder)

Box 2
Rothwell Ranch Correspondence, 1959-1993 (7 binders)
Ranch Files (Operations of Ranch)
Piedmont, Missouri, Area Wildlife Descriptions
Assorted Newspaper and Magazine Articles on Conservation Topics
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*The Missouri Archaeologist*, Volume 19, Number 3, October 1957-Information on Paleo-
Indian/Archaic/Woodland Sites and Artifacts
Real Estate Information
Rothwell Ranch Checkbook
Assorted Maps of Ranch/Ozark Region
Rothwell Ranch Questionnaire and Study
Leo Drey Articles
Abstract of Title/History of Ownership of Rothwell Ranch
Miscellaneous

**Box 3**
Rothwell Ranch Rules and Regulations
Assorted Newspaper and Magazine Articles (Conservation Topics)
Manuscripts and Narratives of Rothwell Ranch
Assorted Files: Stocking of Elk, Bison, Wild Boar, Ruffed Grouse
Information Sheets on Bobcat, Opossum, Cottontail Rabbit, Woodchuck, Prairie Chicken,
Striped and Spotted Skunk, Raccoon, and White-Tailed Deer
Article on Mountain Lion Sightings in Missouri
McDonnell Douglas Corporation Newsletter-Includes Article on Dan Rothwell
Assorted Tourist/Visitors Brochures/Publications-Ozark Region
Assorted Publications on Topic of Conservation-Wildlife
Plat maps