Biography Ephemera Subject Files
1766-2017 (bulk 1925-2007)

Collection Summary
Creator: Intentionally assembled by Nashville Room staff, beginning at an unknown date, probably in the late 1960s, and collected on an ongoing basis. Materials formerly accessed under the ephemera headings Family History, Genealogy, and Persons.
Title: Biography Ephemera Subject Files
Inclusive Dates: 1766-2017 (bulk 1925-2007)
Summary/Abstract: Includes a wide variety of materials by and about Nashville and Middle Tennessee individuals and families.
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Scope and Contents of the Collection
Includes biographies; autobiographies; speeches; correspondence; family histories and genealogies; Bible records; memoirs; funeral programs; birth and marriage announcements; programs relating to events and anniversaries; and related materials. Emphasis is upon individuals and families in Nashville and surrounding areas. Some persons are of high prominence, others are ordinary citizens. Quantity of materials ranges from a single item to several folders. Most folders contain less than ten items, and often only a single item. Contains some photocopies.

Sizable holdings include materials on Adelicia Acklen; William Giles Harding and family, including allied lines of the Giles, McGavock, Jackson, Rogers, Ball and other families; Andrew Jackson; Maestro Kenneth Schermerhorn of the Nashville Symphony; the Thompson family of Nashville, Tenn.; Lyddy Whaley of Eastern Tennessee; and the Wills family of Nashville, Tenn.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials
Alphabetical by surname.

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Index Terms

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Corporate Names/Organizations:
  Belmont (Nashville, Tenn.)
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Genre/Document Types:
Autobiographies
Bible records
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Occupations:
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Sadler, Joe T.
Taylor, Robt. L. (Robert Love), 1850-1912
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Accruals: Additional accruals are expected.

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Acklen, Adelicia
   Deeds and marriage records, 1849-1913 (photocopies)
Alexander, Lamar
   Items related to exhibit, “The Tennesseans,” 1981
Allison, H. (T.)
   Business card, for treasurer for unidentified county, 1929
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   Funeral items, 2008
Atkins, Chet
   Funeral program, 2001
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   Recollections by Joe T. Sadler, 1982-83 (photocopies)
Bernard, Harold Jobe
   Booklet: Stroke symposium, Vanderbilt, 2007
Bissell, Charles O.
   Program honoring Bissell, cartoonist for The Tennessean, 1975
Blackman, Andrea
   Winner of Edwina Hefner Community Leadership Award, 2013
Bontemps, Arna
   "In Memorium" funeral program, 1973; Tribute at Fisk, 1974
Brien, Henry C.
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Brownlow, Parson
   “Parson Brownlow: A Study of Reconstruction in Tennessee” by Waller Raymond Cooper, 1931
Bruce-Slater family
   Family history, 1989
Bryant, Haywood Norman
  Excerpts of letters, 1944
Buchanan, John
  Biographical essay, 1971
Buck, John J.
  See Businesses Ephemera Subject Files – Buck, Baker and Johnston
Buford, Sarah
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Burton, Andrew Mizell
  Tribute, 1947
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Campbell, Will
  OVERSIZE: Box 1, Folder 13 – Poster for NPL reception, 1984
Campbell, William P.A.
  Navy document, 1853
Carmack, Edward Ward
  Program from dedication of monument & biographical sketch, 1925
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Cheatham, John L.
  Funeral program, 1863
Cheek, Leslie
  Brochure, “Cheek and the Arts,” 1986
Christodoulou, Nick
  Autobiographical writings and business cards, ca. 2008
Churchwell, Robert
  Program: Celebrating Robert Churchwell's Life, Book, Illustrations... 2015
Clark, William
  Letter to Edmond Rogers, Dec. 3, 1826, from Nashville (photocopies)
Coe, Fred “Pappy”
  OVERSIZE: Box 1, Folder 22 – Booklet: “A Remembrance of Pappy” Fred Coe 1914-1979
Conover, Nettie McCarver (Mrs. J.M.)
  Biographical sketch, 1928
Cooper, Noah W.
  Booklet: "Some Thrills and Spills of Noah W. Cooper's Fifty Years of Law Practice," ca. 1941
Cothen, Grady Coulter
  Program, G.C.C. as president, Baptist Sunday School Board, 1975
Crabb, Alfred Leland
  OVERSIZE: Drawer BB-1, Folder 8 “Today is (Ezekiel) Crabb Day” n.d. believed to be item related to A.L. Crabb
Currey family
  Family papers, n.d., 1987 (photocopies)
Dabney, C.C.
Davidson, Gen. William Lee
   Dedication of memorial, 1947 + Francis Nash and portrait of Judge Camille Keiley
   Photographs of grave + letter of explanation, 1965
Davis, Sam
   See Businesses Ephemera Subject Files – Conner Producing Co.
Day family
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Demonbreun, Timothy
   Dedication of tablet at cave, 1934
Dibrell, Frank S.
   Biography, 2006
Dickerson family
   See Thompson family – Dorothy Boyd Dale item
Donelson family
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   See Edgar family
Driver, William
Drouillard, Bernard Wayne
   Misc. personal items, 1957, 1968
Edgar family
   Bible records, 1766-1909 (incl. Douglass and Day families) (photocopies)
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Egerton, John
   Invitation to talk, 1981
Eggleston, Joseph C.
   Birth announcement, 1907
Ellington, Buford
   Inauguration program, 1967
Ellington, Dr. William Singleton, Jr.
   Funeral program, 1971
Eshman, A.N.
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Evans, Silliman
   Program, 30th anniversary of Silliman Evans as publisher of the Tennessean, 1967
Fentress, Charles
   Transcript of interview, 2009
Fergusson family
   "The Duncan Fergussons of Smith/Macon Counties, Tennessee," 1995
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“My Foxes” by James Knox Trigg, n.d.
Franklin, John Hope
  Postcard invitation and autographed program for book talk at Fisk University, 2005
Garrison, Winfred Ernest
  Dedication of room at Disciples of Christ Historical Society, 1971
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  “The Gentry Family from England to Virginia to Dickson Co., Tenn.” n.d.
Gentry, Howard C., Sr.
  Program for TSU fundraiser, 2008
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Goodrum family
  Family history compiled by James Knox Trigg, n.d.
Gore, Al, Sr.
  Funeral program, 1998
Gower family
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Grundy, Felix
  Speech about abolishment of office of Surveyor General, 1830
Gunn, “Pek”
  Booklets: "Touching the Pencil" and "If I –", 1972
  OVERSIZE: Drawer BB-1, Folder 8 – “Tumblin’ Creek Tales” illustrated album cover design, c. 1977
Halliburton, Richard
  Publicity flyer, c. 1925(?)
Harding family – (7 folders) – 1812-1973 (photocopies)
  1. 18 essays and typed transcripts of documents, wills, etc. Incl. information on allied families: Giles, McGavock, Jackson, Rogers, Ball and others. n.d. (photocopies)
  2. 18 deeds and related documents concerning land and slave transactions among members of: Harding, McGavock, Maxwell, Southall, Kirkpatrick and other families, 1812-1903 (photocopies)
  3. Family documents, obituaries, photograph, 1837, c. 1880 (very poor quality photocopies)
  5. “Portrait of Belle Meade, 1862” speech by Ridley Wills II, 1973 (photocopy)
  7. Inventory of materials transferred to the Association for Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, 1972; typescript of letter to Mary Harding describing gardens of Belle Meade, Carnton, Hermitage and other prominent homes, n.d.
  See also Wills family
Harkreader, Sidney
  Letter recalling country music and Uncle Dave Macon, 1978
Harrison family  
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Helmick family  
Family history by James Knox Trigg, c. 2004

Henderson, Samuel, Dr.  
Typescript of diary excerpts, 1834-1876

Hicks, Emma  
Memoir: "Just things that might be of interest"

Horn, Stanley  
Letter of introduction "to any hotel man" from Howard Baughman, manager of Hermitage Hotel, 1945

Hughes, Reginald Harold  
Funeral program, 1994

Hume, William  
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Jackson, Andrew - (4 folders) – c. 1819-1985  
1. Contemporary materials, c. 1819-1845 (some photocopies)  
2. “Andrew Jackson’s Nashville” by Alfred Leland Crabb, 1966  
3. Various materials – about A.J.’s gold watch, commemorative activities, 1953-1985 (some photocopies)  
4. Statue at U.S. Capitol – dedication invitation and program, 1928  
*See also Harding family*

Jackson, Andrew, Jr.  
Typescripts of deeds to land in Coahoma Co, Miss., 1845-1849

James, Jesse  

Johnston, W.T.  
*See Businesses Ephemera Subject Files – Buck, Baker & Johnston*

Jones, Eddie  
Items relating to mayoral campaign, 1987

Jones, Madison  
Postcard for reception *Passage Through Gehenna* at Zibart’s Bookstore, 1978

Justi, Herman  
Memorial booklet, 1909

Kelley, Camille, Judge  
*See Davidson, William Lee*

Kirkpatrick family  
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Kmiec, Edward Urban, Bishop  
Program for mass of installation as Bishop of Nashville, 1992

Knox, Jack  

Langdon, W.S.  
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Laster, Jim

Lindsley family
Booklet: "Ancestors"

Littleton, Bill
OVERSIZE: Box 1, Folder 13. Poster: Tamarack Music Festival signed by BL – from his painting “Young Barons of the Highland Meadows,” 1993

Love family
“Dear Foxes and Loves,” research letter from Albert H. Spinks, 1988

Macon, Uncle Dave
Brochure: “Uncle Dave Macon Heritage Driving Tour,” ca. 2010
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Manuel [clothing designer]
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Martin, Cassidy
Postcard book release, 2017 (Nashville Youth Poet Laureate, 2016)

Maury, Matthew & wife Sarah E. (Buford) Maury
Court document Matthew Maury v. Sarah Maury, 1859

Maxwell family
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McClurkan family

McGavock, Randall
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McGaw, Robert (“Bob”)
Documents relating to receipt of “Historical Achievement Award” from Metro Historical Commission, 1993
OVERSIZE: Box 1, Folder 13. Certificate for Historical Achievement Award.

McNairy family
Genealogical papers (n.d.) (photocopies); “The Saga of McNairy House” (Guilford Co., NC), 1969; and information about Rosenwick (house)

McWherter, Ned
Inauguration program, 1987

Merritt, Dixon
Pelican limerick, 1968

Minnie Pearl
OVERSIZE: Box 1, Folder 25 – Grinder's Switch Gazette, July 1945 (Vol. 1 No. 11)

Monroe, Bill
Funeral program, 1996

Moore, Grace
Program, 1945
Moore, Merrill
  Biographies (3) and bibliography, 1935-1955
Muriel, Gerald
  Tribute from Operation Stand Down, 2007
Napier, James Carroll
  “James Carroll Napier (1845-1940): From Iron Plantation to City” by Bobby L.
  Lovett, 2000
Nash, Francis
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Orr family
  Marriages and births, Orr and [allied?] families, events dating from 1919 to 1934.
Patterson, Mary Kate (1999)
  “The Journal of Mary Kate Patterson, Girl Spy of LaVergne, Tennessee” by
  Lenore T. Stringer, 1999
Paulett, John Wilson
  Business card J.W.Paulett, newspaper correspondent, Nashville, n.d.
Pearson, Josephine
  Autobiographical letter to NPL, 1934
Perry family
  Booklet: “The Perry Family: Ancestors and Descendents of John Henry Perry and
  Sarah (Sally) Catherine Gower Perry,” by Porter E. Perry, c. 1970
Polk Brothers
  Letter from unidentified former resident of Tenn., possibly "Jim," on Polk Bros.
Polk, James Knox (2 folders)
  1. Portion concerning Polk from William O. Stoddard’s Lives of the Presidents
     of the United States, c. 1888
  2. Information concerning homes in Nashville and Columbia, 1847-1980 (some
     photocopies)
Priest, J. Percy
  Letter to Dr. Ernest W. Goodpasture, 1956
Ridley family
  Family history (photocopies) n.d.
Robertson, James
  See Museums – Tennesse State Museum - brochure: “The TSM Collection 1776 –
  1781”
Robinson, Francis
  Brochure about collection at Vanderbilt, n.d.
Robinson, Margaret Ann
  Funeral program, 2017
Rogers family
  “Rogers Genealogy: Charles Thomas Rogers and Descendents” compiled by
  Lewis G. Rogers, Sr. and Wilmot Polk Rogers, 1965
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Ryan, Bill
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Sadler, Joe T.

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Sanders family

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Schmerhorn, Kenneth (2 folders)
  1. 20th Anniversary Tribute, TPAC, 2003
  2. Memorial concert program, 2005
Scobey, James E.
  “Memoranda of Some of the Incidents in the Life of James E. Scobey,” 1921
Scruggs, Anne Louise
  Funeral program, 2006
Seigenthaler, John
  Funeral program, 2014
Sevier family
  “History of the Sevier family” by Margaret’s [?] mother Mrs. Price, n.d.
    (photocopy)
  See also - Museums – Tennessee State Museum - brochure: “The TSM Collection
    1776 – 1781”
Shelby, John
  Correspondence concerning John Shelby, 1977 (some photocopies)
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  Bible records (photocopy) incl. Shelby, Bledsoe, Barrow families, 1784-1935
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Shute family
  Wedding invitation: Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Shute, parents of the bride; Lucy A. to
    marry Henry C. Brien, Apr. 18, 1901.
Sinclair, Clifford M.
  Booklets (qty. 5): including memoirs and miscellaneous, 2000-2008
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  Genealogical information on Smith and allied families (Donelson, Sanders and
    Berry) of Hendersonville, 1985; genealogical information on Smith family of
    Wilson County, Tenn. (Madelon Smith), 1989
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  See Harding family
Stephens, Ophelia Elizabeth
  See Nashville Room Oversize Collection - Diplomas - Drawer L-4, Folder 3
Stevens, Becca
  Flyer for book promotion, "Snake Oil," includes biography, 2013
Stewart family
  Stewart/Harrison Bible records (photocopies + typescript), 1888-1935
Stokes, Jordan
  Letter to NPL seeking information about Home Rule for Ireland, 1918
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   OVERSIZE: Box 1, Folder 22 – Poster: Disciples of Christ Historical Society –
   about Preston Taylor, n.d.

Taylor, Robert L. Governor
   Speech, May 12, 1906 and Message to Extra Session of General Assembly, 1898

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   Genealogical information about the Thompson family of Nashville, compiled by
   Dorothy Boyd Dale, c. 1979

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Tolbert family
   Brochure for Tolbert-Carney family reunion, 1986 (photocopy)

Trimble family
   Transcription of Bible in possession of Col. Edwin Smith, 1959 (Date span of
   information 1747-1884)

Tupper, Vernon Southall
   Program from dinner in V.S.T.’s honor, Maxwell House Hotel, 1945

Turner, Charles New
   “Memories of the Charles New Turner Family” by W. Bruce Turner, 1960

Turner, Steve

Wade, Emma Hayes
   9 Christmas cards designed by Tom Tichenor for E.H.W., 1961-1976

Wade, Stockley Donelson
   Letter to Mattie Sperry from her cousin, S.D.W. concerning death of his mother,
   Laura (Donelson) Wade, 1894

Watkins, Samuel
   Will, 1880 (photocopy of typescript)

Weakley, Samuel Anderson
   Certificate of membership in Engineering Association of the South, signed by
   Alfred Hume, 1916

Wendell, E.W. "Bud"

Whaley, Lyddy (n.d.)
   3 essays by Mae Treadwell: “Shadder Face”; “An Eighteenth Century Pioneer
   Woman”; “The Toy B’ar”; n.d.(photocopies)

Wiles family
   "Family Record” pages, probably from a family Bible, containing births,
   marriages & deaths dating from 1821 to 1907
Williams, Hank Sr.
   Tourism brochure, 2008
Wills family
   Genealogy papers, includes allied families: McGavock, Harding, and many others
   (photocopies)
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Woods, Robert & James
   Letter from Robert to James in Nashville describing Robert’s trip on the Missouri
   River and battling ice near St. Charles, Mo., 1840
Wrather, Eva Jean
   Two different biographical essays by Clinton J. Holloway, both entitled “A Spirit
   of Inquiry,” 2003
Wynette, Tammy
   Funeral program, 1998
York, Alvin C. (Sergeant York)
   “Compliments of Alvin C. York and Family” advertisement, n.d.
Yowell, James A.
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