Biography Ephemera Subject Files
1766-2009

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: 1766-2009
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; 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.

Restrictions
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Index Terms
Personal names:
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Halliburton, Richard, 1900-1939
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Harding, William Giles, 1808-1886
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Napier, James Carroll, 1845-1940
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Watkins, Samuel, d. 1880
Whaley, Lyddy, fl. 1840-1927
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Wills, Jesse
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York, Alvin Cullum, 1887-1964

Corporate Names/Organizations:
Belmont (Nashville, Tenn.)
Hermitage (Hermitage, Tenn.)
Watkins Institute

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Genre/Document Types:
Autobiographies
Bible records
Biographies
Christmas cards
Correspondence
Diaries
Genealogies
Manuscripts (document genre)
Memoirs
Programs (documents)

**Occupations:**
- Authors
- Clergy
- Educators
- Fiddlers
- Musicians
- Politicians

**Added Authors:**
- Harkreader, Sidney J.
- Lovett, Bobby L.
- Sadler, Joe T.
- Treadwell, Mary Lois, 1884-
- Turner, W. Bruce

**Separated Material**
Some items may have been separated for storage to an oversize box, drawer, or the Nashville Room Photographs Collection. Separation notices have been used to indicate such removals.

The following materials were removed from the Biography Ephemera Subject Files during reprocessing in 2008-2010 and form their own collections, cataloged and accessed separately:
- Alberta O’Neill Fox Family Papers, 1911-1999
- Annie E. and W.A. Clendening Autobiographies, 1903
- Binns and Pellettieri Families Genealogies, n.d.
- Cavalcade of America Radio Scripts, 1941-1948
- Crystine Yates Soyars Memoirs, 1958, ca. 1980
- Duckworth Family Bible Records, n.d.
- Elizabeth Farnsworth Scrapbook, ca. 1861-1870
- Granbery Scrapbook, 1886-1947
- James D. Andrews Papers, 1908-ca.1950
- John Waltus Judd, Jr. Papers, ca. 1850-ca. 1919
- Kate Pickett Campbell Papers, 1883-1938
- Leo F. Briley Memoirs and Genealogy, 1974-1984
- Lindsley Family Genealogy and Biographies, 1832-1998
- Lucy H. King Smith Papers, 1932-1937
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Margaret Armstrong Autograph Book, 1848-1975
Merrill Moore Publications, 1938-1944
Susan May Autograph Book, 1852-1854
Turnbow Family Letters, 1872-1900
Virginia Armistead Nelson Papers, 1906-1923

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Processing Information: Weeded by staff members Linda Barnickel and Carol Kaplan, 2003. Three former categories in the ephemera collection, Genealogy, Family History, and Persons, were combined to form the Biography Ephemera Subject Files. Rehoused and reprocessed by staff member Linda Barnickel, 2008-2010. All actions part of overall ephemera subject files reprocessing project.

Accruals: Additional accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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
Arnold, Eddy
   Funeral items, 2008
Bell, Montgomery family
   Recollections by Joe T. Sadler, 1982-83 (photocopies)
Bontemps, Arna
   Tribute at Fisk, 1974
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
   See Maury, Matthew
Burton, Andrew Mizell
   Tribute, 1947
Campbell family

*See Thompson family – Dorothy Boyd Dale item*

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

Carney family

*See Tolbert family*

Cheatham, John L.

Funeral program, 1863

Cheek, Leslie

Brochure, “Cheek and the Arts,” 1986

Christodoulou, Nick

Autobiographical writings and business cards, ca. 2008

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

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.

*See Churches Ephemera Subject Files – Christian – Vine St.*

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

*See Edgar family*

Demonbreun, Timothy

Dedication of tablet at cave, 1934

Dibrell, Frank S.

Biography, 2006

Dickerson family

*See Thompson family – Dorothy Boyd Dale item*

Donelson family

*See Smith family*
Douglass family
  See Edgar family
Drouillard, Bernard Wayne
  Misc. personal items, 1957, 1968
Edgar family
  Bible records, 1766-1909 (incl. Douglass and Day families) (photocopies)
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.
  See Schools Ephemera Subject Files - Radnor College; Schools Ephemera Subject Files - Southern Female College
Evans, Silliman
  Program, 30th anniversary of Silliman Evans as publisher of the Tennessean, 1967
Fentress, Charles
  Transcript of interview, 2009
Ferguson family
  “The Duncan Fergussons of Smith/Macon Counties, Tennessee,” 1995
Fox family
  “My Foxes” by James Knox Trigg, n.d.
Franklin, John Hope
  Postcard invitation to book talk at Fisk University, 2005
Garrison, Winfred Ernest
  Dedication of room at Disciples of Christ Historical Society, 1971
Gentry family
  “The Gentry Family from England to Virginia to Dickson Co., Tenn.” n.d.
Gentry, Howard C., Sr.
  Program for TSU fundraiser, 2008
Goodrum family
  Family history compiled by James Knox Trigg, n.d.
Gore, Al, Sr.
  Funeral program, 1998
Gower family
  See Perry family
Grundy, Felix
  Speech about abolishment of office of Surveyor General, 1830
Gunn, “Pek”
  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
See Stewart family

Helmick family
Family history by James Knox Trigg, c. 2004

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

Hume, William
See Jackson, Andrew – contemporary materials

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

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

Kelley, Camille, Judge
See Davidson, William Lee

Kirkpatrick family
See Harding family
Kmiec, Edward Urban, Bishop
Program for mass of installation as Bishop of Nashville, 1992
Knox, Jack
OVERSIZE: Drawer BB-1, Folder 8 – Poster: “The General’s Mount” poem &
illustration (original 1956) reprint n.d.
Langdon, W.S.
See McNairy family (correspondence from Mrs. Richard Herndon)
Laster, Jim
OVERSIZE: Box 1, Folder 16 under Hospitals. Poster: “The Birthday Gift That
Beeped” – book w/ proceeds to Vanderbilt Burn Center, n.d.
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
See also Harkreader, Sidney
Maury, Matthew & wife Sarah E. (Buford) Maury
Court document Matthew Maury v. Sarah Maury, 1859
Maxwell family
See Harding family
McClurkan family
Booklet: “Ascendants, Descendents and Relatives of Rev. James Octavius
McClurkan, 1861-1914” by John T. Benson, Jr. 1976
McGavock, Randall
See Harding family
McGavock family
See Wills family
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
Moore, Grace
Program, 1945
Moore, Merrill
Biographies (3) and bibliography, 1935-1955
Napier, James Carroll
“James Carroll Napier (1845-1940): From Iron Plantation to City” by Bobby L.
Lovett, 2000
Nash, Francis
See Davidson, William Lee
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

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)

Ridley family
Family history (photocopies) n.d.

Robertson, James

Robinson, Francis
Brochure about collection at Vanderbilt, n.d.

Rogers family
“Rogers Genealogy: Charles Thomas Rogers and Descendents” compiled by Lewis G. Rogers, Sr. and Wilmot Polk Rogers, 1965

Sadler, Joe T.
See Bell, Montgomery family

Sanders family
See Smith family

Scobey, James E.
“Memoranda of Some of the Incidents in the Life of James E. Scobey,” 1921

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)

Shelby family
Bible records (photocopy) incl. Shelby, Bledsoe, Barrow families, 1784-1935

Shelton, A.
See Businesses Ephemera Subject Files – Castle Recording Laibrary

Slater family
See Bruce-Slater family
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

Southall family
  See Harding family

Stephens, Ophelia Elizabeth
  See Nashville Room Oversize Collection - Diplomas - Drawer L-4, Folder 3

Stewart family
  Stewart/Harrison Bible records (photocopies + typescript), 1888-1935

Stokes, Jordan
  Letter to NPL seeking information about Home Rule for Ireland, 1918

Stokes, Walter, Jr.
  See Schools Ephemera Subject Files – Webb School

Sullivan family
  See Turner, Charles New

Sullivan, James L., Dr.
  See Churches Ephemera Subject Files – Baptist – Baptist Sunday School Board

Taylor, Preston
  OVERSIZE: Box 1, Folder 22 – Poster: Disciples of Christ Historical Society – about Preston Taylor, n.d.

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

Tichenor, Tom
  See also Wade, Emma Hayes

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

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

Whaley, Lyddy (n.d.)

Wills family
   Genealogy papers, includes allied families: McGavock, Harding, and many others (photocopies)

Wills, Jesse
   See Wills family

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

York, Alvin C. (Sergeant York)
   “Compliments of Alvin C. York and Family” advertisement, n.d.

Yowell, James A.
   See Churches Ephemera Subject Files – Christian – Vine Street