

**Nashville Banner Reporter Reference Files:
Series III. Davidson County, 1940-1987**

Collection Summary

Creator: Nashville Banner

Title: Davidson County Series

Inclusive Dates: 1940-1987

Summary/Abstract: A wide variety of materials, from 1940-1987, documenting Davidson County subjects and used by Nashville Banner reporters for reference during their daily work. Items were originally housed in the Banner Clippings Files and were removed for preservation purposes by Nashville Public Library staff to form this collection.

Physical Description/Extent: 0.5 cu. ft.

Series: III. Davidson County

Linking Entry Complexity Note: Forms part of the Nashville Banner Reporter Reference Files, part of the Nashville Banner Archives.

Accession Number: RT-102

Language: English

Stack Location: Closed stacks Nashville Banner Room

Repository: Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Biographical/Historical Sketch

The Nashville Banner newspaper began publication on Apr. 10, 1876 and ceased publication Feb. 20, 1998.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The Nashville Banner Reporter Reference Files, Davidson County Series has information about topics, places, organizations, and county government (including consolidated Metropolitan government) that received news coverage in the *Nashville Banner* newspaper, from the 1940s to the 1980s. Formats include press releases, brochures, booklets, reports, telegrams, clippings and magazine articles, and flyers. Quantity of materials is usually less than five items for each topic. Some items are photocopies.

All the materials in this collection were originally housed in the Banner Clippings Files, but were removed by library staff for preservation purposes. Thus, although the Banner Reporter Reference Files is a separate collection, due to its size, it nevertheless bears a very close relationship and indeed should be viewed as an extension of the Banner Clippings Files. Information in both instances was compiled and used by reporters at the Nashville Banner as references when writing about significant events of the time. Researchers are advised that due to its being a much more comprehensive

resource, the Banner Clippings Files will likely be a more useful and productive source of information than the isolated items to be found in the Banner Reporter Reference Files.

A few items of special note include: brochures discussing the proposed J. Percy Priest Dam site along with maps displaying location information; items about the DuPont plant in Old Hickory; policy information on use of deadly force by Metro Police (ca. 1982); and a staff schedule for Nashville Banner photographers and reporters during desegregation of local elementary schools (ca. 1960), filed under its original heading "Segregation."

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Arrangement: Alphabetical by subject.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: In library use only. Available by appointment.

Restrictions on Use and Reproduction: This material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code). Some items may be too fragile to be photocopied.

Index Terms

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Davidson County Farmers' Market (Tenn.)
E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company (Old Hickory, Tenn.)
Ewing School (Nashville, Tenn.)
Hillwood Country Club (Nashville, Tenn.)
Metropolitan Nashville Police Department
Nashville (Tenn.). Public Schools
Shawnee Country Club (Nashville, Tenn.)
Textile Workers Union of America

Subjects:

Business enterprises – Tennessee – Old Hickory
County government –Tennessee
County officials and employees —Tennessee – Davidson County
Dams--Tennessee
Hospitals--Tennessee--Nashville
Metropolitan government—Tennessee--Nashville
Police – Tennessee – Nashville
Police administration--Tennessee--Nashville
School boards--Tennessee—Nashville
Schools--Tennessee—Nashville
Vital statistics—Tennessee—Davidson County

Places:

Belle Meade Plantation (Tenn.)
Davidson County (Tenn.) – Officials and employees
Davidson County (Tenn.) – Politics and government
Davidson County (Tenn.) – History—20th Century—Sources
J. Percy Priest Reservoir (Tenn.)
Joelton Air Force Station (Tenn.)
Nashville (Tenn.) – History—20th Century--Sources
Nashville (Tenn.) – Officials and employees
Nashville (Tenn.) – Politics and government
Nashville (Tenn.) – Social life and customs – 20th century
Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.).
Old Hickory (Tenn.)
Old Hickory Lake (Tenn.)

Genre/Document Types:

Booklets
Brochures
Correspondence
Lists (document genres)
Manuscripts (document genre)
Newsletters
Official reports
Pamphlets
Press releases
Reports
Telegrams
Typescripts

Occupations:

Public officers

Added Author (Corporate Heading):

E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company (Old Hickory, Tenn.)

Associated and Related Material

Nashville Banner Archives, including clippings and photographs, is housed in the Nashville Room of the Nashville Public Library. Full issues of the Nashville Banner newspaper are available on microfilm.

Separated Material

Occasionally some items were removed to separate storage. Separation notices have been used when this occurred.

Administrative Information

Additional Physical Form Available: Full issues of the Nashville Banner newspaper are available on microfilm in the Special Collections Division. The Nashville Banner Clippings Files (ca. 1935-1995) contains numerous news clippings compiled by the Banner staff. Inquire at service desk for more information.

Copyright: Irby C. Simpkins, Jr., and Brownlee O. Currey, Jr. transferred any copyright they held in *Nashville Banner* materials to the Public Library Board in 2002. However, this collection may contain items for which they did not hold copyright, such as wire service items and others, and therefore rights were not transferred to the Public Library Board. In either case, items in this collection may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code).

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Immediate Source of Acquisition: Irby C. Simpkins, Jr., and Brownlee O. Currey, Jr. donated this collection along with many other materials belonging to the Nashville Banner, including clippings and photographs, to the Nashville Public Library in 1999.

Ownership and Custodial History: In possession of Irby C. Simpkins, Jr., and Brownlee O. Currey, Jr. until donated to the Nashville Public Library in 1999.

Processing Information: Non-clipping items removed from Banner Clippings Files at random as encountered by staff from 2001-2009. Staff member Jennifer Quier systematically removed and rehoused non-clipping items from Banner Clippings Files, and created initial inventory in 2013-2014. Additional physical processing and preliminary preservation and conservation work, completed by intern Poppy Krump, summer 2016. Final processing and formal finding aid completed by intern Quintana Slaughter, summer 2017 under supervision of staff member Linda Barnickel.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EARLY YEAR</u>	<u>LATE YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
<u>B</u> Belle Meade Mansion	1957	1987	brochure, tour script; typescript history of Belle Meade Mansion and Dunham's Station Cabin
<u>D</u> <i>Desegregation</i> - (see <i>Segregation</i>)			

Dupont Plant	1940	1955	pamphlet, telegram, typescript, Textile Workers of America Union flyer
(Oversize)	---	1953	"Cellophane Observer" clippings

E

Education Department			
- Ewing School	1948	1949	correspondence
- Merit Rating Report	---	1957	press release, report
- School Construction	---	n.d.	press release

F

Farmers Market	---	1959	rules and regulations (contract)
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H

Hillwood Country Club (Shawnee Country Club)	1953	1954	clippings, correspondence about formation
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J

Joelton Air Force Station	---	1959	press release about social activities
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M

Madison Hospital	---	n.d.	pamphlet
Marymount Home	---	n.d.	wire service
Metro Consolidation	---	n.d.	typescript of "History of Nashville Metro"
Metro Government			
- Metro Convalescent Hospital	---	1966	typescript TB Hospital
- Police Department	1982	1983	typescript deadly force policy change
- School Mothers' Patrol	---	1966	report, school and adult traffic safety education

O

Old Hickory Dam	---	1962	press release on proposed closing of access roads, elevation levels
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Old Hickory plant
- see *DuPont Plant*

P

Percy Priest Dam
(Stewart's Ferry Dam) 1962 1967 booklets, brochures, maps, press
release

Q

Quarterly Court --- 1955 Resolution: tax levy
- Constables --- 1958 member list
- Magistrates --- 1958 member list (blank form)
- Magistrates --- 1960 member list by district

R

Ridgetop Inn --- 1950 typescript of clipping

S

Segregation - School --- ca. 1960 Banner staff schedule for
reporters and photographers for
the first day of school at
elementary schools during
desegregation

Shawnee Country Club
- *See Hillwood Country Club*

Stewart's Ferry Dam
- *See Percy Priest Dam*

V

Vital Statistics --- 1960 Birth and Death rates by Civil
Districts report