

**Bill Goodman Nashville History Photographs Collection  
circa 1853-1985**

**Collection Summary**

**Creator:** Goodman, Bill (William W.), 1928-

**Title:** Bill Goodman Nashville History Photographs Collection

**Inclusive Dates:** circa 1853-1985 (bulk 1930-1955)

**Summary/Abstract:** Photographs of buildings and street scenes around Nashville, Tennessee from 1853 to 1985. Some photographs are reproduced from other sources; however, most are from original negatives.

**Physical Description/Extent:** .2 cu. ft.

**Linking Entry Complexity Note:**

**Accession Number:** Acc. 2003.064

**Language:** English

**Stack Location:** Closed stacks workroom range 7 section 8

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

**Chronology**

1928	Born August 10, 1928
1950-52	Goodman served as photographer for Marine Corp in Korea
1954	Began work as a photographer for <i>Nashville Banner Newspaper</i>
1959	Served as president of the Middle Tennessee News Photographers Assoc.
1990	Retired from <i>Nashville Banner Newspaper</i>

**Biographical/Historical Sketch**

William W. "Bill" Goodman was born August 10, 1928. He attended Oglesby and Turner Elementary Schools and graduated from Central High School. He married Willor L. Smith and they have four children.

He served in the Korean War as a Marine Corps combat photographer with the 1st Marine Division. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve six years and in the Air National Guard five years. Doubling as a light machine gunner in Korea, he was awarded the United Nations Medal, the Korean Service Medal with two battle stars and the Good Conduct Award. After retirement he volunteered at the Veteran's Hospital.

Mr. Goodman became a *Nashville Banner* photographer in 1954 and remained with the newspaper for over 35 years. Over the years, he won numerous photographic awards. He specialized in aerial photos and police action pictures. He was a member and past president of the Middle Tennessee News Photographers Association and was also a member of the National Press Photographers Association. One of his most dramatic accident photographs ran UPI and was published in many newspapers and featured in "the Washington Daily." "Best Sports Stories of 1973" published one of his award-winning sports photographs.

Over the years he developed a keen interest in the history of Nashville and collected related photographs.

### **Scope and Contents of the Collection**

Photographs of Nashville, Tennessee circa 1853 - 1985. The oldest images in the collection are from the mid 1800's and are taken from books and other sources; the bulk are from the time period from 1930 to 1955. All of the photographs have been identified, and many include the year and the location. The collection consists of ninety four scanned black-and-white photographs printed on twenty-four contact sheets. The scans are from photographs provided by Goodman. He printed the photographs from old Banner negatives not shot by him and negatives he shot at the time of the events. The photographs are primarily of buildings in and around Nashville, Tennessee. Public buildings, hotels, and street scenes are featured. Subjects include: the old jail and courthouse, *Nashville Banner* building, the post office, airport, various churches, city hall, businesses, etc. Street scenes of Church Street and Broadway include some aerial views. There are also aerial shots of the implosions of the Andrew Jackson and Sam Davis hotels, as well as photographs of the Maxwell House Hotel after it was destroyed by fire. Other notable pictures include views of Nashville from Fort Negley, the 1940 frozen Cumberland River, and victory parades after World War I and World War II.

### **Organization/Arrangement of Materials**

**Arrangement:** Alphabetical by file name assigned by library staff at time of scanning.

### **Restrictions**

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

**Restrictions on Use and Reproduction:** Some items may be protected by Copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code).

### **Index Terms**

#### **Corporate Names/Organizations:**

Andrew Jackson Hotel (Nashville, Tenn.)

Sam Davis Hotel (Nashville, Tenn.)

Maxwell House Hotel (Nashville, Tenn.)

#### **Subjects:**

Airplanes--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs

Banks and banking--Tennessee--Nashville

Business enterprises--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs

Buildings--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs

Central business districts--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs

Church buildings--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs

Dwellings--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs  
Hotels--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs  
Parades--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs  
Schools--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs  
Steamboats--Cumberland River (Ky. and Tenn.)--Photographs  
Steamboats--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs  
Streets--Tennessee--Nashville--Photographs

**Places:**

Cumberland River (Ky. and Tenn.)--Photographs  
Davidson County (Tenn.)--Buildings, structures, etc.  
Nashville (Tenn.)--Aerial photographs  
Nashville (Tenn.)--Buildings, structures, etc.  
Nashville (Tenn.)--Commerce  
Nashville (Tenn.)--Description and travel  
Nashville (Tenn.)--History--Sources  
Nashville (Tenn.)--Politics and government  
Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.)--Politics and government

**Genre/Document Types:**

Digital prints

**Added Author (Corporate):**

Nashville Banner

**Associated and Related Material**

Related materials include photographs taken by Bill Goodman during his service in the Korean War, part of the Veterans History Project Collection in the holdings of the Special Collections Division of the Nashville Public Library.

**Separated Material**

**Administrative Information**

**Additional Physical Form Available:** In addition to the contact sheets, the photographs are digitized, scanned in tiff format. The scans are on the hard drive attached to the Image Repro Computer and also on CDs stored in file cabinet in Image Repro area.

**Location of Originals/Duplicates:** Original photographs are in the donor's possession.

**Copyright:** Some material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code). Nashville Public Library owns the copyright on items which originated with the Nashville Banner newspaper, as per terms of the Deed of Gift from Irby Simpkins and Brownlee Curry in 1999, accession RT-375.

**Preferred Citation:** Bill Goodman Nashville History Photographs Collection, Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Donated to Nashville Public Library, Special Collections in 2003 by William W. "Bill" Goodman

**Ownership and Custodial History:** Goodman over the years collected photographs about Nashville history and put them in album books because of his interest.

**Processing Information:** Scans of the photographs from loaned originals were made by Beth Odle in 2003, contact sheets were printed in June 2009 to provide access to the public, and volunteer Rose Mary Reed foldered the contact sheets and developed an initial finding aid. Final finding aid revisions by Beth Odle, 2017.

**Accruals:** No further accruals expected.

## Other Finding Aids

## Electronic Location and Access

## References to Works by or about Collection Creator/Topic

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Container List

#### Folder 1

11. tif	First American National Bank
12. tif	Nashville Banner Bldg. on Third Ave. N.
13. tif	Old Jail and Courtroom on Second Av. N. Just off Public Sq.
13-b.tif	Duplicate of 13.tif

#### Folder 2

2-10-1965 Ct House.tif	Davidson County Courthouse
5 <sup>th</sup> Av at Arcade.tif	Fifth Ave. at the Arcade
Airplane 10-29-1937.tif	Single engine plane
Airplane.tif	Single engine plane

#### Folder 3

Airplanes.tif	Six single engine planes
Aerial Capitol.tif	Aerial view of downtown, including state capitol showing the capitol redevelopment behind the capitol
Aerial Union Sta.etc.1937.tif	Aerial view of Union Station and surroundings
Baptist Church.tif	Baptist Church of Nashville 1821( later called First Baptist Church) on Spring St. now Church St.

#### Folder 4

Berry Field Terminal 1939.tif	Berry Field terminal
Broadway 1940.tif	View of Broadway looking toward Union Station convoy on street

Broadway 1937.tif	View of Broadway showing streetcars and autos.
Cardinal Stritch.tif	Cardinal Stritch historical marker and photo of The Church of the Assumption.
<b>Folder 5</b>	
Church St.1945.tif	Church St. looking west at 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N. 1945 celebration of V-J Day
Church St. 1945.tif	Church St. looking west at 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N 1945
Church St.tif	Church St. looking east, intersection of 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and Church St. is visible. Building on that corner is the Hitchcock Building.
City 2.tif	Church St. looking east toward the Paramount Theater, intersection of 9 <sup>th</sup> and Church St is visible.
<b>Folder 6</b>	
City 3.tif	City Street showing cobblestones, Commerce St.
City 4.tif	City Street showing Sample Shoe Store (115 Public Square South,) McClure's, Gay's, and street car
City Hall 1900.tif	View of City Hall showing Underwood Restaurant
City Hall and Square.tif	Two views: Market on the square-1900; City Hall And square late 1800
<b>Folder 7</b>	
City Rd. Meth. Church.tif	City Road Methodist Church in Madison, TN Front view
City.tif	View of Commerce St. with cobblestones
Cumberland frozen 1-27-1940-2.tif	Man standing on the frozen Cumberland River Jan. 27, 1940.
Cumberland frozen 1-27-1940.tiff	View of people walking across the Cumberland River with barges in the background
<b>Folder 8</b>	
Dav Ct Sq 3-19-1986.tif	Courthouse Square 1986
Dav. County ch 1937.tif	Davidson County Courthouse 1937.
Dav. Co courthouse 1859-square.tif	North side of the Public Square from the courthouse
Dav, Co courthouse 1936-37.tif	Aerial view of the Davidson County Courthouse 1936-37, showing the surrounding streets
<b>Folder 9</b>	
Dav. Co. Courthouse 2- 1936-37.tif	Davidson County Courthouse in 1936-37
Dav. courthouses.tif	Two views of two different Davidson County Courthouses
Dav. Co. Courthouse.tif	View of one side of the courthouse showing Construction work

<p>Dav.cch-1884-nasahville inn.tif</p> <p><b>Folder 10</b></p> <p>DCCH-being replaced- 1937.tif</p> <p>DCCH-new construction-2-1938.tif</p> <p>DCCH-new construction- 3-1938.tif</p> <p>DCCH-new construction 1938.tif</p> <p><b>Folder 11</b></p> <p>DCCH frontview-1936- 37.tif</p> <p>DCCH sideview-1936- 37.tif</p> <p>East Nash. fire.tif</p> <p>Edgefield Pres. Church 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Russell st.1940's tif</p> <p><b>Folder 12</b></p> <p>End of WWI.tif</p> <p>Fed. Bldg. 1939.tif</p> <p>First auto in Nash.tif</p> <p>Flood from Capitol N. Nash 8<sup>th</sup> Av N. 1936.tif</p> <p><b>Folder 13</b></p> <p>Gerst.tif</p> <p>Hume Fogg HS 1937.tif</p> <p>Ice Wagon at 5<sup>th</sup> and Union.tif</p>	<p>two views: Nashville Inn in 1783; Davidson County Courthouse 1884</p> <p>Courthouse showing upper floors torn down</p> <p>Workers constructing the new courthouse</p> <p>Close-up of the columns being constructed as the courthouse is being rebuilt</p> <p>Crane placing section of column being placed as courthouse is being rebuilt</p> <p>View of one side of the courthouse showing reconstruction after columns removed</p> <p>Side view of courthouse with columns still in place</p> <p>East Nashville street after the fire showing burned out buildings</p> <p>Edgefield Presbyterian Church at 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Russell St.</p> <p>Two views: large crowd of people at the state Capitol; soldiers on parade with crowd watching, state capitol in background</p> <p>Front view of the Federal Building at 8<sup>th</sup> and Broadway, 1939.</p> <p>Two men riding in an open car, first car in Nashville</p> <p>Cumberland River flooding streets. Photo taken from the state capitol</p> <p>Front view of Gerst Brewing Co. building</p> <p>Front view [Broadway] of Hume Fogg High School at 700 Broadway in 1937.</p> <p>Ice wagon on the side of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Union St.</p>
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Juv Ct 7 <sup>th</sup> Av N 1938.tif	Front view of the Juvenile Court building at 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N. in 1938
<b>Folder 14</b>	
Lebecks.tif	LeBeck's Department Store on Church St.
Looking 2.tif	View of Nashville [from Ft. Negley Hill]
Looking N. from ft. neg. Hill Downtown.tif	Looking north from Fort Negley Hill at downtown Nashville
Looking SW at Rose Pk Hill 8 <sup>th</sup> Av 1939.tif	Looking SW from Rose Park Hill at 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. 1939
<b>Folder 15</b>	
Looking W. from ft. Negley Hill 1939.tif	Looking west from Fort Negley Hill, 1939.
Looking W. on Church St at 9 <sup>th</sup> Av. N 1937.tif	Looking west on Church St. at 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N., 1937
Looking.tif	View from a hill around Nashville
Maxwell House fire.tif	Aerial view of the burned out Maxwell House Hotel
<b>Folder 16</b>	
Nash Savings.tif	Interior view of the Nashville Savings Company
New market being built On Square.tif	Two views: close-up of the dome under construction on the new market building; picture of the new market building under construction
Old Nash-1.tif	Two views: transportation transfer station on 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N.; 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. and Union St.
Old Nash-10.tif	Two views: Maxwell House Hotel in 1864; Duncan Hotel
<b>Folder 17</b>	
Old Nash-2.tif	Two views: Broadway west from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave.; another street corner of North (Cherry) 4 <sup>th</sup> Av N and Charlotte (Cedar)
Old Nash-3.tif	Two views: Noel Corner at 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Church St.; 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. and Church St. southwest
Old Nash-4.tif	Two views: Maxwell House Hotel; Tulane Building on Church St. looking north and Polk St.
Old Nash-5.tif	Two views: Old City Jail; Gates and Pohlman office
<b>Folder 18</b>	
Old Nash-6.tif	Two views: The American; 2nd Ave. and Broad Street [Broadway]
Old Nash-7.tif	Two views: Maxwell House Hotel; Waggoners European Hotel
Old Nash-8.tif	Two views: Fourth National Bank on the southeast

Old Nash-9.tif	Corner of 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. and Church; the Watkins building on Church St. showing advertisement for Collier Grocer Two views: St. Cloud Hotel at Fifth Ave. and Church St.; Fourth Ave. looking North from Commerce St.
<b>Folder 19</b>	
Post Off. & Fed. Bldg.. 1939.tif	Post office and Federal Building on Broadway, 1939
Rebuild pass on Broad between 9 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> At Us.tif	Reconstruction of Broadway viaduct between 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave. and 11th
Robt. Martin home Gallatin Rd 1829.tif Steamboat golden eagle 1938.tif	Robert Martin home on Gallatin Rd. in 1829  Golden Eagle Riverboat on the Cumberland River 1938
<b>Folder 20</b>	
Steamboat Delta Queen.tif Steamboat g.e. locks 1937- 2.tif	Delta Queen Steamboat
Steam boat g. e. locks 1937- tif	Riverboat Golden Eagle, going through the locks, 1937
Steam boat gold. Eagle- downtown.tif	Riverboat Golden Eagle, in Nashville in locks, 1937  Golden Eagle docked on the Cumberland in Nashville
<b>Folder 21</b>	
Steamboat Warioto.tif	Steamboat Warioto on the Cumberland River in Nashville
Steamboat Yocona.tif Steamboat G. E. on Cumberland 1937.tif Sam Davis Hotel implosion 1.tif	Steamboat Yocona  Golden Eagle on the Cumberland River in 1937  Three views of the implosion of the Sam Davis Hotel
<b>Folder 22</b>	
Andrew Jackson Hotel implosion 2.tif	Four views of the implosion of the Andrew Jackson Hotel
Sec Av N between church St & broad 1937.tif	Second Ave. N. between Church St. and Broadway, showing cars and trucks, 1937.



Sec Av N Dav Ct 1937.tif	Second Ave. N. looking toward the courthouse, 1937
Square 2-10-1965.tif	Buildings along one side of the courthouse square, 1965
<b>Folder 23</b>	
St. car tracks-not sure.tif	Street car tracks
State Capitol.tif	View of the state capitol taken from the War Memorial steps
Tarbox School.tif	Tarbox School
TN Supreme Court.tif	Tennessee Supreme Court Building taken from The Capitol
<b>Folder 24</b>	
Uni Club 6 <sup>th</sup> Av 1-21-1939.tif	Two views: Exterior of the University Club at 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave.; interior of the University Club, 1939
Ward Belmont 1938.tif	f Ward Belmont, 1938