

## **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.

**Physical Description/Extent:** 1.5 cu. ft.

**Language:** In English.

**Stack Location:** Closed stacks workroom

**Repository:** Nashville Room, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church St., Nashville, TN 37219

### **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 Adelia 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

### Personal names:

Acklen, Adelia, 1817-1887  
Arnold, Eddy, 1918-2008  
Atkins, Chet  
Bell, Montgomery, 1769-1855  
Bell family  
Bontemps, Arna, 1902-1973  
Carmack, Edward Ward, 1858-1908  
Coe, Fred, 1914-1979  
Edgar family  
Fentress, Charles, b. ca. 1931  
Fergusson family  
Fox family  
Gentry family  
Gentry, Howard C., 1922-1995  
Goodrum family  
Gore, Albert, 1907-1998  
Grundy, Felix, 1777-1840  
Halliburton, Richard, 1900-1939  
Harding family  
Harding, William Giles, 1808-1886  
Harkreader, Sidney J.  
Helmick family  
Henderson, Samuel, Dr.  
Hume, William, d.1833  
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845  
James, Jesse, 1847-1882  
Justi, Herman, 1851-1909  
Kmiec, Edward Urban, Bishop  
Lindsley family  
Macon, Uncle Dave, 1870-1952  
McClurkan family  
McClurkan, J. O. (James Octavius), 1861-1914  
McGavock, Randal W. (Randal William), 1826-1863  
McGavock family  
McNairy family  
Monroe, Bill, 1911-1996  
Moore, Grace, 1898-1947  
Moore, Merrill, 1903-1957  
Napier, James Carroll, 1845-1940  
Perry family  
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849  
Ridley family  
Robinson, Margaret Ann

Schermerhorn, Kenneth  
Seigenthaler, John, 1927-2014  
Sevier family  
Shelby, John, 1786-1859  
Shelby family  
Smith family  
Taylor, Robt. L. (Robert Love), 1850-1912  
Thompson family  
Tichenor, Tom  
Turner, Charles New  
Wade, Stockley Donelson  
Watkins, Samuel, d. 1880  
Wendell, E.W. (Bud), 1927-  
Whaley, Lyddy, fl. 1840-1927  
Wills family  
Wills, Jesse  
Wrather, Eva Jean  
Wynette, Tammy  
York, Alvin Cullum, 1887-1964

**Corporate Names/Organizations:**

Belmont (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Hermitage (Hermitage, Tenn.)  
Nashville Symphony Orchestra  
Watkins Institute

**Subjects:**

African Americans -- History -- Sources  
African Americans -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Biography  
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**Places:**

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Missouri River -- Description and travel  
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Nashville (Tenn.) -- History -- Sources  
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Tennessee -- Biography  
Tennessee -- Genealogy  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives

**Genre/Document Types:**

Autobiographies  
Bible records  
Biographies  
Christmas cards  
Correspondence  
Diaries  
Genealogies  
Manuscripts (document genre)  
Memoirs  
Programs (documents)

**Occupations:**

Authors  
Clergy  
Educators  
Fiddlers  
Governors  
Lawyers  
Musicians  
Politicians

**Added Authors:**

Harkreader, Sidney J.  
Lovett, Bobby L.  
Sadler, Joe T.  
Taylor, Robt. L. (Robert Love), 1850-1912  
Treadwell, Mary Lois, 1884-  
Trigg, James Knox, 1922-  
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.

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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. Additions processed, 2019, Linda Barnickel.

**Accruals:** Additional accruals are expected.

## Detailed Description of the Collection

Acklen, Adelia

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

Atkins, Chet

Funeral program, 2001

Bell, Montgomery family

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.

*See Shute family*

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

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.

*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*

Driver, William  
 Brochure: "Old Glory: An American Treasure Comes Home," Tennessee State Museum, 2006

Drouillard, Bernard Wayne  
 Misc. personal items, 1957, 1968

Edgar family  
 Bible records, 1766-1909 (incl. Douglass and Day families) (photocopies)

Edwards, Ernest L. Jr. ("Monk")  
 Booklet: "Court House Days, 1948-1982," compiled by Amelia Edwards, 2005

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, 30<sup>th</sup> 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

Fox family

- “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
- Gentry family  
“The Gentry Family from England to Virginia to Dickson Co., Tenn.” n.d.
- Gentry, Howard C., Sr.  
Program for TSU fundraiser, 2008
- Goodpasture, Ernest W., Dr.  
*See Priest, J. Percy*
- 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”  
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)
  4. Photograph; typescript of article in *Nashville American*, 1881; “Smiling Jack Harding – Magellan of the Air” radio script, 1968. (photocopies)
  5. “Portrait of Belle Meade, 1862” speech by Ridley Wills II, 1973 (photocopy)
  6. Typescripts of 3 letters from Andrew Johnson Papers, Library of Congress, (photocopies), 1862, 1864
  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

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  
*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

James, Jesse  
 Booklet: "Jesse James and Bill Ryan at Nashville," by Ted P. Yeatman, with ballads by Steve Eng, 1981

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  
*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.

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  
*See also Harkreader, Sidney*

Manuel [clothing designer]  
*See Turner, Steve*

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  
*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*

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  
*See Davidson, William Lee*

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. Stock Yard of Fort Worth, Texas letterhead, to "Dick," dated Mar. 10, 1888.

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 – Tennessee 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

Rudolph, Wilma  
Brochure: "Clarksville Hometown Hero," 2012

Ryan, Bill

*See James, Jesse*

Sadler, Joe T.  
*See Bell, Montgomery family*

Sanders family  
*See Smith family*

Schermerhorn, Kenneth (2 folders)

1. 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

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

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

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

Slater family  
*See Bruce-Slater family*

Smith 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*

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

- 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.
- Taylor, Robert L. Governor  
 Speech, May 12, 1906 and Message to Extra Session of General Assembly, 1898
- Thompson family  
 Genealogical information about the Thompson family of Nashville, compiled by Dorothy Boyd Dale, c. 1979
- Tichenor, Tom  
 5 Christmas cards, 1951, 1952, 1956, n.d., 1979  
*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
- Turner, Steve  
 Brochure: "The Turner Jacket," (Nashville Symphony), 2007
- 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"  
 Biography: "Bud Wendell: Company Man," by Stacy Harris, 1999.
- 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)
- 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
- Wynette, Tammy  
Funeral program, 1998
- 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*