

Communities Ephemera Subject Files
1794-2016
(bulk 1960-2009)

Collection Summary

Creator: Intentionally assembled by Special Collections Division staff, beginning at an unknown date, probably in the late 1960s, and collected on an ongoing basis.

Title: Communities Ephemera Subject Files

Inclusive Dates: 1794-2016 (bulk 1960-2009)

Summary/Abstract: Wide variety of materials relating to various Tennessee communities, with emphasis on Nashville and Davidson County.

Physical Description/Extent: 1.5 cu. ft.

Language: In English.

Stack Location: Closed stacks workroom; closed stacks map room oversize ephemera subject files

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

Scope and Contents of the Collection

Brochures, pamphlets, newsletters, reports, lists, booklets, and a variety of other material concerning various Tennessee communities. Emphasis is upon Nashville and Davidson County, with a large quantity of material relating to or produced by the city, county, or metropolitan governments. Chronological lists of government officials for various offices are a particularly helpful resource.

Subjects in the collection include overviews of communities, government, history, tourism and industry. For Nashville neighborhoods, subjects include historic or restored homes, neighborhood tours, house and garden tours, neighborhood associations, and neighborhood history. Numerous items contain illustrations or maps. Quantity of materials on a subject ranges from a single item to several folders. Includes some photocopies.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Organization:

Organized into two series:

I. Communities outside of Nashville/Davidson County.

II. Nashville/Davidson County.

Subseries: A. Nashville - Neighborhoods

B. Nashville - Government

C. Nashville – Subjects

Arrangement:

Arranged alphabetically within each subseries.

Restrictions

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

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Index Terms

Personal Names

Boner, William H.
Bredesen, Phil
Briley, Beverly, 1914-1980
Fulton, Richard Harmon, 1927-
Purcell, Bill
West, Ben, 1911-1974

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Davidson County (Tenn.). - Sheriff's Office
Davidson County (Tenn.). - Election Commission
Davidson County (Tenn.). - Juvenile Court
Grand Army of the Republic
Historical Commission of Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County
Metropolitan Human Relations Commission (Nashville, Tenn.)
Nashville (Tenn.). - Board of Health
Nashville (Tenn.). - Board of Public Works
Nashville (Tenn.). - Mayor.
Nashville (Tenn.). - Police Department.
Nashville (Tenn.). - Planning and Zoning Commission.
Nashville (Tenn.). - Water Works
Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.). - Metropolitan Planning Commission
Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.). - Metropolitan Public Health Department
Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.). - Department of Water and Sewerage Services
Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.). - Fire Department
Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.). - Mayor's Office
Nashville Fire Department
Nashville Thermal Transfer Corporation
Nashville's Agenda (Tenn.)

Subjects:

Advertising – Tourism – Tennessee
Architecture and tourism - Tennessee
Architecture, Domestic - Tennessee
Central business districts – Tennessee - Chattanooga

Central business districts – Tennessee - Memphis
Central business districts – Tennessee – Nashville
Cities and towns – Tennessee – Growth
Citizens’ associations – Tennessee - Nashville
City and town life – Tennessee
City planning – Tennessee – Nashville
City promotion – Tennessee – Chattanooga
City promotion – Tennessee - Memphis
City promotion – Tennessee – Nashville
Civic improvement – Tennessee - Nashville
Community development – Tennessee – Nashville
Community health services – Tennessee - Nashville
Community life – Tennessee
Constables – Tennessee - Nashville
Cultural property – Protection – Tennessee - Nashville
Culture and tourism – Tennessee - Nashville
Dwellings – Tennessee - Nashville
Fire departments – Tennessee - Nashville
Garden tours – Tennessee - Nashville
Health boards – Tennessee – Nashville
Heritage tourism – Tennessee - Franklin
Heritage tourism – Tennessee - Nashville
Historic buildings – Tennessee – Franklin
Historic buildings – Tennessee - Nashville
Historic preservation – Awards – Tennessee - Nashville
Juvenile courts – Tennessee – Nashville
Mayors – Tennessee - Nashville
Municipal water supply – Tennessee- Nashville
Music and tourism – Tennessee - Nashville
Neighborhoods – Tennessee - Nashville
Neighborhood government – Tennessee - Nashville
Neighborhood planning – Tennessee - Nashville
Ordinances, Municipal – Tennessee – Nashville
Police – Tennessee – Nashville
Public health – Tennessee - Nashville
Sheriffs – Tennessee – Davidson County
Shopping -- Tennessee
Tourism – Tennessee - Franklin
Tourism – Tennessee - Nashville
Urbanization – Tennessee - Nashville
Voter registration – Tennessee- Nashville
Water-supply – Tennessee-Nashville
Zoning – Tennessee - Nashville

Places:

Bellevue (Tenn.)
Berry Hill (Nashville, Tenn.)
Brentwood (Tenn.)
Chattanooga (Tenn.) – Description and travel
Davidson County (Tenn.) – Commerce
Davidson County (Tenn.) – Description and travel
Davidson County (Tenn.) – Economic conditions
Davidson County (Tenn.) – History – Sources
Davidson County (Tenn.) – Officials and employees
Davidson County (Tenn.) – Politics and government
East End (Nashville, Tenn.)
East Nashville (Nashville, Tenn.)
Edgefield (Tenn.)
Flat Rock (Nashville, Tenn.)
Franklin (Tenn.)
Franklin (Tenn.) – Guidebooks
Franklin (Tenn.) – In popular culture
Goodlettsville (Tenn.)
Green Hills (Nashville, Tenn.)
Hillsboro-West End (Nashville, Tenn.)
Jackson (Tenn.)
Lawrenceburg (Tenn.)
Lockeland Springs (Nashville, Tenn.)
Lookout Mountain (Appalachian Mountains)
Memphis (Tenn.) – Description and travel
Murfreesboro (Tenn.)
Nashville (Tenn.) – Commerce
Nashville (Tenn.) – Description and travel
Nashville (Tenn.) – Economic conditions
Nashville (Tenn.) – History – Sources
Nashville (Tenn.) – In popular culture
Nashville (Tenn.) – Officials and employees
Nashville (Tenn.) – Politics and government
Nashville and Davidson County (Tenn.)
Old Hickory (Tenn.)
Richland-West End (Nashville, Tenn.)
Shelbyville (Tenn.)
Sylvan Park (Nashville, Tenn.)
Tennessee – Description and travel
Tennessee – History – Sources
Tennessee – In popular culture
Tullahoma (Tenn.) – Description and travel
West Nashville (Nashville, Tenn.)
Woodbine (Nashville, Tenn.)
Woodland-in-Waverly (Nashville, Tenn.)

Genre/Document Types:

Annual reports
Brochures
Guidebooks
Illustrations
Lists (document genres)
Manuscripts (document genre)
Newsletters
Official reports
Pamphlets
Reports
Tourist maps

Occupations:

Constables
Mayors
Public officers
Sheriffs

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 Communities Ephemera Subject Files during reprocessing in 2007 and form their own collections, cataloged and accessed separately:

Howard Boyd Lectures and Articles, ca. 1974.
Nashville Water Works Correspondence, 1887-1941, (bulk 1889-1891)
Some Tidbits of Nashville History by Paul Beasley, 1975

Administrative Information

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Processing Information: Weeded by staff members Linda Barnickel and Carol Kaplan, 2003. Rehoused and reprocessed by staff member Linda Barnickel, 2007. All actions part of overall ephemera subject files reprocessing project. Additions, processed by Linda Barnickel, 2019.

Accruals: Additional accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I. Communities outside of Nashville/Davidson County

Brentwood, 1986-2015

Chattanooga (2 folders)

1. "Chattanooga the Gate to the South," Grand Army of the Republic Encampment, 1913
2. Views of Lookout Mountain, etc., 1919

Franklin (4 folders)

1. Invitation to Enterprise: The Story of Franklin (1952)
2. Tourist brochures, maps, 1961-1987
2. Tourist brochures, shopping, 1996-2012
3. Visitor guides, ca. 2009-ca. 2015

Jackson, 1983

Lawrenceburg, 1976-1980

Leipers Fork, 2004

Memphis (2 folders)

1. "The City of Opportunity," 1924
2. variety, 1963-ca. 1980

Murfreesboro, 2009-2010

Shelbyville, ca. 1975

Tullahoma, 1980

Series II. Nashville/Davidson County

Subseries A. Nashville - Neighborhoods

Bellevue, 1995

Berry Hill, ca. 2006-ca. 2015

District (The), 1990

East End, 1981

OVERSIZE BOX 1, FOLDER 19:

Poster: "Discover the Near East in Nashville," 1987

East Nashville, 2005-2011

Edgefield (2 folders)

1. Home Tours, 1976-1988
2. misc., 1980-1986

Germantown, 1983-ca. 2004

Goodlettsville, 1971-1998

OVERSIZE BOX 3, FOLDER 11:

2 issues, "The Fact Book" (1993, 1998); "The Gazette" (2000)

Green Hills, 1987

Hadley's Bend, 1991

Hillsboro Village, 2005-2012

Hillsboro/West End, 2004

Inglewood, 1926-2007

Lockeland Springs (4 folders)

1. Neighborhood Assoc., ca. 1979-ca. 1988
2. Lockeland essay by Harry V.L. Gower, 1970
3. Home Tours, 1979-1987
4. Home Tours, 1990-1999
5. Home Tours, 2000-2004
6. Home Tours, 2005-2006

OVERSIZE BOX 1, FOLDER 19:

Posters: "Christmas in Lockeland" tour, 1981; Christmas Tour of Homes, 2001

Melrose – see Berry Hill

Metro Center, 1971

Northeast Nashville, 2003-ca. 2016

Old Hickory, 1998-1999

OVERSIZE BOX 1, FOLDER 19:

"Old Hickory Village Home & Garden Tour" fan, 1999

Pennington Bend, n.d.

Richland-West End, 1986-1999

OVERSIZE BOX 1, FOLDER 19:

Poster: Home and Garden Tour poster, 1994

Sylvan Park, 1986-1987

12 South, 2004

Waverly Place, 1995

West End – see Hillsboro/West End

West Nashville (2 folders)

1. Tours, 1986-1988
2. Business and Classified Directories, 1960-1964

Woodbine/Flat Rock, 1976

OVERSIZE BOX 2, FOLDER 10:

Poster: "Hands Together in Flat Rock," 2009

Woodland-in-Waverly, 1983-1985

Subseries B. Nashville – Government

In general

City, (pre-1963), ca. 1794-ca. 1956

OVERSIZE BOX 3, FOLDER 9:

"Plan of Metro Govt for Nashville..." (4 pages) *Tennessean*, Oct. 30, 1956

Metro, (post-1963) [after consolidation], (3 folders)

1. 1963-1968
2. 1972-1995
3. Metro at 50, (2012)

Departments

Assessor, 1997

Budget & Finance, 1949-1950

Codes, ca. 1964

Courts, ca. 1915-2007
 Fire Department, 1871-1975
 Health Department, 1905-1969
 Human Relations Commission, 1967-1974
 Mayor [alpha by last name]
 Boner, Bill – 1987, 1989
 Bredesen, Phil – 1991, 1995
 Briley, Beverly – 1963-ca. 1975
 Cummings, Tom – 1947
 Dean, Karl - 2008
 Fulton, Richard – 1976-1983
 Purcell, Bill – 1999
 West, Ben – 1960, 1977
 Metro Historical Commission (4 folders)
 1. In general, 1974-1979
 2. Awards, 1973-1980
 3. Awards, 1989-1992
 4. Awards, 1994-2009
 Officials, (Lists of), (2 folders)
 1. Lists of Officials, 1806-2003
 2. League of Women Voters Guides, 1967-1992
 Planning Commission, 1973-1982
 Police Department, 1868-2007
 Public Works, 1904
 Sheriff (Davidson Co.), 1996-1998
 Thermal Transfer Plant, ca. 1974
 Voter Registration, 1963
 Water Department (2 folders)
 1. (no date)
 2. Metro Water Services, 1966-2010
 OVERSIZE DRAWER BB-2, FOLDER 2:
 Poster: “The Water We Drink,” 1998
 Zoning, 1936-1989

Subseries C. Nashville – Subjects

Growth and Development (3 folders)
 1. 1941-1976
 OVERSIZE BOX 3, FOLDER 10:
 “‘What Do You Want to Know about the Nashville and Middle Tennessee
 Market?’”, ca. 1951
 [contains many statistics from 1940 and 1950]
 2. ca. 1955-ca. 2009
 OVERSIZE BOX 4, FOLDER 3:
 “Nashville the Plus City,” 1968 (2 items)
 3. “Nashville’s Agenda,” 1994
 Guides, ca. 1907-1931

History (4 folders)

1. McCauley Scrapbook, c. 1907
2. 1966-1978
3. 1942-1960
4. 1958-1971
5. Historic sites and markers, 1973-1980
6. Commemorations, anniversaries, etc. 1976-1979

Misc., - Novels Set in Nashville, 2011