

Schools Ephemera Subject Files
1825-2015
(bulk 1880-1990)

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: Schools Ephemera Subject Files

Inclusive Dates: 1825-2015 (bulk 1880-1990)

Summary/Abstract: Includes a wide variety of material relating to schools in the Nashville area and elsewhere in Middle Tennessee. Most items outside of the Nashville area concern universities or colleges. In the collection as a whole, all types of schools are included, both public and private, and elementary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions. Materials are also included which concern or originate with school-affiliated groups and individuals, such as clubs, athletics, parent-teacher organizations, teachers, administrators, alumni, and others.

Physical Description/Extent: 2 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

Includes programs from school events such as graduations, reunions, plays, recitals, concerts and similar activities; promotional materials; yearbooks; rosters; brochures; student newspapers; literary magazines; newsletters; publications; reports; essays and histories; course catalogs; student handbooks; curriculum and lessons; speeches, commemorations, and dedications; and a wide variety of other material. Quantity of materials ranges from a single item to several folders. Some items are photocopies.

Some of the more notable material includes broadsides from the Nashville Female Academy in 1859 promoting their exhibition; a 1908 Senate document regarding claims for damages at the University of Nashville Medical School caused by U.S. troops during the Civil War; and a slate lesson book used by a student at Bowen School. Two items relating to Vanderbilt University are worth special mention: a program for President John F. Kennedy's speech in 1963 commemorating the 90th anniversary of Vanderbilt University, and a brochure issued during the Tennessee Centennial Exhibition in 1897, offering Vanderbilt dormitories as lodgings for visitors to the exhibition. Other items in the collection include a history of girls' private schools in Nashville written by Margaret Lindsley Warden in 1965; a list of high school examination questions from 1922; and a newspaper from 1979 entitled, "Speak to the Chaperones," containing women's

reminiscences about their school days in Nashville in the mid-1940s, including memories of high school sororities, dances, and social life.

A number of small holdings exist for girls' and women's schools, and numerous private academies for both sexes. Individual schools that are well-represented in the collection include: Aquinas College; Belmont University; Bowen School; Isaac Litton School; Peabody College and Peabody Demonstration School; Scarritt-Bennett Center; University of Nashville, including the Medical School; Vanderbilt University; and Ward-Belmont, including their Camp Cohechee in Fryeburg, Maine.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Two series:

- I. Schools in general, grouped by type of school
- II. Individual schools filed alphabetically by school name.

Restrictions

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

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Index Terms

Personal Names:

Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Aquinas College (Nashville, Tenn.)

Belmont College (Nashville, Tenn.)

Belmont University

Bowen School (Nashville, Tenn.)

Camp Cohechee (Fryeburg, Me.)

George Peabody College for Teachers

Isaac Litton High School (Nashville, Tenn.)

Nashville Female Academy (Tenn.)

Peabody Demonstration School

Scarritt-Bennett Center

Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition (1897: Nashville, Tenn.)

University of Nashville

University of Nashville. Medical Dept.

Vanderbilt University

Vanderbilt University. George Peabody College for Teachers.

Ward-Belmont College (Nashville, Tenn.)

Subjects:

Boarding schools – Tennessee

Church colleges – Tennessee

Church schools – Tennessee - Nashville

College and school drama – Tennessee – Nashville

College students – Tennessee
Commencement ceremonies – Tennessee – Nashville
Concerts – Tennessee – Nashville
Education– Tennessee – Nashville
Elementary schools – Tennessee – Nashville
High schools – Alumni and alumnae – Tennessee - Nashville
High schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Home and school – Tennessee – Nashville
Junior high schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Learned institutions and societies – Tennessee – Nashville
Middle schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Music – Instruction and study – History
Music – Performance – Tennessee – Nashville
Music in universities and colleges – History - Sources
Private schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Private universities and colleges – Tennessee
Public schools - Tennessee- Nashville
School children – Tennessee – Nashville
School prose, American – Tennessee – Nashville
Schools – exercises and recreations – Tennessee – Nashville
Schools – Tennessee – Nashville
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Suburban schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Teachers – Tennessee – Nashville
Universities and colleges – Tennessee
Urban schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Women college students – Tennessee
Women in education – Tennessee
Women’s colleges – Tennessee – Nashville

Places:

Nashville (Tenn.) – History – Sources
Nashville (Tenn.) – Intellectual life
Nashville (Tenn.) – Speeches, addresses, etc.
Tennessee – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Claims

Genre/Document Types:

Annuals (publications)
Curricula
Essays
Invitations
Little magazines
Manuscripts
Newsletters
Newspapers
Pamphlets

Programs
Reports
Rosters
School records
Speeches
Yearbooks

Occupations:
Teachers

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 Schools Ephemera Subject Files during reprocessing in 2006 and form their own collections, cataloged and accessed separately:

Bailey School Parent-Teacher Association Records, 1930-1972
Beasley Watkins Institute Collection, 1947-1987
Buford College Collection, 1903-1920
Central High School Alumni Association Records, 1963-1986
E.L. McNeilly Robertson Academy Legal Correspondence, 1930-1934
Gladys Charlestine Matlock Autograph Book, 1933
John F. Kennedy Address on the 90th Anniversary of Vanderbilt University Collection, 1963 [a program for this event remains in Schools Ephemera Subject Files]
“Nashville Early History” by Miss Irene Spivey’s 6th grade class at Hattie Cotton Elementary School [1954]
Willie Williams Papers, 1893-c.1940

Materials concerning Hume-Fogg High School were removed from the Ephemera Subject Files in 2011 and placed in the larger Hume-Fogg High School Collection, which is cataloged and accessed separately.

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, 2005-2006. All actions part of overall ephemera subject files reprocessing project. Additions, 2011, Linda Barnickel. Additions, 2018, Linda Barnickel.

Accruals: Additional accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

General categories

In general

Oversize box 1, folder 6: *Speak to the Chaperones*

Boarding schools, 1979

Colleges, 1996-1997

Oversize box 1, folder 6: "On the map with our schools!" Nashville, 1985

Private schools (3 folders), 1965-2014

1) "Girls Private Schools in Nashville" by M.L. Warden, 1965

2) Directories, 1998-2002

3) Directories, 2007-2014

Public schools (6 folders), 1858-2011

1) 1858-1926

2) "Basics" booklets, 1980-1985

3) 1966, 1969

4) 1981-1999

5) 1944, 1980

6) 2003, 2011

Teaching and education, 1965-1973

Individual schools

Aquinas College (4 folders), 1974-2015

1) 1974-1986

2) 1982-1984

3) Newsletters, 1990, 2015

Oversize box 3, folder 3: "The Torch," 3 issues: 1983, 1985, 1986

4) Promotional materials, 2006

Bailey School, 1952-1959

Belmont College (& Univ.) (3 folders), ca. 1966-2012

1) ca.1966-1990

2) 2007

3) 2004-2012

Boscobel College, 1913-1914

Bowen School (6 folders), 1902-1919

1) School catalogs, 1902-1903, 1915-1916

2) Bowen Blade, 1912, 1913

3) Bowen Blade, 1915

4) Bowen Blade, 1917

5) Bowen Blade, 1919

6) Student's slate book with lessons, (undated)

Central High School, (undated – 1933)

Oversize box 4, folder 2: "Central High News," Senior Edition, 1933

Central Tennessee College, 1880

Clemons School, 1928-2009

Cumberland High School, 1936
 Dr. Blackie's School, 1876
 Donelson High School, 1960
 Oversize box 1, folder 6: Donelson Hi-Lites, Feb. 26, 1960
 Draughons Business College (2 folders), 1893-1976
 1) 1893-1920
 2) 1976
 Oversize box 1, folder 6: 2 issues of *The Torch*, 1980-1981
 Duncan School, 1917
 DuPont School, 1970, 1976
 East High School, 1942, 1945
 East Junior High, 1946-1949
 East Magnet, 2009
 Edgefield Female Seminary, 1871
 Ezell-Harding School, 1974-2008
 Father Ryan School (2 folders), 1990-2014
 1) Laymen's Guild brochure, (undated)
 2) "Irish Ayes" newsletter, 1990, 2014
 Fisk University (5 folders), 1973-2009
 1) In general, 1973-2009
 2) "Images in Black Artifacts: Negative and Positive," 1981-1982
 3) Arts, events, lectures, 1981-1996
 4) Arts, events, lectures, ca. 1930-2004
 5) Library, 1982-1994
 Oversize box 1, folder 1: Schedule of activities, 1983-84: "Themes in the Black American Experience...Black Folk Culture"
 Freed-Hardeman College, 1944
 Free Will Baptist Bible College, ca. 2006
 Girls Preparatory School, 1911
 Harpeth Hall School, 1976
 Oversize box 4, folder 1: H H Focus magazine, 2011
 Hillsboro High School, (2 folders), 1958-1966
 1) 1958-1966
 2) "The Burro Book" student directories, 1959-1963
 Howard School, 1909-1910
 Isaac Litton School, (4 folders), 1936-1965
 1) In general, 1942-1957
 2) Commencement, 1936-1941
 3) Commencement, 1944-1948
 4) Commencement, 1953-1965
 Oversize box 1, folder 6: *The Litton Blast* Apr. 14, 1943
 Jere Baxter School, 1934
 Lighthouse Christian College, 1986
 Lipscomb University (2 folders), 1966-1997
 1) 1966-1967
 2) 1997

Lockeland School, n.d.
 Madison College, 1938-2002
 Massey Military School, 1976
 Meharry Medical College, 2000-2001
 Montgomery Bell Academy (2 folders), 1900

- 1) In general, 1900
- 2) Montgomery-Bell Bulletin, 1900

 Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, 1914 [*very fragile*]
 Nashville College for Young Ladies, 1883, 1897
 Nashville Conservatory of Music, 1905-1929
 Nashville Female Academy, 1825-1859
 Nashville Medical College, 1883, 1887
 Nashville School of Law, 2010-2011
 Nashville State Community College (formerly Nash. State Tech. Instit.), 1980-2010
 Neophogen College, 1873
 Oak Hill School, 1998
 Peabody College (3 folders), 1932-2003

- 1) In general, 1932-2003
- 2) Library school, 1973-1987
- 3) Alumni publications, 1933, 1939

Overize box 1, folder 6: 2 issues of Peabody Post, 1948, 1949
 Peabody Demonstration School (3 folders), 1937-2005

- 1) In general, 2003-2004
- 2) Programs, 1937-1940
- 3) Alumni Magazine, 2004-2005

 Pearl-Cohn, 2012
 Radnor College, 1911-1995
 St. Bernard Academy, after 1914
 Scarritt (3 folders), n.d. – 2012 – [incl. Scarritt College & Scarritt-Bennett Center]

- 1) Booklet: “Scarritt Tower,” [Scarritt College], n.d.
- 2) Scarritt-Bennett Center Annual Reports, 2006-2007
- 3) Brochures: Scarritt-Bennett Center, 2006-2012

 Southern Female College, 1988 (West Point, Miss., founded by A.N. Eshman)
 Stratford School, 2004
 Tennessee Technological University, c.1970
 Tennessee State University (formerly Tenn. A&I), 1931-2012
 Trevecca Nazarene University, 2005-2007
 University of Nashville, (2 folders), 1848-1911

- 1) In general, 1854, 1911
- 2) Addresses, 1848, 1872

 University of Nashville Medical School (4 folders), 1858-1910

- 1) Reopening of chemical lab and claim against U.S., 1871, 1908
- 2) Lecture cards, 1858-1860
- 3) Announcements [catalogs] 1892, 1897
- 4) Commencement, 1910

University of Tennessee – Nashville, 1899-1979
University of the South (Sewanee), c. 1940-c.1956
Vanderbilt University, (12 folders), 1877-1991

- 1) Commencement programs, 1908, 1914, 1937
- 2) Commencement programs, 1939, 1963
- 3) Celebrations, commemorations, 1963-1975
- 4) Libraries, 1941-1999
- 5) Promotional, 1991, 2009
- 6) Student activities, 1914-1931
- 7) Student activities, The Gadfly, 1948
- 8) Symposiums and educational functions, 1938, 1980
- 9) In memoriam, Cornelius Vanderbilt, 1877
- 10) Faculty, 1944-2007
- 11) Alumni, 1925

Enlarge box 1, folder 7: “Tennessee Centennial Exposition – Dormitories of Vanderbilt University,” 1897

- 12) Misc. 2005-2009

Ward-Belmont School, 1883-1981

- 1) The Waif (2 issues), 1883
- 2) Programs, etc. 1910-1917, 1978
- 3) “The Story of Ward-Belmont” c. 1925
- 4) Programs, Camp Cohechee, other 1930-1951
- 5) Misc. 1951, 1981
- 6) Performances, 1937-1938

Enlarge box 1, folder 6: *Ward-Belmont Hyphen*, 1925

Watkins Institute (& College), 1987-2017

- 1) Course catalogs & program brochures, 1987-1996
- 2) Catalogs, 2006-2017

Webb School (2 folders), 1969-1994

- 1) In general, 1969-1994
- 2) Promotional packet, 1977

Enlarge box 1, folder 6:
Webb School News, Spring 1980;
Webb School Alumni Bulletin, v.1 no.1 July 1975

West End, 1938
Woodmont School, 1962-1969
YMCA Law School, 1974