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COLLECTION  
ca. 1820-1970**

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## INTRODUCTION

This collection consists of records compiled by Roy W. Black, county historian of Hardeman County, and mayor (1937-1945) of Bolivar, Tennessee. Materials include copies of county records (wills, inventories, marriage, and estate settlements), census, school, church, cemetery and Bible records, typescripts of newspaper clippings from the *Jackson Sun*, diaries (1933-1959, with gaps), some correspondence, and compiled genealogies on the Black, Vincent, Exum, Rowe, Walton, et al. families. The collection consists of 9.66 linear feet of shelf space and number approximately 72 volumes.

These papers were given to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Howard V. Black, son of the collector, Bolivar, Tennessee. Literary rights to the papers in this collection have been dedicated to the public. Single photocopies of unpublished writings may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## CONTAINER LIST

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Volume I Correspondence—A-D

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Volume VII Miscellaneous Correspondence—Hardeman County Tax  
Records, 1968-1970

Volume VIII Hardeman County Marriage Records, 1860-1874

Volume IX U.S. Census Records (random)

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#### Box 4

Volume X Minutes of Circuit Court—Hardeman County, 1823-1829

Volume XI Index to Wills, Administration and Estate Records—Hardeman  
County, 1823-1957

Volume XII Minutes of County Court—Hardeman County--1827-1854

**Box 5**

Volume XIII Index to Will Books—Madison County, Tenn.  
Volume XIV Jackson Sun, Madison County, Tenn. (excerpts)  
Volume XV Jackson Sun, Madison County, Tenn. (excerpts)

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Volume XVI Jackson Sun, Madison County, Tenn. (excerpts)

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Volume XVII Diary—1933  
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Volume XXVII Diary—1946  
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Volume XXX Diary—1949  
Volume XXXI Diary—1950  
Volume XXXII Diary—1951

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Volume XXXIII Diary—1952  
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Volume XXXIX Miscellaneous material

Volume XL Miscellaneous material

Diary—Dr. John Robert Westbrook (typescript)

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Volume XLI Miscellaneous material

Volume XLII Miscellaneous material

Volume XLIII Genealogical data—Black family (old book)

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Volume XLIV Land Record Notes

Volume XLV Genealogical data—Walton family

Volume XLVI Genealogical data—Walton, Shearin, Stubblefield, Sauls families

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**Box 15**

Volume XLVIII Genealogical data—Crain/Crane family

Volume XLIX Genealogical inquiries

Volume L Genealogical inquiries

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Volume LI Genealogical references—Index Listings

Volume LII Genealogical data—Black family

Volume LIII Genealogical data—Black, Bailey, Foster families—South Carolina census, 1790-1850

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Volume LIV Genealogical data—Gaskins, Gascoigne, Ingram, Shearin families

Volume LV Genealogical data—Exum, Walton, Philpot families

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Volume LVI Genealogical data—Hunt family

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Volume LVII Miscellaneous material  
Volume LVIII Miscellaneous material  
Volume LIX Correspondence—Avent-Vincent

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Volume LX Genealogical data—Pirtle family  
Volume LXI Miscellaneous material  
Volume LXII Miscellaneous material

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Volume LXIII Genealogical data—Shearin family  
Volume LXIV Genealogical data—Exum family

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**Box 21**

Volume LXV Genealogical data—Walton family  
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Volume LXVIII Genealogical data—Walton family

**Oversized Volumes**

Volume LXIX Miscellaneous material  
Volume LXX Miscellaneous material

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Volume LXXI Miscellaneous material  
Volume LXXII Miscellaneous material

The following volumes were transferred to the State Library on December 4, 1974:

1. Index to Madison County Marriage Records, 1838-1971
2. Index to *The North Carolinian*, 1955, 1956, 1960

The three volumes in Box 5 are composed of typescripts of articles taken from the *Jackson Sun*, Madison County, Tennessee. The articles in the three volumes are listed below.

#### Volume XIV

1. Methodism in Madison County First Church
2. Lambuth Memorial Church
3. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church
4. Spring Creek and Denmark
5. St. Luke's Episcopal Church
6. Honorable Milton Brown
7. Presbyterians Had First Church Here
8. Captain Herndon Haralson
9. John Williamson Campbell
10. The Hays Family
11. Bits of Madison County History
12. Miller Family at Uptonville
13. Jackson Methodist Church
14. Directory of Jackson, 1857 (lawyers, physicians and merchants)
15. Jackson Baptist Church
16. Court House and Attorneys
17. Old Newspaper Items
18. Charles Sevier
19. Jesse Russell
20. Lynch Graveyard
21. Early Settlers, Police, Courthouse, etc.
22. Business Houses
23. The Town of Jackson
24. History of Education in Madison County
25. Life of Murrell, Infamous Outlaw
26. John Johnston, A Confederate Soldier

#### Volume XV

1. Letters of a Hundred Years Ago
2. The Red Man's Country
3. Early Settlements in the County
4. History of the Madison County Press
5. The Pioneer
6. In the Land of the Chickasaws
7. Madison College at Spring Creek
8. Denmark A Century Ago
9. Commercial Interests A Half Century Ago
10. Christmas of 1865 Described by Dr. Hermon Hawkins
11. Story of the Talbot Property
12. Baptist Female Seminary

13. Old Denmark--Reminiscences or a Historical Sketch of Denmark,  
Madison County, Tennessee
14. Howell E. Jackson
15. A Picturesque Centenarian and More
16. Gen. A. W. Campbell and Some Other Military Men of the County
17. Railroad Promoters of West Tennessee
18. Adam Huntsman
19. Spiritual Fervor of Early Settlers Left Impress Here
  - a. Historical Revival
  - b. Denmark Presbyterian Church
  - c. The Mecklenburg Signers
  - d. Alexandria
  - e. Masonic Lodge No. 153
20. The Congregation B'Nai Israel
21. Jackson in 1913
22. Col. Robert I. Chester
23. Jackson in 1863
24. Forrest and the Men from Madison
25. Telephones in Madison
26. A Weird March at Midnight
27. John W. Campbell's Letter Book
28. The Departure of the Avengers
29. Early Baptists in the Western District
30. Malesus Community
31. Early Days in Medon, Tenn.

#### Volume XVI

1. Madison County Once Embraced Much Territory
2. The Old Baptist Church
3. Madison County First Baptist Church
4. A Tennessean in Texas
5. The Bench and the Bar of the Late Nineteenth Century
6. Biographical Sketch of the Life of Herndon Haralson
7. Judge Hu. C. Anderson Praises Col. R. E. Frankland and GI's
8. First Baptist Church
9. N. C. & St. L. Railway and Its Part in Developing Madison County
10. B. A. Enloe
11. Early Days of Huntersville
12. Henderson Station
13. History of Lumber Industry in Madison County
14. The Northwest Section of Madison Becomes a Part of Crockett

15. Native Son Writes About Jacksonians
16. The Santa Fe Expedition
17. Pleasant Moorman Miller
18. Johnson Memorial Presbyterian Church
19. Parlee [sic] Porter Haskell
20. Recollection of the Early Days in Henderson
21. Masonry in Madison
22. Casey Jones in Song and Story
23. Jackson and Andrew Jackson
24. Documents of A Century Ago
25. M'Nairy [sic] County Has Contributed Much to Jackson Development
26. Facts about M'Nairy [sic] County
27. "Huntsman-Polk Letters"
28. "Caldwell Collection of Papers"
29. Business in Pinson
30. The City of Jackson
31. Colonel Robert H. Dyer