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Butler Family Papers, 1834-1949

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Creator:**

Butler Family

**Inclusive Dates:**

1834-1949, bulk 1834-1949

**Scope & Content:**

The papers of the Butler family of Sumner County, Tenn., contain approximately 90 items and cover the period 1834-1949. Most of the papers are land records and receipts related to the life of William F. Butler (1855-1926), a resident of Fountain Head, Sumner County, Tennessee, and his wife Fannie A. Pond Butler. Also included are the following: (1) accounts documents regarding Federal government promises to pay for corn, etc., appropriated during the Civil War (1862-63) that are made out to Oliver Porter Butler (1818-1875), father of William F. Butler and a merchant and farmer of Fountain Head; (2) various land records of Sumner County, many concerning the Fountain Head / Myers Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church South; (3) various receipts; and, (4) genealogical data. The genealogical data includes: photocopies of the will of Aaron Butler (ca. 1782-1848), a pioneer settler in Sumner County; a biographical sketch (source unknown) of his son, Oliver Porter Butler; records of 2 Butler family Bibles (7 pages); and a typed pedigree chart of William F. Butler.

**Physical Description/Extent:**

The collection numbers approximately 90 items and occupies .25 linear feet of shelf space.

**Accession/Record Group Number:**

Ac. No. 67-070

**Language:**

English

**Permanent Location:**

V-J-3

**Repository:**

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee,  
37243-0312

## **Administrative/Biographical History**

### **William F. Butler, 1855-1926**

- 1855, July 12      Born at family homestead in Fountain Head, Sumner County, Tennessee
- Parents: Oliver Porter Butler (1818-1885) and Mary Ann (Sarver) Butler (1830-1875)
- William was the oldest son, resided at the family home in Fountain Head and subsequently inherited it
- 1879, September 10      Married Fannie Ann Pond (1862-1949), daughter of the Hon. W. G. Pond and Nannie J. (Lain) Pond, in Sumner County
- 1882      Their only child was Oliver Pond Butler (1882-1959)
- 1896      As a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he and his wife donated land near Fountain Head to the Church
- Occupation unknown, although one donor, Mrs. H. Lester Simpson, says that he was called "Judge" during the latter years of his life when she knew him

## **Organization/Arrangement of Materials**

Items are housed in one legal half-size document case box and are grouped by content, such as accounts, land records, receipts, tax receipts and genealogical data.

## **Conditions of Access and Use**

**Restrictions on Access:**

None.

**Restrictions on Use and Reproduction:**

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**Index Terms****Personal Names:**

Butler, Oliver Porter, 1818-1875  
Butler, William F., 1855-1926  
Butler Family

**Subjects:**

Methodist Episcopal Church, South -- History  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South -- Tennessee  
Tennessee -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

**Geographic Names:**

Sumner County (Tenn.) -- History -- 19<sup>th</sup> century -- Sources  
Sumner County (Tenn.) -- History -- 20<sup>th</sup> century -- Sources  
Sumner County (Tenn.) -- Genealogy -- Sources

**Document Types:**

Accounts  
Bible records  
Church records  
Deeds  
Genealogical tables  
Land records  
Receipts (financial records)

**Acquisition and Appraisal****Provenance and Acquisition:**

Collection was donated by Mrs. Lester Simpson of Nashville, Tennessee in 1967. Genealogical material was the gift of Mrs. Leah S. O'Donnal, Mesa, Arizona.

**Processing and Administrative Information**

**Preferred Citation:**

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**Processing Information:**

Collection processed by Owen B. Stratvert and Gracia M. Hardacre, completed September 22, 1967. Tracey Howerton rehoused the collection and revised and updated the finding aid in July 2011.

**Electronic Location and Access:**

<http://www.tn.gov/tsla/history/manuscripts/findingaids/67-070.pdf>

## DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

### CONTAINER LIST

<b>Contents/Item Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Accounts -- Civil War appropriations from individuals	1862 - 1863	1	1
Land records -- Sumner County, Tenn., Myers Chapel M.E. Church, South	1892 - 1910	1	2
Land records -- Sumner County, Tenn.	1834 - 1911	1	3
Receipts -- Butler, W. F.	1878 - 1903	1	4
Tax receipts	1873 - 1926	1	5
Miscellaneous receipts	1859 - 1949	1	6
Genealogical data	undated	1	7