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INTRODUCTION

The Tennessee Writers' Project under the Works Progress Administration had headquarters at Knoxville, Tennessee, and the papers they produced were given to Tennessee State Library and Archives.

The materials in this finding aid measure 10.5 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Tennessee Writers' Project, Tennessee may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This W.P.A. project for Tennessee was completed about 1941 and embraces material about natural resources, counties, towns, folklore and old stories, the Indians, government, courts, institutions, industry, agriculture, crime, and famous persons of Tennessee. Part of the material was to be used for an encyclopedia to be called *Tennessee Factbook*, and part was to be used for a book (unnamed) on the Wilderness Road. Neither book was published.

Most of that intended for *Tennessee Factbook* is indexed. There are some 322 biographical sketches with an index and some 10 more sketches scattered throughout the collection. The material on counties is preceded by an index, contains a historical sketch of each county, and is concluded by a brief write-up on the counties and a statistical chart (1941) listing date county was established, county seat, population in 1930 and 1940, person for whom county was named, area in square miles, number of farms, value of farms, road mileage (state and county), retail establishments, and retail sales. The material on cities and towns follows the same scheme as that on counties, being preceded by an index, having historical sketches of towns, and being concluded by a write-up and chart (1941). The chart lists 235 principal cities and towns, county in which located, population in 1930 and 1940, date settled, altitude, name of highways (e.g., U.S. 51 or County 14, railroads, educational facilities, churches, factories, stores, banks, and newspapers.

The material on famous homes, schools, and colleges is preceded by an index and contains sketches of 86 educational institutions and 141 homes. Schools and colleges are listed on a chart giving location by town and county, date established, type of instruction offered, degrees awarded, number in faculty, student enrollment, number of acres, number of buildings, and agency operating or controlling. There is also a brief write-up.

There is an index to the material on Tennessee state government offices, departments, and commissions (see Box 17, f.1). Indexes also accompany material on the following subjects: hospitals and institutions; fortresses and forts; mountains; lakes and rivers; falls and cascades; forests and parks; caves; bluffs, bridges; falls and cascades, forests and parks; caves; bluffs; bridges, and rocks; game and fish preserves and hatcheries; cemeteries and markers; churches; points of interest; Indian cemeteries and mounds, inns and taverns; museums; famous trees; springs and wells; traces, trails, streets, etc.; sports and recreation; transportation; airports; daily papers; dams; and broadcasting stations. (See Box 20, f. 1, for indexes named in preceding sentence.)

Two boxes of material (ca. 400 items) on the Wilderness Road, its personalities, and landmarks are not indexed, as is also the case with material on folklore, place-names, and Indians (ca. 600 items).

CONTAINER LIST

Microfilm Roll #1

Box 1

Biographies

1. Index
2. Alexander – Beard
3. Bell – Brown
4. Brown – Butler
5. Cadek – Carmack
6. Carrick – Cooke
7. Cooper – Curry
8. Dabney – Fleming
9. Fonseca – Gaut
10. Gibson – Harris
11. Hasche – Hurt

Box 2

Biographies

1. Jackson – Kruesi
2. Krutch – McCall
3. McCallie – Milton
4. Milton – Owsley
5. Paine – Roberts
6. Robertson – Smith
7. Stahlman – Troost
8. Trousdale – Whitaker
9. White – Zollicoffer

Box 3

Cities and Towns

1. Index
2. Adams – Alto
3. Anderson – Auburntown
4. Baileytown – Bells
5. Belltown – Blanche
6. Block – Brighton
7. Bristol – Byrdstown
8. Cades – Chapmansboro
9. Charleston – Clarkrange
10. Clarksburg – Como
11. Conasuaga – Crab Orchard
12. Crawford – Cypress Inn

13. Daisy – Del Rio
14. DeRossett – Dyersburg
15. Eads – Ellendale
16. Elora – Evensville
17. Fall Branch – Fork Mountain
18. Fork Ridge – Fulton
19. Gadsden – Glenmary

Box 4

Cities and Towns

1. Goodlettsville – Guild
2. Habersham – Harrogate
3. Hartford – Hickman
4. Hickory Valley – Hurricane Mills
5. Idlewild – Johnsonville
6. Jones – Knoxville
7. Ladds – Lebanon
8. Ledbetter – Lodge
9. Lookout Mountain – Lynnville
10. Macon – McKenzie
11. McKinnon – Milledgeville
12. Millington – Morgan Springs
13. Mooresburg – Murfreesboro
14. New Middleton – Nunnely
15. Oakdale – Palmer
16. Palmersville – Piney Flats

Box 5

Cities and Towns

1. Pioneer – Quebeck
2. Rankin – Ripley
3. Rives – Rutledge
4. Sanford – Sherwood
5. Shop Spring – Spencer
6. Spring City – Sylvia
7. Tazewell – Trezevant
8. Trimble – Vonore
9. Walland – Westport
10. Wetmore – Willette
11. Willow Grove – Yuma
12. Table: Principle Cities and Towns

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Box 6

Counties

1. Index
2. Anderson – Carter
3. Anderson
4. Bedford
5. Benton
6. Bledsoe
7. Blount
8. Bradley
9. Campbell
10. Cannon
11. Carter

Box 7

Counties

1. Cheatham – Davidson
2. Cheatham
3. Chester
4. Claiborne
5. Cooke
6. Coffee
7. Cumberland
8. Davidson
9. Davidson
10. Davidson

Box 8

Counties

1. Decatur – Grundy
2. DeKalb
3. Dickson
4. Fayette
5. Fentress
6. Franklin

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Box 8

Counties

7. Gibson
8. Giles

9. Grainger
10. Greene
11. Grundy

Box 9

Counties

1. Hamblen – Humphreys
2. Hamblen
3. Hamilton
4. Hancock
5. Hawkins
6. Haywood
7. Henderson
8. Henry
9. Hickman
10. Houston
11. Humphreys

Box 10

Counties

1. Jackson – Lawrence
2. Jackson
3. Jefferson
4. Johnson
5. Knox
6. Knox
7. Knox
8. Lake
9. Lauderdale
10. Lawrence

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Box 11

Counties

1. Lewis – Montgomery
2. Lewis
3. Lincoln
4. Loudon
5. Macon
6. Madison
7. Marion
8. Maury
9. McMinn

10. McNairy
11. Meigs
12. Monroe
13. Montgomery

Box 12

Counties

1. Moore – Robertson
2. Moore
3. Morgan
4. Obion
5. Overton
6. Perry
7. Pickett
8. Polk
9. Putnam
10. Rhea
11. Roane
12. Robertson

Box 13

Counties

1. Rutherford – Sumner
2. Rutherford
3. Sequatchie
4. Sevier
5. Scott

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Box 13

Counties

6. Shelby
7. Smith
8. Stewart
9. Sullivan
10. Sumner

Box 14

Counties

1. Tipton – Wilson
2. Tipton
3. Trousdale
4. Unicoi

5. Union
6. Van Buren
7. Warren
8. Washington
9. Wayne
10. Weakley
11. White
12. Williamson
13. Wilson
14. Table and Write-up

Box 15

Famous Homes – Schools and Colleges

1. Index
2. Alderman Place – Belair
3. Belle Meade Farm – Cherry House
4. Christopher Taylor House – Dueling Oaks
5. Duncruzin House – Hazel Farm
6. Henegar Home – Landon Carter House
7. Ler Mac – Nathan Green Home
8. Nathaniel Taylor House – Rocky Mount
9. Rogana House – Stover House
10. Sunnyside – Yarnell House
11. Aloha Oe – Cumberland University
12. David Lipscomb College – Martin College
13. Maryville College – St. Agnes Academy
14. St. Andrews School – Tennessee College
15. Tennessee Industrial School – Tusculum College
16. Union University – William Jennings Bryan University

Box 16

Folklore – Place-Names – Negro Folklore – Folk Songs

1. Riddles
2. Folk Beliefs
3. Idioms
4. Place-Names (A-D)
5. Place-Names (E-N)
6. Place-Names (O-Z)

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Box 16

Folklore – Place-Names – Negro Folklore – Folk Songs

7. Negro Folklore (Tennessee)
8. Child Ballads – Other Imported Ballads
9. Satires on Love and Marriage – Spirituals
10. Nonsense Songs – Local Broad­sides

Box 17

Government

1. Index
2. Divisions of State Government
3. Congressmen of Tennessee – State of Franklin
4. Famous Firsts – Treaty of the Holston
5. State Constitution – Federal Building
6. Nashville Notables – Melungeons
7. Governors of Tennessee: Table and Write-up

Box 18

Indian Material

1. Historical Sketches of the Cherokee
2. Dancing, Games, Festivals and Funeral Customs
3. Myths of the Cherokee
4. Stories of the Cherokee Adapted to Fourth Grade Level

Box 19

Miscellaneous

1. Correspondence
2. Tennessee Factbook – Plan and Design
3. American Folklore
4. Press – Tennessee – Nashville
5. Educational Development in Tennessee
6. Tennessee Valley Authority Write-up
7. Highways of Tennessee: Table and Write-up
8. Book Manuscript: Big Ivy

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Box 19

Miscellaneous

9. Book Manuscript: Big Ivy
10. William Phillips' Biography
11. East Tennessee Courts
12. Tennessee Miscellaneous Sketches

13. Frontier Life
14. Crime and Criminals

Box 20

1. Index
2. Hospitals and Institutions
3. Forts and Fortresses
4. Inns and Taverns
5. Famous Trees
6. Museums
7. Forests and Parks
8. Mountain Peaks and Ranges
9. Lakes (A-I)
10. Lakes (L-W)
11. Rivers

Box 21

Points of Interest

1. Falls and Cascades
2. Caves
3. Bluffs, Bridges, Rocks
4. Fish Hatcheries and Game Preserves
5. Cemeteries and Markers
6. Churches
7. Resorts and Camps
8. Springs and Wells
9. Experiment Stations, Nurseries, etc.
10. Sports and Recreation
11. Traces, Trails, Streets, etc.

Box 22

Points of Interest

1. Railroads
2. Railroads
3. Airports
4. Daily Newspapers
5. Indian Cemeteries, Mounds, and Villages
6. Dams
7. Forests and Parks
8. Radio Stations
9. Industry, Finance, and Labor

Box 23

Tennessee Stories

1. Auto Fatalities
2. Bob Whites by the Thousand
3. Cheese from Beans
4. Cooperatives in Action
5. First Explorers
6. Floating Brick
7. From Spring Until October
8. Great Cooper Basin
9. Homemade Gasoline
10. Indian A B Cs
11. Man-Made Metal, A
12. Marble and Crab Orchard Stone
13. Mechanical Cotton Picker
14. Mound City (A Strange City)
15. Mule Day in Columbia
16. Old Fort Loudon
17. Open Road, The
18. Parthenon, The
19. Pathfinder in Darkness
20. Pearls and Buttons
21. Rayon and Cellophane
22. Red Timber
23. Reelfoot Waters
24. Searching for Comets – Barnard, E.E.
25. Seasons Make No Difference
26. Small Fry
27. Tennessee Airways
28. Tennessee's First Railroad
29. Vanishing Wiggle-Tails, The
30. Walking Horses
31. William Walker
32. Without a King
33. Stories of Tennessee

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Box 24

Wilderness Road

1. The Squatters of the Mississippi
2. The Unrest of the Southwest
3. Frontier Religion
4. Methodism in Tennessee

5. The Church in the Wilderness
6. A Wild Horse
7. A Crowd of Frontiersmen
8. Letter to Mr. Alexander Lawson
9. Meriwether Lewis
10. Natchez
11. The Runaway
12. Contents List
13. Dawn of Tennessee Valley and Tennessee History
14. History of Andrew Jackson
15. Frontier Tall Talk
16. Virginia and Her Neighbors
17. Hospitality in the Woods
18. Indians – Trails
19. Roads – South
20. Origin and Route of the Wilderness Road
21. Transportation

Box 25

Wilderness Road

1. Nashville (Fort Nashborough)
2. Lipscomb, John
3. Richardson, William
4. Walker, Thomas
5. Philadelphia, Tennessee
6. Boone, Daniel
7. Robertson, James
8. Frontier Life
9. Bibliography
10. Chartier, Martin
11. Landmarks
12. Indians
13. Walton Road
14. Historic Houses
15. Traders and Hunters
16. Mail Service
17. Meriwether Lewis
18. Scott Valley, Virginia
19. Appalachian Trail
20. Natchez in 1820
21. Natchez Trace
22. The Knob Dance
23. South of the Ohio

24. Kentucky
25. The Great Bend
26. The Passing Show of 1800