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Henry Collier Leech Family Papers, 1832-1998

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:

Leech, Henry Collier, 1880-1958

Inclusive Dates:

1832-1998, bulk 1900-1950

Scope & Content:

Consists of scrapbooks, recipe files, photographs, home movies, business documents, correspondence, pins, a yearbook, and a family Bible. Henry Collier Leech compiled the bulk of the collection as a series of scrapbooks for his children, Florence Collier Leech Simmons and Horace Hale Leech. An index shows Leech originally compiled seven volumes. This collection includes three of the seven volumes. Leech created these scrapbook volumes as a history of his life and family. The chapters in Volume 2 highlight specific family members while Volume 3 contains his personal diary and narration. The additional items were added by Leech's son, Horace. Box 1 containing the home movies is stored in the vault at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Physical Description/Extent:

2.75 cubic feet

Accession/Record Group Number:

2015-018

Language:

English

Permanent Location:

I-B-1v; XI-M-5

Repository:

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

Administrative/Biographical History

Henry Collier Leech was born in Charlotte, Tennessee, on September 14, 1880, to Ernest Erskine and Mary Florence Collier Leech. He graduated from Cumberland University with a law degree in 1901. Unhappy with a career in law, Leech changed careers in 1904 and took a job with I. F. McLean Company, a lumber manufacturer in Middle Tennessee, where he worked in various roles for the remainder of his career. On October 18, 1906, he married Katherine (Kittie) Fite Hale. Two years later, on November 15, 1908, they welcomed their first child, Florence Collier (Fonny) Leech. Their second child, Horace Hale (Bubbs) Leech, was born on October 14, 1911. After Katherine's death in 1917, Leech married Una Gilliam on June 18, 1922. Leech died on February 17, 1958.

Horace Hale Leech was born on October 14, 1911, to Henry Collier and Katherine Hale Leech. He graduated from Georgia School of Technology in 1933 and began working with the International Boundary Commission. In January 1936, Leech moved to Florence, Alabama, where he worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority at Wilson Dam. A few years later he moved to Chattanooga to continue his work with TVA. He married Margaret Cohen on August 31, 1941. In 1942, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor where he aided in the clean-up of damage from the Japanese attack on the base. Horace and Margaret had two children, Thomas Hale Leech (b. 1947) and Florence Collier (Connie) Leech, Jr. (b. 1950). Leech returned to work with TVA after his military service and remained employed there until his retirement. He died August 23, 2000.

Thomas Hale Leech was born on April 29, 1947, to Horace Hale and Margaret Cohen Leech. He graduated with his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1969. From 1970 to 1972, he served in the United States Army as a translator stationed in Mannheim, Germany. While in Europe, Leech studied at Karl-Franzens-Universität in Graz, Austria, and the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität in Mainz, Germany. He returned to the United States and continued his education, receiving his master's degree from Middleburg College in 1979, and his doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin in 1985. He taught at various institutions, including Northern Kentucky University, where he was the Associate Professor of German. Leech died on April 25, 2014.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Organized alphabetically by type of document with exception to the scrapbooks.
Here original order was maintained based on the creator's index.

Conditions of Access and Use

Restrictions on Access:

None

Restrictions on Use and Reproduction:

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Index Terms

Personal/Family Names:

Leech, Henry Collier, 1880-1958
Leech, Horace Hale, 1911-2000
Leech, Katherine Fite Hale, 1880-1917
Leech, Margaret Louise Cohen, 1914-1990
Leech, Thomas Hale, 1947-2014
Leech, Una Gilliam, 1890-1954
Simmons, Florence Collier Leech, 1908-
Weeks, Florence Collier Leech, 1950-

Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:

Cumberland University
I. F. McLean Co.
Tennessee Valley Authority

Subjects:

Amateur films -- Tennessee -- 20th century
Cooking -- Tennessee -- 20th century
Families -- United States -- History -- 20th century
Lumber trade -- Tennessee -- 20th century

Geographic Names:

Charlotte (Tenn.) -- History -- 19th century
Mannheim (Germany) -- 20th century -- Photographs
Nashville (Tenn.) -- History -- 20th century
Switzerland -- 20th century -- Photographs
Tennessee -- Genealogy -- 20th century

Document Types:

Bible records
Brooches
Cookbooks
Correspondence
Diaries
Home movies
Photograph albums
Photographs
Ribbon bars
Scrapbooks
Videocassettes

Acquisition and Appraisal**Provenance and Acquisition:**

The Henry Collier Leech Family Papers were a gift of Donna McVay on behalf of Matthew Grimes in May 2015.

Processing and Administrative Information**Preferred Citation:**

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Processing Information:

Processing was completed by Ellen Robison in November 2018.

CONTAINER LIST

Contents/Item Title	Date	Box	Folder
Amateur films -- Family videos	1950-1970	1	
Almanacs -- Nashville	1893	2	1
Annuals -- Yearbooks -- Auburn University	1971	2	2
Annuals -- Yearbooks -- The Echo	1929	2	3
Annuals -- College catalogue -- Cumberland University	1898-1899	2	4
Bibles - Family Bible	1832	2	5
Brochures -- West Nashville 21 st Anniversary Programme	1908	2	6
Brooches		2	7
Church directory -- West Nashville M. E. Church, South		3	1
Cooking -- Recipe files		3	2
Cooking -- Recipe files -- Cooking Clips		3	3
Corporate resolutions -- Chattanooga Bar Association -- Margaret Cohen Leech	1990	3	4
Documents -- Business charters -- McLean Manufacturing Company	1909	3	5
Documents -- Old Brick House	1894-1944	3	6
Hair clipping -- Connie Leech		3	7
Newspapers -- Clippings	approximately 1920, 1944	3	8
Photographs -- Leech family	1907-1998	3	9
Photographs -- Miscellaneous		3	10
Photo albums -- Florence Collier Leech, Jr.	1947-1948	4	1
Photo albums -- Horace Hale Leech	approximately 1970-1980	4	2
Photo albums -- Horace Hale Leech, miscellaneous		4	3
Scrapbooks -- Margaret Cohen Leech		5	1
Scrapbooks -- Volume 2, H-L		5	2
Scrapbooks -- Volume 2, M-Q		5	3
Scrapbooks -- Volume 2, R-U		5	4
Scrapbooks -- Volume 3	1880-1919	6	1
Scrapbooks -- Volume 3	1920	6	2
Scrapbooks -- Volume 3	1930-1942	6	3
Scrapbooks -- Volume 7, Letterbox		6	4
Sheet music, unidentified		6	5