



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

SNEED FAMILY PAPERS
1796-1956

Processed by:

Elbert L. Watson, Harriet Chappell Owsley, Barbara J. York,
and Mary Washington Frazer
Archival Technical Services

Accession Numbers: 394, 852, 992, 1967.081, 1971.208

Date Completed: July 12, 1967

Location: III-E-3

Microfilm Accession Number: 945

MICROFILMED

INTRODUCTION

The Sneed Family Papers (1796-1956) were given to the Manuscript Division of the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Miss Catherine Sneed of Route 4, Lewisburg, Kentucky, Mr. Joseph L. Sneed of 1625 Laurel Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Miss Mary Sneed Jones.

The materials in this collection measure 2.4 linear feet. There are approximately 1,800 items included in this collection.

Related Sneed Bible records are in the Bible record collection. These are for the Constantine Perkins Sneed, James Hardeman Sneed, and William Temple Sneed families. The records of Brentwood Methodist Church in Brentwood, Tennessee are also on microfilm. Mention of the above was requested by Miss Mary Sneed Jones, donor. Literary rights to the unpublished writings found in this collection in the Manuscript Division have been dedicated to the public

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Sneed Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Sneed Collection, covering the period 1796 - 1956 and numbering approximately 1,800 items, contains correspondence, genealogical data, historical records, medical records, newspaper clippings, legal documents, and accounts. Included in the collection are many rare and interesting letters dealing with Tennessee's early history. Many of the Sneed forerunners were devout Methodists who took an active part in such religious exercises as revivals, annual conferences, and camp meetings held in Nashville, Murfreesboro, and Smyrna, Tennessee. Their letters reveal interesting insights into the prevailing religious climate of the period, as well as calling attention to the conditions under which Methodism progressed across Middle Tennessee. Four G.W. Sneed letters (1829 - 1830) are particularly noteworthy in this respect. Other letters in the collection deal with such subjects as crop conditions, social life, and political activities. One letter, written by Peter Owen on August 20, 1830, seemed to equate a crop failure with the ebbing spiritual life in the community.

A medical notebook kept by a member of the Sneed family who attended the University of Nashville (1860 - 1861) contains notes kept in the classes of Doctors John N. Watson, W.K. Bowling, C.K. Winston, and Paul F. Eve on such subjects as typhoid fever, dysentery, obstetrics, rheumatism, surgery, etc.

Several Civil War letters depict the Union side of the conflict. W. Daugherty, a member of the 2nd Tennessee Cavalry (Union) wrote from Decatur, Alabama on October 19, 1864 an account of the unit's "Troubles with Forrest" in Athens, Huntsville, and Florence, Alabama.

Included in the historical records is material relating to William Blount, John Crozier, George Roulstone, and other early settlers of Knox County. Prominent family names among the papers are G.W. Sneed, Henry G. Sneed, James Sneed, J.R. Sneed, Mark A. Sneed, Robert Sneed, and W.J. Sneed. An undated picture of an early student body at Meharry College at Nashville may be of some interest to a researcher working in that field. Some valuable legal documents, genealogical records of the Sneed family, and accounts complete this collection.

An addition to the Sneed Family Papers is composed of twelve letters for the dates 1822-1873, primarily written to Rev. Joseph Pekin Sneed, by his father, James Sneed, and brothers Mark, C.P., and G.W. Sneed, who were living in Williamson County, Tennessee. Reverend Sneed was a Methodist minister, stationed in Texas. The letters contain comments on politics, religion, crops, land speculation, and personal matters. They were given to the Manuscript Division by Miss Mary Sneed Jones, editor for the Sneed newsletter. They were originally the property of Reverend Sneed's granddaughter, Eleanor Sneed Carroll.

CONTAINER LIST

Microfilm Roll #1

Box 1

1. Accounts – Account Book, 1818 - 1819
2. Accounts – Account Book, 1884 - 1885
3. Accounts – Bills, notes, and receipts – 1792 - 1829 & undated
4. Accounts – Bills, notes, and receipts – 1830 - 1859
5. Accounts – Bills, notes, and receipts – 1860 - 1892

Box 2

1. Family Correspondence – Sneed, Bethinia (Nance), 1828 - 1858
2. Family Correspondence – Sneed, Chas. E., 1829 - 1830
3. Family Correspondence – Sneed, C.P., 1830 - 1839
4. Family Correspondence – Sneed, D.D.S., 1856 & Sneed, D.W., 1871
5. Family Correspondence – Sneed, G.W., 1829 - 1830
6. Family Correspondence – Sneed, Henry G., 1854 - 1863
7. Family Correspondence – Sneed, James, 1796 - 1853
8. Family Correspondence – Sneed, J.R., 1867 - 1887
9. Family Correspondence – Sneed, Mark, A., 1829 - 1883
10. Family Correspondence – Sneed, N.T., 1869 - 1883
11. Family Correspondence – Sneed, Robert, 1797 - 1806
12. Family Correspondence – Sneed, W.J., 1851 - 1881

Box 3

1. Correspondence – Author unknown & Blount - Crozier
2. Correspondence – Daugherty - McKellar
3. Correspondence – Malone - Nance
4. Correspondence – Owen - Underwood, Harry
5. Correspondence – Underwood, James, 1858 - 1880 & undated
6. Correspondence – Underwood, Joel - Williams

Box 4

1. Legal Documents – Agreements and promissory notes – 1790 - 1866 & undated
2. Legal Documents – Appointments – 1793 - 1815 & undated
3. Legal Documents – Court records – Affidavits and depositions – 1794 - 1873
4. Legal Documents – Court records – Indictments – 1793 - 1842
5. Legal Documents – Court records – receipts, 1794 - 1859

Microfilm Roll #2

Box 4

6. Legal Documents – Court records – Summons, 1791 - 1859
7. Legal Documents – Estate papers – Buckingham, Thomas Sr. and Samuel Deloach

8. Legal Documents – Indentures, 1805 - 1840
9. Legal Documents – Judgments, 1790 - 1871
10. Legal Documents – Land grant and surveys, 1887
11. Legal Documents – Power of attorney, 1858
12. Legal Documents – Sheriff’s records, 1792 - 1847

Box 5

1. Clippings – re: Early American furniture designs
- 1a. Clippings – re: Waco, Texas ca. 1850
2. Clippings – re: Tennessee History
3. Genealogical records – Charts – re; Sneed family
4. Genealogical records – Funeral notices – Sneed family
5. Genealogical records – re: Sneed family
6. Genealogical records – re: Sneed, Mulvaney, and Taylor families
7. Knox County, Tennessee – History
8. Knoxville, Tennessee – Newspapers
9. Post Office at Knoxville, Tennessee, etc.
10. Medical notebook, 1837-1871
11. Memorabilia, envelopes, and stamps
12. Newspapers – *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, October 20, 1843, *Logan County News*, May 30, 1929

Box 6

1. Pastoral record of E.G. Sneed, 1858 -
2. Printed material – r e: Meharry Medical College
3. Printed material – Schools – Florence Wesleyan University, 1870, Harvey School, 1816 – LeGrange College, Mountain Summer School, 1902
4. Photograph
5. Poetry
6. Research notes on various subjects
7. Schools – Blount College & Knoxville Female Academy
8. Sketches – re: Blount, William
9. Sketches – re: Crozier, John
10. Sketches – re: Roulstone, George
11. Sketches – re: Sneed, W.J.
12. Treaty with the Cherokee Indians, 1791

Portfolio

1. Sneed, Nicholas Tate (1826 - 1892) – Portrait with family

NAME INDEX

This is a name index of the correspondence only in the Sneed Family Papers, together with the dates of the letters and information regarding their contents. The figures in parentheses denote the number of letters, if more than one. The last numbers refer to the box and folder in which the material is to be found.

Author unknown, undated, 3-1
Blount, William (8), 1789-1792, 3-1 (copies)
Bowman, Samuel, 1840, 3-1
Bryan, Allen S. (3), 1850-1853, 3-1
Bryan, Thos. H. (2), 1850-1851, 3-1
Cooper, Milas M. (6), 1857-1858, 3-1
Crowder, Dick (2), 1857, 3-1
Crozier, William E., 1933, 3-1
Daugherty, G.W. (2), 1864, 3-2
Donelson, A.J., 1845, 3-2
Evans, And., 1827, 3-2
Fletcher, James, 1841, 3-2
Franklin Davis and Company, 1871, 3-2
Hammett, John F. and Mille, 1825, 3-2
Kennedy, Hugh, 1812, 3-2
Kerr, Daniel L. and Nancy C. (5), 1853-1877, 3-2
McAlpin, John, 1807, 3-2
McKellar, Kenneth (2), 1834, 3-2
Malone, J. Wesley, 1865, 3-3
Mann, E.B. and Company, 1895, 3-3
Marion, A.B. (2), 1857-1858, 3-3
Mason, Jno. M., undated, 3-3
Mason, Wesley, 1869, 3-3
Meyhew, Finn. D., 1865, 3-3
Moulden, William (2), 1860-1863, 3-3
Nance, Josiah C., 1830, 3-3
Nance, Josiah W. (11), 1857-1860, 3-3
Nance, William (2), 1858, 3-3
Owen, Peter (2), 1858, 3-4
Payne, John (8), 1873-1889, 3-4
Perkins, Nicholas, 1807, 3-4
Ramsey, J.G.M., 1833, 3-4
Richardson, S.W., 1876, 3-4
Riggs, Elizabeth, 1859, 3-4
Riley, James, 1859, 3-4

Sneed, Bethinia (Nance) (6), 1828-1858, 2-1
Sneed, Chas. E. (5), 1829-1830, 2-2
Sneed, C.P. (3), 1830-1839, 2-3
Sneed, D.D.S., 1856, 2-4
Sneed, D.W., 1871, 2-4
Sneed, G.W. (4), 1829-1830, 2-5
Sneed, Henry G. (19), 1854-1863, 2-6
Sneed, James (8), 1796-1852, 2-7
Sneed, J.R. (18), 1867-1887, 2-8
Sneed, Mark A. (3), 1829-1850, 2-9
Sneed, N.T. (2), 1869-1883, 2-10
Sneed, Robert (22), 1897-1906, 2-11
Sneed, W.J. (18), 1851-1881, 2-12
Stevenson, W. Morton (2), 1866-1867, 3-4
Taylor, H.H., 1882, 3-4
Thomson, Maggie, 1861, 3-4
Todd, Willis (2), 1858, 3-4
Tolbert, Thomas E. (3), 1860-1866, 3-4
Tolbert, William O. (2), 1866-1867, 3-4
Underwood, Harry, 1867, 3-4
Underwood, James (23), 1858-1880 & undated, 3-5
Underwood, Joel (3), 1858-1888, 3-6
Underwood, Thomas, 1853, 3-6
Underwood, W.H., 1860, 3-6
Underwood, William T., 1864, 3-6
Villines, T.J. (2), 1861, 3-6
Watrons, W.A., 1865, 3-6
Whitemore, J.P.S., 1857, 3-6
Williams, Turner, 1830, 3-6