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SUNDQUIST, MARTHA
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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid focuses on the papers of Martha Sundquist, First Lady of Tennessee during the years 1995-2003, that her husband, Don Sundquist, served as governor. Spanning the years 1978-2002, although the bulk is largely concentrated between 1995-2002, the papers contain much correspondence relating to invitations for Mrs. Sundquist to speak to various historical and social organizations, participate in golf tournaments, read to elementary school classes, and requests from groups for tours and, sometimes use of the executive residence. Also contained within the collection are eight guest registers listing names and addresses of visitors to the governor's mansion. Other items in the collection include speeches of Mrs. Sundquist, a photograph of the Governor and First Lady with several of the former cast members of the television series, "Mayberry R. F. D.," press releases from the governor's office for the years 1996 and 1997, and a few miscellaneous items.

The materials in this finding aid measure 6.5 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the material. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Martha Sundquist Papers may be made for scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Martha Sundquist Papers, containing approximately 1500 items, span the period 1978-2002, although the bulk is largely concentrated between 1995-2002. The collection is composed of correspondence, guest registers, a photograph, press releases, a proclamation, and speeches.

A large portion of the collection consists of correspondence. As honorary chairperson of several historical and social organizations (National Advisory Council for Andrew Jackson's The Hermitage, Tennessee Parks and Greenways, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Tennessee Looks Good to me, and Tennessee Commission on National and Community Service), Mrs. Sundquist received numerous requests to speak and/or make a guest appearance. She also received many invitations to participate in golf tournaments, to read to elementary classes, and to send favorite recipes. One of the initiatives of Governor Sundquist's administration was to immunize ("Shots-for-Tots") every new born child in Tennessee. This health program generated much correspondence from mothers across the state (see Box 6, Folder 10).

In addition to the above noted correspondence, the First Lady and the governor also sent many acknowledgement and thank you letters to these constituents who had given gifts.

The photograph features Mr. and Mrs. Sundquist with several former cast members of the popular television series, "Mayberry R. F. D."

Also included in the collection are press releases ("Points of the Week") from the governor's office for 1996-1997.

Guest registers provide a fragmented record of the names and addresses of visitors to the Executive mansion for the period 1978-1997. Most of the individuals are from school and tour groups in Tennessee, but occasionally a celebrity's name appears such as Gene Autry from Hollywood (see Box 11, Folder 2, Sept. 20, 1981).

CONTAINER LIST

Microfilm Roll #1

BOX 1

Correspondence, 1995

1. "A"
2. "B"
3. "C"
4. "D"
5. "E"
6. "F-G"
7. "H"
8. "I-K"
9. "L"
10. "M"

BOX 2

Correspondence, 1995

1. "N-O"
2. "P-Q"
3. "R"
4. "S"
5. "T"
6. "U-V"
7. Use of State Plane
8. "W"
9. "X-Z"

BOX 3

Correspondence, 1996

1. "A"
2. "B"
3. Bicentennial
4. "C"
5. "D"
6. "E-F"
7. "G"
8. "H"
9. "I-K"
10. "L"

BOX 4

Correspondence, 1996

1. "M"
2. "N-O"
3. "P-Q"
4. "R"
5. "S"
6. "T"
7. "U-V"
8. Use of State Plane
9. "W"
10. "X-Z"

BOX 5

Correspondence, 1997

1. "A"
2. "B"
3. "C"
4. "D"
5. "E"
6. "F"
7. "G"
8. "H"
9. "I-K"

Microfilm Roll #2

10. "L"
11. "M"
12. "N-O"
13. "P-Q"
14. "R"
15. "S"
16. "T"
17. "U-Z"
18. Use of State Plane

BOX 6

Correspondence, 1998

1. "A"
2. "B"
3. "C"
4. "D"

5. "E"
6. "F"
7. "G"
8. "H"
9. "I-K"
10. Immunization Program ("Shots-for-Tots")
11. "L"
12. "M"
13. "N-O"
14. "P-Q"
15. "R"
16. "S"
17. "T"
18. "U-V"
19. Use of State Plane
20. "W-Z"

BOX 7

Correspondence, 1999

1. "A"
2. "B"
3. "C"
4. "D"
5. "E"
6. "F"
7. "G"
8. "H"
9. "I-K"
10. "L"
11. "M"
12. "N-O"
13. "P-Q"
14. "R"
15. "S"
16. "T"
17. Use of State Plane
18. "W-Z"

BOX 8

Correspondence, 2000

1. "A"
2. "B"

3. "C"
4. "D-E"
5. "F-G"
6. "H"
7. "I-K"
8. "L"
9. "M"
10. "N-O"
11. "P-Q"
12. Pat Kerr Exhibit
13. "R"
14. "S"
15. "T"
16. "U-V"
17. Use of State Plane
18. "W-Z"

BOX 9

Correspondence, 2001

1. "A"
2. "B"
3. "C"
4. "D-E"
5. "F-G"
6. "H"
7. "I-K"
8. "L"
9. "M"
10. "N-O"
11. "P-Q"
12. "R"
13. "S"
14. "T"
15. "U-V"
16. Use of State Plane
17. "W-Z"

BOX 10

1. Correspondence—"A-C," 2002
2. Correspondence—"D-F," 2002
3. Correspondence—"G-H," 2002
4. Correspondence—"I-K," 2002

5. Correspondence—"L-M," 2002
6. Correspondence—"N-Q," 2002
7. Correspondence—"R-S," 2002
8. Correspondence—"T-V," 2002
9. Correspondence—"U-Z," 2002
10. Correspondence—Use of State Plane, 2002
11. Correspondence—White House Ornaments, 2002
12. Photographs—Don and Martha Sundquist with former cast members of "Mayberry R. F. D. (2)
13. "Points of the Week," 1996

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14. "Points of the Week," 1997
15. Proclamations—Osteoporosis Month, March 1999

BOX 11

Registers

1. Guest, 1979
2. Guest, 1979-1981
3. Guest, 1979-1982
4. Guest, 1979-1984

BOX 12

Registers

1. Guest, 1979, 1992
2. Guest, 1978-1980, 1991-1994
3. Guest, 1979, 1985, 1994-1996
4. Guest, 1984-1987

BOX 13

1. Registers—Guest, 1986-1987
2. Registers—Guest, 1987-1989
3. Registers—Guest, 1989-1997
4. Speeches—Martha Sundquist, 1997-2002