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## INTRODUCTION

This finding aid focuses on the Tennessee College Association (T.C.A.) Records, 1920-1999. The Tennessee College Association was organized on December 23, 1919 at Chattanooga, Tennessee, with the stated objective of “advancing the cause of higher education through the promotion of interests common to the colleges of Tennessee.” Membership is open to all public and private junior and four-year colleges and universities in the state. In January 1964 the Tennessee College Association Center for Higher Education was established for the purposes of: “1) promoting cooperation and planning of the participating institutions toward the most effective use of their educational facilities, personnel, and other resources; 2) to serve as a central source of information; and 3) to conduct surveys, studies, and research in higher education on behalf of the participating institution.”

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The materials in this finding aid measures six cubic feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Tennessee College Association Records may be made for scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Tennessee College Association Records, containing approximately 1200 items, span the period 1920-1929. The collection is composed of correspondence, minutes, publications, reports, surveys, and several miscellaneous items.

The collection is largely composed of correspondence and minutes of proceedings of annual meetings of the T.C.A. Correspondence has been arranged chronologically into two categories: general and a self-survey of Tennessee colleges. General correspondence includes annual meetings, applications for membership, dues payments, committee reports, etc. The self-survey of Tennessee colleges, undertaken between 1924-1928, and conducted by the U. S. Bureau of Education, was used to classify the higher education institutions in Tennessee as well of making recommendations for membership in the T. C. A. One of the results of this self-survey was a report published in 1924. A draft copy of the report may be found in Box 12, Folder 9.

The minutes of the proceedings of the annual meetings have been arranged separately according to year. There is a complete file on their meetings between 1919 and 1999 except for the years 1919, 1920, 1944, and 1945. A separate file has been arranged for the minutes of the executive committee. Materials related to these proceedings may be found in the general correspondence files.

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Box No. 1**

1. Associations, institutions, etc.—Tennessee College Association—  
Center for Higher Education
2. Associations, institutions, etc.—Tennessee College Association—  
Constitutions, by-laws, and standards
3. Clippings—Tennessee College Association
4. Correspondence—General, 1920-1929

### **Box No. 2**

#### **Correspondence**

1. General, 1930-1939
2. General, 1940-1949
3. General, 1950-1959

### **Box No. 3**

#### **Correspondence**

1. General, 1960-1964
2. General, 1965-1969

### **Box No. 4**

#### **Correspondence**

1. General, 1970-1972
2. General, 1973-1979
3. General, 1980-1989

### **Box No. 5**

#### **Correspondence—Self-Survey of Tennessee Colleges, 1924-1928**

1. Athens School/Tennessee Wesleyan College
2. Bethel College
3. Bryson College
4. Carson and Newman College
5. Centenary College
6. Columbia Institute
7. Cumberland University
8. David Lipscomb
9. East Tennessee State Teachers College
10. Freed-Hardeman College
11. George Peabody College for Teachers
12. Hall-Moody Junior College
13. Hiwassee College

### **Box No. 6**

1. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Lambuth College
2. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Lincoln Memorial University
3. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Martin College
4. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Maryville College
5. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Middle Tenn. State Teachers College
6. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Milligan college
7. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Nashville Agricultural Normal Inst.
8. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Southwestern Presbyterian University
9. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Tennessee College
10. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Tennessee Polytechnic Institute
11. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Trevecca College
12. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Tusculum College
13. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Union University
14. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—University of Chattanooga
15. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—University of the South
16. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—University of Tennessee-Knoxville
17. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Vanderbilt University
18. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—Ward-Belmont College
19. Corr.—Self-Survey of Tennessee College, 1924-1928—West Tenn. State Teachers College
20. Insurance Papers—Group Insurance, 1934
21. Legal Documents—Incorporation—Tennessee College Association, 1963
22. Lists—Member Institutions of Tennessee College Association
23. Lists—Attendance—Annual Meetings, 1960-1985

### **Box No. 7**

#### **Minutes—Proceedings—Annual Meeting**

1. 1921
2. 1922
3. 1923
4. 1924
5. 1925
6. 1926
7. 1927
8. 1928
9. 1929
10. 1930
11. 1931
12. 1932
13. 1933, 1934

**Box No. 8**

**Minutes—Proceedings—Annual Meeting**

1. 1935
2. 1936
3. 1937
4. 1938
5. 1939
6. 1940
7. 1941
8. 1942
9. 1943
10. 1946
11. 1947
12. 1948
13. 1949
14. 1950
15. 1951
16. 1952
17. 1953
18. 1954

**Box No. 9**

**Minutes—Proceedings—Annual Meeting**

1. 1956
2. 1957
3. 1958
4. 1959
5. 1960
6. 1961
7. 1962
8. 1963
9. 1964
10. 1965
11. 1966
12. 1967
13. 1968
14. 1969
15. 1970

**Box No. 10**

**Minutes—Proceedings—Annual Meeting**

1. 1971
2. 1972
3. 1973
4. 1974
5. 1975
6. 1976
7. 1977
8. 1978
9. 1979
10. 1980
11. 1981
12. 1982
13. 1983
14. 1984

**Box No. 11**

**Minutes—Proceedings**

1. Annual Meeting, 1985
2. Annual Meeting, 1986
3. Annual Meeting, 1987
4. Annual Meeting, 1988
5. Annual Meeting, 1989
6. Annual Meeting, 1990
7. Annual Meeting, 1991
8. Annual Meeting, 1992
9. Annual Meeting, 1993
10. Annual Meeting, 1994
11. Annual Meeting, 1995
12. Annual Meeting, 1996
13. Annual Meeting, 1997
14. Annual Meeting, 1998
15. Annual Meeting, 1999
16. Executive Committee of T. C. A., 1923-1924
17. Joint Meeting of the Governor's Committee on Coordination of Public and Private Colleges, 1962
18. Junior College Committee, October 15, 1926

**Box No. 12**

1. Photographs—Miscellaneous photos of speakers at annual meetings of the T. C. A.
2. Publications—Newsletter—“Tennessee Higher Education,” April 1964-Winter 1971
3. Reports—Information Blank for Classification Purposes, 1928
4. Reports—Senior and junior colleges, 1928
5. Reports—A Study of the Four-Year College Curricula of T. C. A. Members, n.d.
6. Reports—A Study of the Growth and Progress of the T. C. A. Members, 1951-1952
7. Survey—How Tennessee Colleges/Universities are Responding to  
Wartime Emergency, 1942-1943
8. Survey—Special Survey Committee to Study Extension and Off-Campus Work, 1950
9. Survey—A Survey of Higher Education in Tennessee, 1924