



**State of Tennessee  
Department of State  
Tennessee State Library and Archives**

**TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES  
LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
1787-2007**

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**COLLECTION SUMMARY**

**Creator:**

Tennessee State Library and Archives

**Inclusive Dates:**

1787-2007, bulk 1900-1969

**Scope & Content:**

Consists primarily of items relating to Tennessee and other parts of the South on topics ranging from agriculture to human rights. The collection includes a wide variety of items such as addresses, almanacs, newspaper, magazine articles, booklets, brochures, invitations, magazines, pamphlets, programs, newsletters, poems, reports, and speeches.

After its original processing, the collection has continued to grow with the discovery and addition of relevant materials. Therefore, starting with Box 138 materials cease to correlate with Library of Congress classifications.

**Physical Description/Extent:**

84 cubic feet

**Accession/Record Group Number:**

2008-114

**Language:**

English

**Permanent Location:**

XXV-A-B-C-D; THS VI-M-7

**Repository:**

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

**Administrative/Biographical History**

Established in 1854, the Tennessee State Library combined with the Department of Archives and History in 1919. This unification created the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) as a division within the Department of Education. In 1982, the responsibilities of the division transferred to the Secretary of State. The State Library and Archives is responsible for the management and preservation of state records and publications as well as books, manuscripts, maps, and audiovisual materials related to Tennessee.

**Organization/Arrangement of Materials**

The collection is organized by Library of Congress classifications, which reflect topical areas. Although now an archival collection, the decision was made to retain the topical arrangement as it existed. After its original processing, the collection has continued to grow with the discovery and addition of relevant materials. Therefore, starting with Box 138 materials cease to correlate with Library of Congress classifications.

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Series 7	Ethics (BJ), undated	Box 7
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Series 39	Political Science (J), 1907-1939	Box 71
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Series 41	Political Institutions and Public Administration (JK), 1816-1979	Boxes 71 - 80
Series 42	Local Government and Municipal Government (JS), 1883-1972	Box 81
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Series 55	Architecture (NA), 1919-1957	Box 108
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Series 57	Print Media (NE), 1965	Box 108
Series 58	Decorative Arts (NK), 1956-1973	Box 108
Series 59	Arts in General (NX), 1956-1981	Box 108
Series 60	Language and Literature (P), 1950	Box 109
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Series 84	Environmental Technology and Sanitary Engineering (TD), 1967-1979	Box 135
Series 85	Highway Engineering (TE), 1901-1964	Box 135
Series 86	Bridge Engineering (TG), 1889	Box 135
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## Index Terms

### Subjects:

- Aeronautics -- Tennessee
- Animal culture -- Tennessee
- Anthropology -- Tennessee
- Architecture -- Tennessee
- Archives -- Tennessee
- Archeology -- Tennessee
- Auxiliary sciences of history -- Tennessee
- Chemistry -- Tennessee
- Christianity -- Tennessee

Civil engineering -- Tennessee  
Communication -- Tennessee  
Communities --- Tennessee  
Decorative arts -- Tennessee  
Demography -- Tennessee  
Dentistry -- Tennessee  
Electrical engineering -- Tennessee  
Engineering -- Tennessee  
Environmental sciences -- Tennessee  
Ethics -- Tennessee  
Families -- Tennessee  
Finance, Public -- Tennessee  
Folklore -- Tennessee  
Forests and forestry --- Tennessee  
Geography -- Tennessee  
Geology -- Tennessee  
Highway engineering -- Tennessee  
Homeopathy -- Tennessee  
Home economics -- Tennessee  
Hydraulic engineering -- Tennessee  
Industries -- Tennessee  
Information resources -- Tennessee  
International law -- Tennessee  
Judaism -- Tennessee  
Labor -- Tennessee  
Land use -- Tennessee  
Library science -- Tennessee  
Local government -- Tennessee  
Marriage -- Tennessee  
Military administration -- Tennessee  
Military art and science -- Tennessee  
Motor vehicles -- Tennessee  
Municipal government -- Tennessee  
Museums -- Tennessee  
Natural history -- Tennessee  
Newspaper publishing -- Tennessee  
Nursing -- Tennessee  
Painting -- Tennessee  
Philosophy -- Tennessee  
Physics -- Tennessee  
Psychology -- Tennessee  
Public administration -- Tennessee  
Public welfare -- Tennessee  
Recreation -- Tennessee  
Religion and culture -- Tennessee  
Sanitary engineering -- Tennessee



Societies -- Tennessee  
Sociology -- Tennessee  
Technology -- Tennessee  
Transportation -- Tennessee  
Women -- Tennessee  
World history -- Sources  
Zoology -- Tennessee

**Geographic Names:**

South America -- History -- Sources  
Tennessee -- Commerce -- Sources  
Tennessee -- Economic conditions -- Sources  
Tennessee -- Genealogy -- Sources  
Tennessee -- History -- Sources  
Tennessee -- Race relations -- Sources  
Tennessee -- Social life and customs -- Sources

**Document Types:**

Almanacs  
Annual reports  
Articles  
Booklets  
Brochures  
Bulletins  
Calendars (documents)  
Catalogs (documents)  
Church bulletins  
Correspondence  
Directories  
Invitations  
Journals (periodicals)  
Magazines (periodicals)  
Minutes (administrative records)  
Newsletters  
Pamphlets  
Poems  
Programs (documents)  
Sermons  
Sketches  
Souvenir programs  
Speeches (documents)  
Telegrams  
Yearbooks

## **Acquisition and Appraisal**

### **Provenance and Acquisition:**

From its opening in 1953 to reorganization in 1985, Library and Archives operations remained separate within the Tennessee State Library and Archives building. Librarians formed a Special Collections area in which to house ephemera, small publications such as brochures, pamphlets, and the like, and other items of interest that remained unbound. Upon reorganization, Library and Archives operations consolidated and such items were generally added to existing archival holdings, leaving Library Special Collections closed to additions. In order to provide greater access to the materials, the collection was transferred to Archives custody in 2008 and prepared for public use as an archival collection.

## **Processing and Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation:**

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### **Processing Information:**

This collection was processed and arranged by Tom Lamb, Library Technical Services Section, and Kimberly Mills Wires and Kate Williams, Archival Technical Services Section. Responsibility for the collection was transferred in 2008 from Library Technical Services to Archival Technical Services. Duplicates and items unrelated in any way to Tennessee or the South were removed during processing. Finding aid was updated by Kimberly Mills Wires in May 2020.