

**THOMPSON, DIANA ROBERTS  
GENEALOGICAL COLLECTION  
1750-1970**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Diana Roberts Thompson Genealogical Collection is centered around genealogical research compiled by Rebecca Starley Roberts. Family names included are Avary, Childress, Connally, Forbes, Kirksey, Lane, Rakestraw, and Starley. The donor is Diana Roberts Thompson, Nashville, Tennessee. The collection occupies 1.00 cubic feet of shelf space and numbers approximately 600 items.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Diana Roberts Thompson Genealogical Collection may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Diana Roberts Thompson Genealogical Collection, 1750-1970, is centered around the family tree of Rebecca Starley Roberts. The collection includes information on the family names of Avary, Childress, Connally, Forbes, Kirksey, Lane, Rakestraw, and Starley. The genealogical research covers Texas, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

The collection primarily consists of research notes, charts, and correspondence, although it also includes some historical documents, both originals and copies. A large part of the research was done to prepare for D.A.R. membership; applications and supporting documentation are, therefore, also included. Box 2, folder 8 contains a special set of research papers submitted to Rebecca Starley Roberts by genealogist Katherine W. Ewing. This research focuses on the Tennessee counties of Knox, Maury, Lawrence, and Giles, and is largely taken from the county records and federal census returns.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Box Number 1

1. Avary family
2. Childress family
3. Connally family
4. Connally family
5. Forbes family
6. Forbes family
7. Kirksey family

### Box Number 2

1. Kirksey family
2. Lane family
3. Rakestraw family
4. Rakestraw family
5. Starley family
6. Starley family
7. D.A.R. Lineage--Supporting documents
8. Tennessee County research
9. Lineage charts