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INTRODUCTION

The Fred Travis Papers, 1940-1994, are centered on the writings of Fred Travis, a Capitol Hill correspondent for the *Chattanooga Times*, Associated Press, and NewsTenn, Inc.

The materials in this finding aid measure 5.56 cubic feet of shelf space. Single copies of unpublished writings in the Fred Travis Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Fred Travis Papers containing approximately 3,200 items, span the period 1940-1994, although the bulk is largely concentrated on the years 1960-1992. The collection is composed of biographical sketches, clippings, correspondence, court records, interviews, maps, news releases, notes, photographs, drawings, etc., publications, reports, sketches, speeches, addresses, etc., vital statistics, and writings.

The collection is centered on the writings of Fred Travis, which cover a variety of different events and the people who made those events happen. Mr. Travis, a Capitol Hill correspondent for the Chattanooga Times, Associated Press, and NewsTenn, Inc., is respected throughout the state of Tennessee for his outstanding qualities as a journalist. The list of political figures that Mrs. Travis has been associated with include such notables as Clifford Allen, Ross Bass, Frank Clement, Sr., Albert Gore, Sr., Estes Kefauver, Gordon Browning, Bill Brock, Buford Ellington, James R. Hoffa, John Jay Hooker, Jr., Jim McCord, K. D. McKellar, Edmund Orgill, Raulston Schoolfield, Andrew T. (Tip) Taylor, John Shelton Wilder, Sr., and others.

The Fred Travis Papers cover many issues which were widely publicized and somewhat controversial. Such issues were segregation, the death penalty, Nashville sit-in demonstrators, the Tennessee Valley Authority, constitutional revision, the James R. Hoffa trial, the Tombigbee Waterway, and other political developments.

There are a large number of newspaper clippings on the “Tent Cities” in Fayette and Haywood counties, Tennessee, 1960-1961.

General correspondence represents a large part of the collection. It is generally political in nature and usually relating to articles written by Mr. Travis.

There are a large number of biographical sketches included in the collection. Among the more interesting sketches are those of former governors, senators, representatives, and cabinet members of Tennessee.

Among the maps are two maps of the Tombigbee Waterway located in Tennessee and Alabama.

Included in the collection are clippings, news releases, and publications of Meharry Medical College and clippings, news releases, publications, speeches, addresses, etc., sketches and correspondence of Vanderbilt University, both located in Nashville, Tennessee.

Included in the Fred Travis Papers are audio taped conversations with some very interesting people in Tennessee, past and present. These tapes include conversations with Allison Humphreys, Judge McCanless, David Doyle Givens, John Jay Hooker, Jr., Joe Evins, Judge Albert Williams, Jim Cummings, and Trabue Lewis. Drue Smith and Fred Travis were interviewed by Eddie Parker on his radio show on June 29, 1980. Judge Albert Williams’ four tapes are dated July 7, 1980, when Judge Williams was 92 years old and living in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Judge Williams served in the cabinet of three governors over a span of almost half a century, was a Circuit Judge in the administration of a fourth and counsel for the State Railroad and Public Utilities Commission (now the
Public Service Commission) during the administration of a fifth. Judge Williams taught school in Ashland City, Tennessee and served as editor in chief of the Nashville Tennessean under publisher Luke Lea. Until 1943, he taught law at Cumberland University, along with Albert B. Neil. He retired from active law practice at the age of 70. Frank G. Clement appointed his state commissioner of insurance and banking when he was 74. These taped interviews of Judge Williams are a delight as well as an insight into state politics. Mr. Travis also has included in this collection taped interviews with Trabue Lewis, retired State Highway Patrol captain, who was the chauffeur for Governors Horton, Browning, McAlister, Prentice Cooper, McCord, Clement, and Ellington. These conversations were taped in January 1981. Mr. Lewis was 80 years old at the time of interview. The audio tapes in the Fred Travis Papers are located in the vault of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, I-D-1v.

There are a large number of speeches, addresses, etc., included in the collection. Among the more interesting speeches are those made by the Honorable Frank Goad Clement, Sr. during the years 1952-1966. These speeches are political in nature and reflect Clement’s views on capital punishment, taxes, education, general operation of the state, corruption, welfare to the aged, mental health, community development, Vietnam, and civil rights. Governor Clement’s keynote address before the Democratic National Convention (Chicago, Illinois) August 13, 1956, is in the collection. Governors Browning, Ellington, and McCord have campaign speeches, addresses to the General Assembly, and other remarks included in this collection. Other prominent Tennesseans who have speeches, addresses, etc., in this collection include Ross Bass, Albert Gore, Sr., John Jay Hooker, Sr., Estes Kefauver, K. D. McKellar, Edmund Orgill, Andrew T. (Tip) Taylor, Alexander Heard, Clifford Allen, Jr., and James Earl Ray.

Mr. Travis has several photographic negatives included in his collection: John T. Scopes, Alexander Heard, William Emerson Brock, Jr., Alex Shipley, the old Tennessee State Penitentiary, and the Nashville Sit-In demonstrators are represented in the negative collection. These negatives are located in the Tennessee State Library and Archives Negative File.
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