



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

**ARCHIBALD ROANE MONUMENT COMMISSION  
RECORDS, 1914-1920**

**RG 83**

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**COLLECTION SUMMARY**

**Creator:**

Archibald Roane Monument Commission

**Inclusive Dates:**

1914-1920

**Scope & Content:**

Consists of the program, newspaper clippings, a portrait of Archibald Roane, several sketches of the monument, copies of contracts, program drafts, invitations and correspondence for the Governor Archibald Roane monument in Knox County, Tennessee, erected and unveiled in 1918. Other items include a typescript copy of Governor Roane's obituary, a biography of Governor Roane, a family history of the Roane family, and a list of Archibald Roane's descendants. The correspondence includes a letter from Theodore Roosevelt. Of special interest is the correspondence between Senator John C. Houk and Governor Tom C. Rye and Senator Houk and the Roane family. Business correspondence, receipts, replies to invitations by dignitaries, and a history of the movement to erect a monument conclude this brief record group.

**Physical Description/Extent:**

3.25 linear feet

**Accession/Record Group Number:**

RG 83

**Language:**

English

**Permanent Location:**

ASRS, M-16-14

**Repository:**

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 1001 Rep. John Lewis Way North,  
Nashville, Tennessee, 37219

**Administrative/Biographical History**

Archibald Roane (1759-1818), Revolutionary Soldier, Attorney General, Member of the Constitutional Convention of 1796, Superior Judge, Supreme Judge, and second Governor of Tennessee, lay in an unmarked grave at Campbell's Station, Knox County, for a century before a monument was erected in his memory.

Senator John C. Houk of Knox County attempted to get funds appropriated on three separate occasions, 1897, 1911, and 1917. On his third attempt in 1917, Senator Houk succeeded in getting five hundred dollars appropriated for a monument. Bids were taken and a contract awarded to Hugh Carpenter, monument manufacturer of Sweetwater, Tennessee.

The monument was unveiled on June 26, 1918, with impressive ceremonies, marked by the speeches of Senator Houk, Governor Tom Rye, Senator Ingram, and several of Archibald Roane's descendants.

**Organization/Arrangement of Materials**

Collection retains original order.

**Conditions of Access and Use****Restrictions on Access:**

No restrictions.

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## **Index Terms**

### **Personal/Family Names:**

Houk, John Chiles, 1860-1923  
Roane, Archibald, 1759-1819  
Roane family  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919  
Rye, Tom C., 1863-1953

### **Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:**

Archibald Roane Monument Commission

### **Subjects:**

Memorials -- Political aspects -- Tennessee -- History -- 20th century  
Monuments -- Tennessee -- Knox County

### **Geographic Names:**

Knox County (Tenn.) -- History -- Sources  
Tennessee -- History -- Sources  
Tennessee -- Politics and government -- Sources

### **Document Types:**

Biographical sketches  
Clippings (information artifacts)  
Conceptual drawings  
Contract documents  
Correspondence  
Drafts (documents)  
Genealogies (histories)  
Invitations  
Obituaries  
Photographs  
Programs (documents)  
Receipts (financial records)

## **Acquisition and Appraisal**

### **Provenance and Acquisition:**

Senator John C. Houk presented the Archibald Roane Monument Commission Records to (then State Librarian) John Trotwood Moore “to go into the permanent archives of the State” in 1920. Related correspondence from Houk to Moore is included in the collection (Box 1, folder 23).

## **Processing and Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation:**

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### **Processing Information:**

Processing completed by Mancil M. Johnson, July 18, 1983. Oversize  
materials rehoused and finding aid updated by Lori D. Lockhart, April  
2022.

## DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

### CONTAINER LIST

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Programs	1918	1	1
Newspaper clippings	1914-1918, undated	1	2
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Biographical sketch of Archibald Roane	1917	1	14
1819 Obituary of Archibald Roane [typescript]	approximately 1918	1	15
Genealogical information on Roane family	1917-1918	1	16
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