

## MARGARET SHERFEY HOLLEY PAPERS

Accession Number 1  
1800-1950 and undated  
2 linear feet (1 box)

**Provenance:** The papers were donated to the Washington County Archive by Margaret Sherfey Holley, Johnson City, Tennessee, on March 26, 2014. Mrs. Holley inherited a scrapbook of family papers from her mother, who in turn had inherited the material compiled by her sister Lena Ethel Waters upon the latter's death. County Archivist Ned Irwin photocopied the papers found in the scrapbook and returned the originals to Mrs. Sherfey.

**Access Note:** The papers are available for research use.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** About 1927 or 1928, Lena Ethel Watson moved to Knob Creek community from Brush Creek community of Washington County to spend the rest of her life with her sister's family John and Lelia Watson Sherfey (parents of the donor). With her she brought a "Kennedy Biscuit" tin box in which were stored the family papers she had compiled that form the present collection. These were later removed from the box, flattened, and housed in a scrapbook still in the possession of the donor.

Margaret Holley is a native of the Knob Creek community of Washington County. She was the last student to attend Knob Creek School before its closure. The school was later moved to Jonesborough where it serves today as a living history museum. She and her husband George Holley founded and maintain the Knob Creek Museum on their property in Johnson City, Tenn.

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection consists of miscellaneous family papers related to the Crouch/Krause/Krous families of Washington County, Tennessee. Documents include deeds, plats, promissory notes, wills, a transcription of a Revolutionary War pension claim for John Crouch, Jr., and clippings. Also included is a stock certificate for the Johnson City Creamery Company (1896) and miscellaneous items related to Abraham Lincoln and his relatives in Tennessee. In some cases, the documents are originals; in other cases, the documents are copies or transcriptions of originals. There are also photocopies of the Lamar High School Cherokee student newspaper from 1945. Documents cover a time span from 1800 to 1950 with some material being undated. Records are arranged by record type and then chronologically. The papers are housed in one oversized box with oversized documents filed after folders.

Important subjects include:

Crouch family  
Krause/Krous family  
Lamar High School (Jonesboro, Tenn.)  
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865  
Lincoln family  
Washington County, Tenn.—Genealogy

Box and Folder/Item List

Box 1

Folder 1: Family Papers, 1815-1936

1. Boundary agreement between A. M. Mettetal and Alfred Crouch, 1901.
2. Court order: Martin V. Adams vs. A. P. Adams, et. al., order to pay James M. Crouch, 1892.  
On reverse of sleeve is a summons to William Killey.
3. Deed: William York to Michael Krause, 1801 [later 1893 copy]
4. Deed: George Crouch to George Humphreys, 1815
5. Deed: Richard Carr and Jacob Ellis to John Melvin, 1826 [copy of 1855]
6. Deed: Richard Carr and Jacob Ellis, executors of the estate of J. Cowen, deceased to John Melvin, 1826 [copied from Washington County, Tenn., Deed Book 19, page 50, 1830]
7. Deed: Isaac Range to George Humphreys, 1837
8. Deed: McCloud & Hoss to William York, 1880 [copy made c. 1890s]
9. Deed: Larkin W. Crouch and wife to Alfred M. Crouch, 1902
10. Deed agreement between A. M. Mettetal and wife and Alfred M. Crouch, 1903
11. Letter of F. W. Taylor to Alfred M. Crouch of Boons Creek, Tenn., March 31, 1869
12. Notepaper: 1 sheet of notepaper titled "Crouch's old Deeds & etc."
13. Promissory note: 1 sheet of notepaper of transcription of a promissory note by Sarah E. Hilbert and Robert L. Crouch to pay J. L. Clark, executor of David Garst, deceased, \$500, April 14, 1899.
14. Plat representing tract sold to David Bowman, 1851
15. Plat surveyed for Alford Crouch by Madison Booth, 1852.
16. Revolutionary War veteran pension claim for John Crouch, Jr., 1834 [modern typescript copy]
17. Stock certificate: Johnson City Creamery Company stock certificate (1 share valued at \$100) belonging to R. L. Crouch, 1896. Three promissory notes on reverse of sleeve (1899, 1936, and 1950).
18. Trust deed: Adam B. Crouch, 1918

Folder 2: Lena Ethel Watson: Miscellaneous collection (photocopies only of a binder of material), 1871-1917

Folder 3: Lamar High School Cherokee student newspaper, 1945 (photocopies)

Oversized Items

1. Deed: Thomas Melvin to George Humphreys, 1807.
2. Deed: Peter Range to John McFee, 1810.
3. Deed: Enos McFall to John Basor, 1843.

4. Deed of Gift: Mary Lincoln (widow of Isaac Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's great-uncle) to Jesse (sic) Lincoln (Isaac and Mary Lincoln's nephew), 1817.
5. Land entry: Isaac Lincoln, 1815 [signed by Tennessee Governor Joseph M. McMinn].
6. Land entry: Enos McFall, 1830 [signed by Tennessee Governor James C. Jones].
7. Lincoln (3 items): 7a. Plat of Jesse Lincoln tract, 1817; 7b. William K. Vance vs. Jesse Lincoln and Mordechai Lincoln, 1800 (deed of conveyance of 2 tracts of land in Washington County to Vance); 7c. Copy of "Did You Know" newspaper clipping (undated) by Paul Fink about Isaac Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's great-uncle living in Washington County (that part which later became Carter County).
8. Will: Hugh Young's will, August 7, 1875.