

LUCY KENNERLY GUMP COLLECTION

Accession Number 3
1961-2012 and undated
.25 linear foot (1 box)

Provenance: The collection, along with 19 books and 67 periodicals, was donated by the children of Lucy Kennerly Gump (Mary Gump Fly, Louis Gump, and Warren Gump) on October 6th, 2022. The books and periodicals originally in Lucy Gump's personal library were transferred to the archives' Book Collection.

Access Note: The papers are available for research use. Data files found on the thumbdrive are accessed in the archives' Reading Room with staff assistance using the DeedMapper software.

Biographical Note: Lucy Kennerly was born in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1942 and lived most of her life in Johnson City, Tenn. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee and East Tennessee State University. She married Louis ("Louie") Haynes Gump, who passed away in 2022.

She became a particular expert on the region's frontier era. Her 1989 history thesis completed at East Tennessee State University titled "Possessions and Patterns of Living in Washington County: The 20 Years Before Tennessee Statehood, 1777-1796" used the actual county records of the period to document the cultural and domestic life of the East Tennessee frontier settlers. A later work based on research of the Thomas Amis' store ledgers of Hawkins County was a ground-breaking study of early Tennessee business and mercantile history. She was an early leader in the effort to have a county archives established in Washington County, and she remained a friend of the archives after its' creation.

Lucy Gump passed away in Johnson City on January 4th, 2020. She is survived by her children, Louis K. Gump, Jay Gump, Mary Fly Gump, and Warren Gump.

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of a computer thumbdrive containing DeedMapper data files compiled by Lucy Gump during her research on early land settlements of the Watauga Association and the upper East Tennessee area, along with a folder of items removed from books donated from her library by her family. These items consist primarily of newspaper clippings and correspondence related to Gump's historical and genealogical interests.

Important subjects include:

Land settlement—Tennessee
Tennessee—History
Watauga Association
Washington County, Tenn.—Genealogy
Washington County, Tenn.—History

Box and Folder/Item List

Box 1

1. DeedMapper computer data file of Watauga settlement land research (thumbdrive),
undated
2. Items removed from books donated from Lucy Gump's book collection, 1961-2012 and
undated

Location: 2M, 2-2