

Manuscript Collections Guide

acc 1: Margaret Sherfey Holley Paper

- 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.

acc 2: State of Franklin DAR Collection

- The collection consists of documentation of a survey of historic homes in Jonesborough, Tennessee. It includes two DVD discs containing digital files of the survey and a program distributed at the 2014 Oak Leaf Awards presentation held at the Jonesborough Visitors Center on January 17, 2014, where volunteers who had worked on the project for the State of Franklin D.A.R. chapter were honored.

acc 3: Lucy Gump Collection

- The collection consists of a computer thumb drive 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.

acc 4: Barbara Edminsten Manning Collection

- The collection consists of two scrapbooks created by Barbara Edminsten Manning. The Cherokee Community Club scrapbook documents civic, family, and school activities held in the Cherokee community of Washington County, Tenn., in the early 1950s. The scrapbook includes newspaper clippings, photographs, secretary minutes and treasurer reports of the club, certificates, and correspondence. Photographs document activities, individuals, homes, churches, and buildings in the community. The 4-H Club scrapbook documents Manning's membership and activities in the Girl's 4-H Club of Washington County between 1951 and 1955. The scrapbook includes newspaper clippings, reports, photographs, ribbons, brochures and programs.

acc 5: Petitions from the Western Country to NC

- The material in the collection consists of photocopies of various petitions written by persons living on the western frontier to the colonial and state government of North Carolina in the last quarter of the 18th Century. Petitioners made numerous types of requests, including requests for the establishment of counties, towns, and local government offices; assistance in dealing with conflicts with the native tribes; and the opening of land offices, among other matters. Especially interesting are requests by inhabitants to separate from North Carolina and form a new state called Franklin. Petitions are arranged in chronological order with undated documents filed at the end of the collection. Oversized documents are filed in a map folder in the map cabinet. Where transcriptions exist for the documents, this is listed in the guide.

acc 6: Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church Minutes

- The collection consists of photocopies of the original church minutes of Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church and a typed transcription of the said minutes, 1828-1927. The minutes cover many aspects of church business and functions and documents the history of the church for a period of approximately 100 years. Among information included are membership lists, records of births, deaths, and baptisms, appointments and election of church officials, licensures to preach, bills of indictment for covenant breaking, etc. The minutes are arranged in chronological order with the transcript filed after the photocopied minutes.

acc 7: Cherokee Baptist Church Records

- The collection consists of a spiral-bound typed transcription of the original church minutes of Cherokee Baptist Church from the late 18th Century to the latter part of the 19th Century. Earlier church minutes are apparently lost. The minutes document the history of the church for nearly 100 years, covering many aspects of church business and functions. Among information included are membership lists, records of births, deaths, and baptisms, appointments and election of church officials, licensures to preach, bills of indictment for covenant breaking, etc. The last portion of the volume contains a listing of tombstone inscriptions recorded from the adjoining church cemetery. The minutes are arranged in chronological order. There is an index to the minutes.

acc 8: Immanuel Lutheran Church Records

- These surviving church records document the history of the church in the early 1800s. Among information found in the records are lists of communicants, baptisms, confirmands, those attending catechism, decisions on financial matters, election of church officials, etc. Baptism information includes the name of parents and the child's date of birth. Church records were written in German script. Also included is a brief history of the church by Mary Hardin McCown, a listing of graves in the cemetery, and a

copy of a deed related to the property. This miscellaneous material is filed after the minutes.

acc 9: Not yet processed

acc 10: Embreeville and Bumpas Cove Collection

- The collection consists of newspaper clippings, journal articles, correspondence, and photographs related to the history of the Embreeville and Bumpass Cove areas of Washington County, Tenn. Arranged as one series, materials are organized in alphabetical order by subject type. Photographs are arranged by image size, then by date, with unidentified or undated images filed after identified and dated images. Note: Two maps donated with the collection were transferred to the department's Map Collections: "Map of Johnson City and Washington County, Tennessee," prepared by the Upper East Tennessee Section, Local Planning Assistance Office, January, 1985, revised April 1986 and "Mountain Heritage Travel Map," printed by the Upper East Tennessee Tourism Council, Jonesborough, Tennessee, 1987.

acc 11: Mildred Spaulding Kozsuch Collection

- The collection consists of 67 color photographic slides taken and compiled by Mildred Kozsuch of various historic houses, structures, and places in Washington County, Tennessee. Images are arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the building or location. The slides are housed in four storage sheets in one folder. A slide projector is also included with the collection. The slides are undated but were probably taken in the 1980s.

acc 12: George L. Carter Collection

- The collection consists of the research files and book manuscripts used by Ray Stahl and Ned L. Irwin for their biography of Appalachian industrialist George L. Carter titled *The Last Empire Builder: A Life of George L. Carter, 1857-1936* (Johnson City, Tenn.: East Tennessee State University, 2012). Documents include correspondence, articles, research notes, newspaper clippings, publications, interview transcripts and recordings, drafts of the book manuscript, and photographs

acc 13: Miscellaneous Photograph Collection

- The collection consists of photographic prints related to various Washington County individuals, locations, and subjects, primarily from the 20th century. The images are arranged alphabetically by subject.

acc 14: Historic Newspaper Collection

- The first 128 items were newspapers gathered by the late Paul Fink. This collection consists of newspapers (plus some duplicate copies), published in the 20th Century in

Washington County or East Tennessee, including newspapers from Johnson City, Jonesborough, and Knoxville, along with one partial issue of a German newspaper, the Bremer Nachrichten. The newspapers are arranged in alphabetical order by title and then in chronological order.

acc 15: Bob Hope Collection

- The collection consists of two plaques presented to Bob Hope during his performance as the first entertainer at Freedom Hall on July 5th, 1974. The first plaque was from the Johnson City Jaycees recognizing Hope for his outstanding service to young men of America. The second plaque was awarded in recognition of Hope being the inaugural performer at Freedom Hall Civic Center.

acc 16: Postcard Collection

- This collection consists of postcards ranging from 1910 to the early 2000s. The postcards depict various scenes and locations throughout Washington County including East Tennessee State University, John Sevier Hotel, and Main Street, Johnson City.

acc 17: Miscellaneous Documents Collection

- The collection consists of documents not part of any record group or specific manuscript collection. Many of the documents were found in processing county records of which these were not a part. Documents relate to a variety of subjects as noted in the descriptions in the box and folder list. The collection covers from the early era of Washington County down to the present day.

acc 18: Yeager Family Collection

- The collection consists of photocopies of documents related to the Yeager family, originally from Washington County, Tennessee. Included are copies and typed transcriptions of Civil War letters of Elijah Fisk Yeager; an address given by Elijah Fisk Yeager at his 1869 graduation from Tusculum College; biographical information about members of the Yeager family; and a photocopy of the book Jacob Klodsløe, a self-published book written by Abraham Hoss Yeager in 1899 documenting his life in Washington County, his time as a Civil War prisoner, etc. Files are arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

acc 19: Martha C. Marshall Collection

- The collection consists of copies of selected pages from books written and published by Martha Marshall that document her life, Marshall family relatives, her homeplace on West Walnut Street in the Midway community of Washington County, and county history, especially of what life was like in the early and mid-20th Century. Also included is an oversized poster with an image of a quilt she made of historic Washington County

homes and structures as part of the Tennessee Bicentennial Celebration in 1996. A handout included with the poster provides brief historical notes about each building.

acc 20: Blackston Dannel Collection

- The collection consists of personal correspondence, receipts, financial records, and notes documenting Blackston McDaniel's life and his career as a United States Marshal in East Tennessee during and following the Civil War. Documents are arranged in chronological order. Two oversized documents are housed in a map folder and stored in the map cabinet by accession number.

acc 21: Joseph Dobson Collection

- The collection consists of land records, primarily land grants and deeds related to property transactions involving Joseph Dobson and members of his family and covers over a hundred-year period from 1780-1890. The property involved was in western North Carolina. Documents are arranged in chronological order with undated documents filed at the end. The collection is housed in a map folder and stored in the map cabinet by accession number.

acc 22: Josiah Conley Collection

- The collection consists of personal letters, receipts, notes and accounts documenting the life of Josiah Conley. The collection is arranged alphabetically by document type and then chronologically.

acc 23: Carmichael Family Collection

- The collection consists of Carmichael family correspondence and helps document their life in 19th century East Tennessee. Several letters deal with the administration of William Carmichael's estate as handled by Dr. Archibald Carmichael and John Blair. Some letters concern a failed attempt to purchase a mill. The letters are arranged in chronological order with undated letters filed at the end of the collection.

acc 24: Unprocessed

acc 25: Ashe Street Courthouse Collection

- The collection consists of a single 1910 architectural blueprint drawing of a detail of the cornice work for the lobby of the courthouse. The oversized drawing is filed in a map folder in the map cabinet by manuscript accession number.

acc 26: Independent Order of the Odd Fellows

- The collection consists of various I.O.O.F. documents and may have been papers belonging to C. E. Russell. The papers document activities related to the lodge and individual members. Included are by-laws, correspondence, published reports and

pamphlets, among other items. Documents cover a time span from 1907 to 1908 with some material being undated. Records are arranged chronologically with undated materials filed last. The papers are housed in one box.

acc 27: Brownlow Family Collection

- This collection consists of a series of letters (1896-1902) between Walter P. Brownlow and Major Paul Devine discussing a Civil War pension and a scrapbook of newspaper clippings compiled by Mrs. Brownlow in the 1890s. Clippings in the scrapbook include religious passages, medicinal remedies, obituaries, politics, and articles related to her husband's career, and the Mountain Home facility in Johnson City. There is also a set of loose newspaper clippings covering similar topics as those in the scrapbook. Additionally, there are two loose newspaper pages that include photographs of the Mountain Soldier's Home (Mountain Home). Miscellaneous items make up the last few items in this collection. This includes two dance cards, a receipt from 1896, one business card, two copies of a 1908 public resolution detailing the appointment of members of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, and an advertisement for a watch. The collection material is arranged in alphabetical order by subject.