

## **Wars and Military Ephemera Subject Files, 1830-2003, (bulk 1964-1999)**

### **Collection Summary**

**Creator:** Intentionally assembled by Special Collections Division staff, beginning at an unknown date, probably in the late 1960s, and collected on an ongoing basis.

**Title:** Wars and Military Ephemera Subject Files

**Inclusive Dates:** 1830-2003, (bulk 1964-1999)

**Summary/Abstract:** A wide variety of material relating to the military service and wartime experiences of military personnel and civilians; monuments, preservation, and commemorations, especially for the Battle of Nashville and the Civil War; unit histories; veterans' reunions, activities, and publications; newsletters, especially relating to local airbases during World War II; and women's involvement in wartime, especially the Civil War and World War II. Formats include letters, memoirs, diaries, essays, brochures, pamphlets, and a variety of other written materials, including some photocopies.

**Physical Description/Extent:** .5 cu. ft.

**Series:**

- I. Indian Wars
- II. Civil War
- III. Spanish-American War
- IV. World War I
- V. World War II
- VI. Naval Vessels

**Language:** In English.

**Stack Location:** Closed stacks workroom

**Repository:** Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church St., Nashville, TN 37219

### **Scope and Contents of the Collection**

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### **Organization/Arrangement of Materials**

Organized by war or topic; wars arranged chronologically.

### **Restrictions**

**Restrictions on Access:** In library use only. Available by appointment.

**Restrictions on Use and Reproduction:** Some items may be restricted by copyright law or donor restriction.

## **Index Terms**

### **Personal Names:**

Avery, Roy C. (Roy Crowdy), 1885-1971  
Cleburne, Patrick Ronayne, 1828-1864  
Cooper, James, Confederate soldier  
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889  
Davis, Sam, 1842-1863 -- Pictorial works  
Dewey, George, 1837-1917  
Drummond, Gideon  
Dumm, Sam  
Elson, Ralph  
Forrest, Nathan Bedford, 1821-1877  
Harris, Isham G. (Isham Green), 1818-1897  
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845 -- Military leadership  
Johnston, John, Confederate soldier  
Jones, Thomas Burton, Confederate soldier  
Lawrence, William P.  
Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870 -- Pictorial works  
McBride, George W.  
Miller, James M., 1837-1865  
Morris, J.E.  
Morton, John Watson  
Riggs, Benjamin, b.1849  
Robertson, Peyton  
Roe, James, 1820-1913  
Street, D.W.  
Wharton, A.D., (Arthur Dickson), 1840-1900  
Williams, R.W., Confederate soldier

### **Corporate Names/Organizations:**

Berry Field (Airport : Nashville, Tenn.)  
Confederate States of America. Army. Kentucky Infantry Regiment, 8<sup>th</sup>  
Confederate States of America. Army. Tennessee Cavalry Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Confederate States of America. Army. Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Confederate States of America. Army. Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(Ashby's)  
Confederate States of America. Army. Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Confederate States of America. Army. Tennessee Cavalry. Ashby's Brigade  
Confederate States of America. Army. Tennessee Infantry Regiment, 11<sup>th</sup>  
Confederate States of America. Army. Tennessee Infantry Regiment, 20<sup>th</sup>  
Davidson County Civil War Centennial Committee (Tenn.)  
First Presbyterian Church (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Kerr Drug Store (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Memphis Municipal Airport (Tenn.)

Nashville (Cruiser)  
Nashville Municipal Airport (Tenn.)  
Ryman Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Tennessee Monument Commission  
United States. Army. Corps, 4th (1861-1865)  
United States. Army. Illinois Light Artillery, 1<sup>st</sup> (1861-1865). Company E  
United States. Army. Iowa Infantry, 23<sup>rd</sup> (1861-1865)  
United States. Army. Machine Gun Battalion, 114<sup>th</sup> (1917-1919). Company A  
United States. Army. Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, 78<sup>th</sup> (1861-1865)  
United States. Navy.  
United States. Army Air Forces  
United States. Army. Sanitary Corps.  
United States. Council of National Defense. Women's Committee. Tennessee  
Division

**Conference Names:**

Camden Expedition (1864)

**Subjects:**

Airports -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- History  
Atlanta Campaign, 1864 -- Personal narratives  
Battle of Nashville Monument (Tenn.)  
Battlefields -- Tennessee  
Battles -- Kentucky  
Battles -- Tennessee  
Cemeteries -- France -- Somme  
Chattanooga, Battle of, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1863  
Chickamauga, Battle of, Ga., 1863  
Civil-military relations -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- History -- 19th century  
Creek Indians -- Alabama -- History -- 19th century  
Creek War, 1813-1814  
Cruisers (Warships) -- United States  
Food conservation -- United States  
Fort Donelson, Battle of, Tenn., 1862 -- Personal narratives  
Franklin, Battle of, Franklin, Tenn., 1864 -- Personal narratives  
Franklin, Battle of, Franklin, Tenn., 1864 -- Centennial celebrations, etc.  
Historic sites -- Tennessee  
Home economics -- United States -- Handbooks, manuals, etc.  
Horseshoe Bend, Battle of, Ala., 1814  
Indians of North America -- Wars -- 1812-1815  
Leyte Gulf, Battle of, Philippines, 1944  
Medicine, Military  
Memory -- Social aspects -- Southern States  
Military parks -- Tennessee  
Mill Springs, Battle of, Ky., 1862 -- Personal narratives  
Monuments -- Pennsylvania -- Gettysburg National Military Park

Monuments -- Tennessee -- Nashville  
Nashville, Battle of, Nashville, Tenn., 1864 -- Personal narratives  
Nashville, Battle of, Nashville, Tenn., 1864 -- Centennial celebrations, etc.  
Poetry, American  
Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862 -- Personal narratives  
Soldiers' writings, American  
Spanish-American War, 1898  
Stones River, Battle of, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1862-1863 -- Personal narratives  
Thompson's Station, Battle of, Thompsons Station, Tenn., 1863 -- Personal narratives  
Veterans -- Tennessee  
Veterans' writings -- American  
War poetry, American  
Women in war -- Tennessee -- Nashville  
World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns -- France  
World War, 1914-1918 -- Medical care  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Campaigns -- Pacific Ocean  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Naval operations, American

**Places:**

Arkansas -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives  
Arkansas -- Social conditions -- 19th century  
Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park (Ga. and Tenn.)  
Confederate States of America -- History, Military  
Confederate States of America -- Social conditions  
Davidson County (Tenn.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources  
Davidson County (Tenn.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources  
France -- History -- 1914-1940  
Franklin (Tenn.) -- History  
Franklin (Tenn.) -- Social conditions -- 19th century  
Gettysburg National Military Park (Pa.)  
Horseshoe Bend National Military Park (Ala.)  
Kentucky -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
Kentucky -- Social conditions -- 19th century  
Logan County (Ky.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources  
Nashville (Tenn.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources  
Nashville (Tenn.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources  
Nashville (Tenn.) -- Social conditions  
Philippines -- History -- Philippine American War, 1899-1902  
Shy's Hill (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Tennessee -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
Tennessee -- History -- 19th century -- Sources  
Tennessee -- History -- 20th century -- Sources  
Tennessee -- Social conditions  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Battlefields  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Campaigns

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Monuments  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Participation, African  
American  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Prisoners and prisons  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Regimental histories  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- War work  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Women  
United States -- History -- 1809-1817  
Vichy (France)  
Williamson County (Tenn.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources

**Genre/Document Types:**

Diaries  
Histories  
Letters (correspondence)  
Memoirs  
Military records  
Newspapers  
Posters  
Programs  
Stickers

**Occupations:**

Historians  
Physicians  
Politicians  
Sailors  
Soldiers

**Added Entry – Personal Names:**

Avery, Roy C. (Roy Crowdy), 1885-1971  
Beasley, Paul H., 1902-1990  
Colburn, W.J.  
Cooper, James, Confederate soldier  
Creighton, Wilbur F., 1906-2004  
Drummond, Gideon  
Dumm, Sam  
Elson, Ralph  
Gale, W.D.  
Harbaugh, T.C.  
Jarratt, Lawrence M.  
Johnston, John, Confederate soldier  
Jones, Thomas Burton, Confederate soldier  
Kelso, Joe  
Kirbo, Warren, ca.1947-

McBride, George W.  
McIlwaine, Finley  
Miller, James M., 1837-1865  
Morris, J.E.  
Morton, John Watson  
Payne, Hershel G.  
Riggs, Benjamin, b. 1849  
Roe, James 1820-1913  
Street, D.W.  
Wells, Ann  
Williams, R.W., Confederate soldier

**Added Entry – Corporate Names:**

Currier & Ives  
Davidson County Civil War Centennial Committee (Tenn.)  
First Presbyterian Church (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Kerr Drug Store (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Memphis Municipal Airport (Tenn.)  
Nashville Municipal Airport (Tenn.)  
Tennessee Monument Commission  
Tennessee Wars Commission  
United States Food Administration  
United States. Army. Machine Gun Battalion, 114<sup>th</sup> (1917-1919). Company A.  
United States. Council of National Defense. Women's Committee. Tennessee Division

**Added Entry – Titles:**

Center Sentry (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Ferrogram (Memphis, Tenn.)  
Nashferry Tribune (Nashville, Tenn.)

**Associated and Related Material**

Numerous materials relating to twentieth-century wars can be found in the Veterans History Project Collection in the Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library.

Items relating to veterans' organizations may also be found in Organizations Ephemera Subject Files.

Additional items related to the military service of Roy Crowdy Avery during World War I are in several different collections in other repositories: the Roy Crowdy Avery Collection in the Special Collections Department of the Jean and Alexander Heard Library at Vanderbilt University; the Catherine Berry (Pilcher) Avery Papers and the Oswald Theodore Avery Papers at the Tennessee State Library and Archives; and the Roy Avery Collection (AFC/2001/001/436) in the Veterans History Project at the

American Folklife Center, Library of Congress. The latter collection can be accessed online at: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/story/loc.natlib.afc2001001.00436> (as of 7/17/2007), and includes a copy of the memoir that is in the holdings of the Nashville Public Library.

### **Separated Material**

Some items may have been separated for storage to an oversize box, drawer, or the Nashville Room Photographs Collection. Separation notices have been used to indicate such removals.

The following materials were removed from the Wars and Military Ephemera Subject Files during reprocessing in 2007 and form their own collections, cataloged and accessed separately:

Foster Family Mexican War Letters, 1846

### **Administrative Information**

**Copyright:** This material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code)

**Preferred Citation:** [item description, folder title, or subseries], [series], Wars and Military Ephemera Subject Files, Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library.

**Ownership and Custodial History:** Intentionally assembled by Special Collections Division staff, beginning at an unknown date, probably in the late 1960s, and collected on an ongoing basis.

**Processing Information:** Weeded by staff members Linda Barnickel and Carol Kaplan, 2003. Rehoused and reprocessed by staff member Linda Barnickel, 2007. All actions part of overall ephemera subject files reprocessing project.

**Accruals:** Additional accruals are expected.

### **Detailed Description of the Collection**

Series level descriptions follow. Many items in all series are undated, so there may be other materials which pre- or post-date the time periods reflected below. See detailed container list for more information on the nature of materials and dates.

#### **Indian Wars, 1981 (.01 cu. ft.)**

**Series Abstract/Description:** Items relating to Andrew Jackson's battle against the Creek Indians at Horseshoe Bend, Ala.

#### **Civil War, 1862-1999 (.4 cu. ft.)**

##### **Series Abstract/Description:**

Researchers are especially encouraged to consult the individual contents list appended to this finding aid, since many of the subseries overlap in the subjects covered. Organized into the following subseries:

##### I. Battles

Materials relating to the battles of Chickamauga/ Chattanooga, Fort Donelson, Hood's Campaign, including Franklin and Nashville, and Shiloh, including personal accounts, letters, correspondence, narratives and essays. Also includes information relating to battlefield parks.

#### II. Commemorations

Materials relating to battle anniversary observances and similar commemorative activities, with special emphasis on the Civil War Centennial in 1964 relating to the battles of Nashville and Franklin.

#### III. Geographic

Items relating to a particular place, but not necessarily a certain battle. For instance, information about civilian life in Nashville in general during the war, particularly during the long period of Federal occupation before the 1864 Battle of Nashville can be found in this subseries. Special subjects include women of Nashville during the war, and civilians arrested by Union forces for disloyalty and other criminal activities.

#### IV. Monuments

Items relating to the Battle of Nashville "Peace" Monument, and efforts by the Tennessee Monument Commission to erect a monument at Gettysburg battlefield.

#### V. Personal Accounts

Letters, diaries, memoirs, and other materials created by persons witnessing events first-hand. Often not limited to one particular battle or event. Although further divided into Confederate and Union accounts, not all individuals were soldiers. Civilians are also included and are listed according to their sympathies.

#### VI. Preservation

Items about various efforts to preserve Civil War sites, raise money for such efforts, and related matters.

#### VII. Units

Materials that generally do not relate to one individual but rather to an entire military unit as a whole, usually a regiment, typically covering its experiences throughout a campaign or the entire war, rather than a single battle.

Researchers are advised that materials for the Battles of Nashville and Franklin will often be listed under the broader heading of "Hood's Campaign," since many times the campaign as a whole is discussed rather than each individual battle. In addition, materials for these subjects can be found in a variety of subseries, not just one. Researchers are encouraged to consult the detailed container list which follows.

### **Spanish-American War & Philippines, 1830-1898 (.01 cu. ft.)**

**Series Abstract/Description:** Photocopies of materials relating to Peyton Robertson, A.D. Wharton, and Admiral George Dewey.

### **World War I, 1918-1971 (.02 cu. ft.)**

**Series Abstract/Description:** Items relating to civilians and military during World War I.

**World War II, 1942-1945 (.02 cu. ft.)**

**Series Abstract/Description:** Items concerning Nashville and the homefront during World War II, with special emphasis on military activities at nearby airfields and training facilities.

**Naval Vessels, 1944-2003 (.02 cu. ft.)**

**Series Abstract/Description:** Materials relating to the *U.S.S. Nashville* (CL-43) which served primarily during World War II.