

Wars and Military Ephemera Subject Files, 1830-2017, (bulk 1964-2014)

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: 1830-2017, (bulk 1964-2014)

Summary/Abstract: A wide variety of material relating to the military service and wartime experiences of military personnel and civilians; battles; monuments, preservation, and commemorations, especially for 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. A number of tourist brochures on a variety of subjects also are part of the collection. Formats in the collection include letters, memoirs, diaries, essays, brochures, pamphlets, and a variety of other written materials, including some photocopies.

Physical Description/Extent: .75 cu. ft.

Series:

- I. War of 1812
- II. Indian Wars
- III. Civil War
- IV. Spanish-American War
- V. World War I
- VI. World War II
- VII. Naval Vessels
- VIII. National & State Guard & Militia
- IX. Miscellaneous

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

Includes a wide variety of material relating to military service and wartime experiences of military personnel and civilians; battles; monuments, preservation, and commemorations, especially for the Battles of Franklin and Nashville, and the Civil War, including activities associated with the centennial (1964) and sesquicentennial (2014) observances; unit histories, including some items concerning the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell; 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. A number of tourist brochures on a variety of subjects also are part of the collection. Formats include letters, memoirs, diaries, essays, brochures, pamphlets, and a variety of other written materials, including some photocopies.

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
Davis, Sam, 1842-1863 -- Pictorial works
Dewey, George, 1837-1917
Forrest, Nathan Bedford, 1821-1877
Harris, Isham G. (Isham Green), 1818-1897
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845 -- Military leadership
Lawrence, William P.
Robertson, Peyton
Wharton, A.D., (Arthur Dickson), 1840-1900

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Berry Field (Airport : Nashville, Tenn.)
Carnton Mansion (Franklin, Tenn.)
Davidson County Civil War Centennial Committee (Tenn.)
First Presbyterian Church (Nashville, Tenn.)
Memphis Municipal Airport (Tenn.)
Nashville (Cruiser)
Nashville Municipal Airport (Tenn.)
Ryman Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)
Tennessee. Air National Guard. Tactical Airlift Wing, 118th
Tennessee Monument Commission
United States. Army. Airborne Division, 101st
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:

Subjects:

Airports -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- History
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
 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.
 Heritage tourism -- Tennessee
 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
 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.
 Public history -- Sources
 Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862 -- Personal narratives
 Soldiers' writings, American
 Spanish-American War, 1898
 Stones River, Battle of, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1862-1863 -- Personal narratives
 Tourism -- Tennessee
 Veterans -- Tennessee
 Veterans' writings -- 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:

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park (Ga. and Tenn.)
 Confederate States of America -- History, Military
 Confederate States of America -- Social conditions
 Fort Campbell (Ky. and Tenn.)
 Fort Negley (Tenn.)

France -- History -- 1914-1940
Franklin (Tenn.) -- History
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
Nashville (Tenn.) -- Social conditions
Philippines -- History -- Philippine American War, 1899-1902
Sewart Air Force Base (Tenn.)
Shy's Hill (Nashville, Tenn.)
Tennessee -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
Tennessee -- History -- Sources
Tennessee -- Social conditions
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Battlefields
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 -- Regimental histories
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Women
United States -- History -- 1809-1817
Williamson County (Tenn.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Genre/Document Types:

Brochures
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
Kelso, Joe
Kershaw, Jack, 1913-2010
Kirbo, Warren, ca.1947-

Added Entry – Corporate Names:

Currier & Ives
Davidson County Civil War Centennial Committee (Tenn.)
First Presbyterian Church (Nashville, Tenn.)
Hatch Show Print (Firm)
Kerr Drug Store (Nashville, Tenn.)
Lotz House (Franklin, Tenn.)
Memphis Municipal Airport (Tenn.)
Nashville Municipal Airport (Tenn.)
Tennessee Monument Commission
Tennessee Wars Commission
United States Food Administration

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. Additions made in 2018.

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.

War of 1812, items dated 2012 (.01 cu. ft.)

Series Abstract/Description: Driving tour brochure of War of 1812 sites in Tennessee, produced for the war's bicentennial in 2012.

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, 1862-2017 (.5 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; the Great Locomotive Chase; Hood's Campaign, including Franklin and Nashville; Parker's Crossroads; Shiloh; and Stones River, including personal accounts, letters, correspondence, narratives and essays. Also includes information relating to battlefield parks and tourist brochures.

II. Commemorations

Materials relating to battle anniversary observances and similar commemorative activities, with special emphasis on the Civil War Centennial in 1964 and the Sesquicentennial in 2014, 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, and a sizable quantity of brochures and other items related to Fort Negley.

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, 1942-2015 (.03 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.

National & State Guard & Militia, 1972 (.01 cu.ft.)

Series Abstract/Description: Materials relating to units, people and actions of the National and State Guard and militia in Tennessee.

Miscellaneous, ca. 1955-2013 (.02 cu.ft.)

Series Abstract/Description: Materials concerning general military subjects, persons, activities, locations, or other topics not easily classified elsewhere in this collection. Includes information about the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell; Sewart Air Force Base in Smyrna; and a report on Tennessee military sites.