

Schools Ephemera Subject Files
1825-2005
(bulk 1880-1990)

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: Schools Ephemera Subject Files

Inclusive Dates: 1825-2005 (bulk 1880-1990)

Summary/Abstract: Includes a wide variety of material relating to schools in the Nashville area and elsewhere in Middle Tennessee. Most items outside of the Nashville area concern universities or colleges. In the collection as a whole, all types of schools are included, both public and private, and elementary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions. Materials are also included which concern or originate with school-affiliated groups and individuals, such as clubs, athletics, parent-teacher organizations, teachers, administrators, alumni, and others.

Physical Description/Extent: 1 cu. ft.

Language: In English.

Stack Location: Closed stacks workroom; closed stacks map room oversize ephemera subject files

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

Scope and Contents of the Collection

Includes programs from school events such as graduations, reunions, plays, recitals, concerts and similar activities; promotional materials; yearbooks; rosters; brochures; student newspapers; literary magazines; newsletters; publications; reports; essays and histories; course catalogs; student handbooks; curriculum and lessons; speeches, commemorations, and dedications; and a wide variety of other material. Quantity of materials ranges from a single item to several folders. Some items are photocopies.

Some of the more notable material includes broadsides from the Nashville Female Academy in 1859 promoting their exhibition; a 1908 Senate document regarding claims for damages at the University of Nashville Medical School caused by U.S. troops during the Civil War; and a slate lesson book used by a student at Bowen School. Two items relating to Vanderbilt University are worth special mention: a program for President John F. Kennedy's speech in 1963 commemorating the 90th anniversary of Vanderbilt University, and a brochure issued during the Tennessee Centennial Exhibition in 1897, offering Vanderbilt dormitories as lodgings for visitors to the exhibition. Other items in the collection include a history of girls' private schools in Nashville written by Margaret Lindsley Warden in 1965; a list of high school examination questions from 1922; and a newspaper from 1979 entitled, "Speak to the Chaperones," containing women's

reminiscences about their school days in Nashville in the mid-1940s, including memories of high school sororities, dances, and social life.

A number of small holdings exist for girls' and women's schools, and numerous private academies for both sexes. Individual schools that are well-represented in the collection include: Bowen School; Hume-Fogg High School; Isaac Litton School; Peabody College and Peabody Demonstration School; University of Nashville, including the Medical School; Vanderbilt University; and Ward-Belmont, including their Camp Cohechee in Fryeburg, Maine.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Two series: I. Schools in general, grouped by type of school; II. Individual schools filed alphabetically by school name.

Restrictions

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

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Index Terms

Personal Names:

Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Nashville Female Academy (Tenn.)

University of Nashville

University of Nashville. Medical Dept.

Bowen School (Nashville, Tenn.)

Vanderbilt University

Vanderbilt University. George Peabody College for Teachers.

Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition (1897: Nashville, Tenn.)

Hume-Fogg High School (Nashville, Tenn.)

Isaac Litton High School (Nashville, Tenn.)

George Peabody College for Teachers

Peabody Demonstration School

Ward-Belmont College (Nashville, Tenn.)

Camp Cohechee (Fryeburg, Me.)

Subjects:

Learned institutions and societies – Tennessee – Nashville

Education– Tennessee – Nashville

Schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Public schools - Tennessee- Nashville
Private schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Private universities and colleges – Tennessee
Universities and colleges – Tennessee
Women’s colleges – Tennessee – Nashville
Women in education – Tennessee
Music in universities and colleges – History - Sources
Elementary schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Teachers – Tennessee – Nashville
School children – Tennessee – Nashville
High schools – Tennessee – Nashville
High schools – Alumni and alumnae – Tennessee - Nashville
Women college students – Tennessee
College students – Tennessee
Home and school – Tennessee – Nashville
Boarding schools – Tennessee
Junior high schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Middle schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Single-sex schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Suburban schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Urban schools – Tennessee – Nashville
Schools – exercises and recreations – Tennessee – Nashville
School prose, American – Tennessee – Nashville
Commencement ceremonies – Tennessee – Nashville
College and school drama – Tennessee – Nashville
Concerts – Tennessee – Nashville
Music – Performance – Tennessee – Nashville
Music – Instruction and study – History
Church colleges – Tennessee
Church schools – Tennessee - Nashville

Places:

Nashville (Tenn.) – History – Sources
Nashville (Tenn.) – Intellectual life
Nashville (Tenn.) – Speeches, addresses, etc.
Tennessee – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – Claims

Genre/Document Types:

Newsletters
Newspapers
Little magazines
Essays
Speeches
Curricula
Yearbooks

Pamphlets
Manuscripts
Rosters
Reports
Annuals (publications)
Programs
Invitations
School records

Occupations:

Teachers

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 Schools Ephemera Subject Files during reprocessing in 2006 and form their own collections, cataloged and accessed separately:

Bailey School Parent-Teacher Association Records, 1930-1972
Beasley Watkins Institute Collection, 1947-1987
Buford College Collection, 1903-1920
Central High School Alumni Association Records, 1963-1986
E.L. McNeilly Robertson Academy Legal Correspondence, 1930-1934
Gladys Charlestine Matlock Autograph Book, 1933
John F. Kennedy Address on the 90th Anniversary of Vanderbilt University
Collection, 1963 [a program for this event remains in Schools Ephemera
Subject Files]
“Nashville Early History” by Miss Irene Spivey’s 6th grade class at Hattie Cotton
Elementary School [1954]
Willie Williams Papers, 1893-c.1940

Administrative Information

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Processing Information: Weeded by staff members Linda Barnickel and Carol Kaplan, 2003. Rehoused and reprocessed by staff member Linda Barnickel, 2005-2006. All actions part of overall ephemera subject files reprocessing project.

Accruals: Additional accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

General categories

In general

Oversize box 1, folder 6: *Speak to the Chaperones*

Public schools (3 folders), 1858-1999

Oversize box 1, folder 6: "On the map with our schools!" Nashville, 1985

Private schools (2 folders), 1965-2000

Boarding schools, 1979

Colleges, 1996-1997

Individual schools

Aquinas College, 1974

Bailey School, 1952-1959

Belmont College, c.1966-1990

Boscobel College, 1913-1914

Bowen School (6 folders), 1902-1919

1) School catalogs, 1902-1903, 1915-1916

2) Bowen Blade, 1912, 1913

3) Bowen Blade, 1915

4) Bowen Blade, 1917

5) Bowen Blade, 1919

6) Student's slate book with lessons, (undated)

Central High School, (undated)

Central Tennessee College, 1880

Dr. Blackie's School, 1876

Draughtons Business College (2 folders), 1893-1976

1) 1893-1920

2) 1976

Oversize box 1, folder 6: 2 issues of *The Torch*, 1980-1981

Donelson High School, 1960

Oversize box 1, folder 6: *Donelson Hi-Lites*, Feb. 26, 1960

Duncan School, 1917

DuPont School, 1970, 1976

East High School, 1942, 1945

Edgefield Female Seminary, 1871

Ezell-Harding School, 1974-1996

Father Ryan School (undated)

Fisk University (3 folders), 1973-2003

1) In general

2) "Images in Black Artifacts: Negative and Positive," 1981-1982

3) Arts, events, lectures

Oversize box 1, folder 1: Schedule of activities, 1983-84: "Themes in the Black American Experience...Black Folk Culture"

Freed-Hardeman College, 1944

Girls Preparatory School, 1911

Harpeth Hall School, 1976

Hillsboro High School, 1966

Howard School, 1909-1910

Hume-Fogg School, (8 folders), 1901-2005

- 1) History, 1911, 1992
- 2) Promotional materials, 1985-2005
- 3) Technical school, 1943, 1962
- 4) Commencement, 1901, 1923, 1938
- 5) Alumni, reunions and anniversaries, 1984-2004
- 6) The Echo, 1913
- 7) The Echo, 1914, 1928
- 8) The Echo, 1941

Artifact (safe room): Medal with inscription: "1934-1984"

Isaac Litton School, (4 folders), 1936-1965

- 1) In general, 1942-1957
- 2) Commencement, 1936-1941
- 3) Commencement, 1944-1948
- 4) Commencement, 1953-1965

Oversize box 1, folder 6: *The Litton Blast* Apr. 14, 1943

Jere Baxter School, 1934

Lighthouse Christian College, 1986

Lipscomb University (2 folders), 1966-1997

- 1) 1966-1967
- 2) 1997

Lockeland School, n.d.

Massey Military School, 1976

Montgomery Bell Academy (2 folders), 1900

- 1) In general, 1900
- 2) Montgomery-Bell Bulletin, 1900

Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, 1914 [*very fragile*]

Nashville College for Young Ladies, 1897

Nashville Conservatory of Music, 1905-1929

Nashville Female Academy, 1825-1859

Nashville Medical College, 1883, 1887

Neophogen College, 1873

Oak Hill School, 1998

Peabody College (3 folders), 1932-1987

- 1) In general, 1932-1976
- 2) Library school, 1973-1987
- 3) Alumni publications, 1933, 1939

Oversize box 1, folder 6: 2 issues of *Peabody Post*, 1948, 1949

Peabody Demonstration School (3 folders), 1937-2005

- 1) In general, 2003-2004
- 2) Programs, 1937-1940
- 3) Alumni Magazine, 2004-2005

Radnor College, 1911-1995

St. Bernard Academy, after 1914

Southern Female College, 1988 (West Point, Miss., founded by A.N. Eshman)

Stratford School, 2004

Tennessee Technological University, c.1970

Tennessee State University (formerly Tenn. A&I), 1931-1987

University of Nashville, (2 folders), 1848-1911

- 1) In general, 1854, 1911
- 2) Addresses, 1848, 1872

University of Nashville Medical School (4 folders), 1858-1910

- 1) Reopening of chemical lab and claim against U.S., 1871, 1908
- 2) Lecture cards, 1858-1860
- 3) Announcements [catalogs] 1892, 1897
- 4) Commencement, 1910

University of Tennessee – Nashville, 1899-1979

University of the South (Sewanee), c. 1940-c.1956

Vanderbilt University, (9 folders), 1877-1991

- 1) Commencement programs, 1908, 1914, 1937
- 2) Celebrations, commemorations, 1963-1975
- 3) Promotional, 1991
- 4) Student activities, 1914, 1918, undated
- 5) Student activities, The Gadfly, 1948
- 6) Symposiums and educational functions, 1938, 1980
- 7) In memoriam, Cornelius Vanderbilt, 1877
- 8) Faculty, 1944-1979
- 9) Alumni, 1925

Oversize box 1, folder 7: “Tennessee Centennial Exposition – Dormitories of Vanderbilt University,” 1897

Ward-Belmont School, 1883-1981

- 1) The Waif (2 issues), 1883
- 2) Programs, etc. 1910-1917, 1978
- 3) “The Story of Ward-Belmont” c. 1925
- 4) Programs, Camp Cohechee, other 1930-1951
- 5) Misc. 1951, 1981
- 6) Performances, 1937-1938

Oversize box 1, folder 6: *Ward-Belmont Hyphen*, 1925

Watkins Institute, 1987-1996

Webb School (2 folders), 1969-1994

- 1) In general, 1969-1994
- 2) Promotional packet, 1977

Oversize box 1, folder 6:

Webb School News, Spring 1980;

Webb School Alumni Bulletin, v.1 no.1 July 1975

Woodmont School, 1962-1969

YMCA Law School, 1974