

Una Neighborhood Association Collections

Collection Summary

Title: Una Neighborhood Association Collection

Summary: A collection of photographs, correspondence, news clippings, notes, and genealogies connected to Una, a community in southeast Nashville/Davidson County.

Physical Description: 8 Hollinger boxes, 3.336 linear feet

Language: English

Stack Location: Archives II, Section A-3, Shelf 19-20.

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville-Davidson County, 615 Church St., Nashville, TN 37219

Historical Note:

Now a suburb of Nashville, Una began as a small community in the early nineteenth century near the crossroads of what is now Murfreesboro Pike and Smith Springs Road. The community's name was changed from Rowsdale/Rosedale to Una in 1882 to honor Una Jones, a Peabody College student who lived in the community. Jan Cain, who was instrumental in changing and reviving the Una Neighborhood Association, along with the District 29 Councilwoman, Vivian Wilhoite, purchased and set up several historical markers around the area to honor the historic places and people. Today, Una is considered a suburb of Nashville and is part of Antioch.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

The Una Neighborhood Association Collection contains hundreds of items collected by Jan Cain, the Una Historian. Items in the collection include: research, maps, and photos related to small family cemeteries; photos of Una residents and landmarks; correspondence between Cain and residents, oftentimes requesting information about some aspect of Una history; genealogies and other information about Una families; and information about churches, parks, schools, and businesses.

Index Terms:

Subjects:

Tennessee—Nashville—Una

Schools—Tennessee—Davidson County

Churches—Tennessee—Davidson County

Historic Cemeteries—Tennessee

Community Organization

Tennessee Historical Commission

Historical Markers

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged into five series and includes correspondence, photographs, news clippings, printed materials, and maps. Dates for these materials are recorded when known but because of the nature of the collection, some items are undated or given approximations.

The *historical research* series preserves the original order of Cain's research. She organized the subseries in this series into a "book" of sorts and appeared to be in the process of organizing the rest when the collection was donated.

The *people* series contains materials about prominent families in Una, including vital records, burial information, news clippings, photographs, and genealogies.

The *places* series details information about cemeteries, churches, schools, and landmarks in the community and includes maps, photos, rosters, and notes.

The *community* series contains information about community development and plans and also includes information about the nascent Una Neighborhood Association.

The *bound items* series holds several published books from the mid-2000s that were donated with the collection.

Contents Listing:

Box 1:

Folder 1: Historical Research—Una, The Beginning

Folder 2: Historical Research—People

Folder 3: Historical Research—Maps

Folder 4: Historical Research—Churches

Folder 5: Historical Research—Schools

Folder 6: Historical Research—Cemeteries

Box 2:

Folder 1: Historical Research—Cemeteries, Cont'd.

Folder 2: Historical Research—Homes

Folder 3: Historical Research—Historically Significant Places

Folder 4: Historical Research—Bibles, Wills, and Family History

Folder 5: Historical Research—Weather Stories, Disasters, and Other Issues

Box 3:

Folder 1: Historical Research—Una Recreation

Folder 2: Historical Research—Photo Album

Folder 3: Historical Research—Military

Folder 4: Historical Research—Local Legends and Unexplained

Folder 5: Historical Research—Contributors' Pictures and Interviews

Folder 6: Historical Research—The Changing Scene

Folder 7: Historical Research—TVA Project

Folder 8: People—M.N. Cox

Box 4:

Folder 1: People—M.N. Cox, Cont'd.

Folder 2: People—Shumate and Felts Families

Folder 3: People—Ellis Family

Folder 4: People—Obituaries

Box 5:

Folder 1: People—Aldritch Family
Folder 2: People—Rice Family
Folder 3: People—Dennison Family
Folder 4: People—Other Families
Folder 5: Places—James Buchanan Cemetery

Box 6:

Folder 1: Places—Family Cemeteries
Folder 2: Places—Schools
Folder 3: Places—Smith Springs Baptist Church
Folder 4: Places—Churches

Box 7:

Folder 1: Places—Trail of Tears
Folder 2: Places—Una Landmarks
Folder 3: Community—Plans
Folder 4: Community—Associations News

Box 8:

Folder 1: Community—Photos
Folder 2: Bound Items—Historical Books
Folder 3: Bound Items—Railroad Book

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Provenance: Una Neighborhood Association

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