

Wilbur Foster Creighton, Jr. Collection, 1861-1994

Collection Summary:

Title: Wilbur Foster Creighton, Jr. Collection

Summary: A collection of business files, personal papers, and project photographs belonging to Wilbur F. Creighton, Jr. and Foster & Creighton Company. Dates range from 1861-1994.

Physical Description: 32 boxes; 13.34 linear feet

Language: English

Stack Location: S2-14 - S2-19

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

Historical/Biographical Note:

Foster & Creighton Company was a family-owned construction firm based in Nashville. The original partnership was formed in 1885 between former City Engineer and Confederate Major Wilbur Fisk Foster and Robert T. Creighton, beginning with engineering services, street work, and construction of building foundations. As the company grew during the 20th century, it became active in civil engineering and building projects throughout the Southeastern United States. The company was passed down through four generations in the Creighton family until it ceased construction activities in 1984, and was responsible for such projects as the Parthenon in Centennial Park, Vanderbilt University Stadium, and the Bennie-Dillon Building, along with a number of bridges, office buildings, university dormitories, and hospitals throughout the Southeast. A number of the company's building projects are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

This collection largely contains business records and project files documenting the organization, growth, and business activities of Foster & Creighton Company. A small amount of this collection also includes research materials, family and genealogy files, notes, drafts, and copies of published works by Wilbur Foster Creighton, Sr. and Wilbur Foster Creighton, Jr. Dates range from 1861 to 1994, with the bulk dates ranging from 1885 to 1985. The company has built a number of landmark buildings, and this collection contains photographs of many of those buildings, some of which are no longer in existence. This collection documents a great deal of Nashville's growth and progress, as well as much of its architectural history.

Index Terms:

Names:

Creighton, Wilbur F., 1883-1968
Creighton, Wilbur F., 1906-
Foster, Wilbur F.

Subjects:

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

Related Collections:

Vertical Files--Businesses--Foster & Creighton

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged into four series: business files, personal papers, projects, and film negatives.

The *business files* series contains records relating to the activities of Foster & Creighton Company and its business dealings. Materials include clippings, contracts, correspondence, ephemera, financial, insurance, land, and legal records, personnel files, photographs, and publicity materials.

The *personal papers* series includes family files from Amelia D. Creighton (Mrs. Wilbur F. Creighton, Sr.), Robert T. Creighton, Wilbur F. Creighton, Sr., and Wilbur F. Creighton, Jr. These files include genealogical information, photographs, obituaries, and writings. A large portion of this series also includes research materials on the Parthenon replica in Centennial Park, Wilbur Fisk

Foster, and ephemera from Wilbur F. Creighton, Jr.'s English speaking union trip to England and Scotland.

The *projects* series contains photographs and other materials related to various building projects taken on by Foster & Creighton Company. Photographs show buildings, bridges, and other projects both under construction and completed. This series is arranged alphabetically by location (state, then city or county), and includes projects completed in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, and West Virginia.

The *film negatives* series includes rolls of negative film of building projects and family vacations, with dates ranging from 1956 to 1966.

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