



Sarah Estes Collection, 1896-1992

Collection Summary:

Title: Sarah Estes Collection

Summary: A collection of family papers, photographs, and ephemera from the Estes family, with special focus on James Albert Estes (1887-1970), Nellie May Jackson Estes (1887-1986), and Sarah Belle Estes (1921-2011). Dates range from 1896-1992. Bulk dates: 1913-1950.

Physical Description: 3 boxes, 2.3 linear feet.

Language: English

Stack Location: Section 11, shelf 16

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

Biographical Note:

Born in Nashville in 1921, Sarah Belle Estes was raised in East Nashville by James Albert and Nellie May Estes. James Albert Estes (1887-1970) worked for Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Company, which later became Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company in 1926. He married Nellie May Jackson (1887-1986) in January of 1915, and together they had three children: James A. Estes, Jr., who died in infancy in 1917, Adelaide Jackson Estes (1919-1986), and Sarah Belle Estes (1921-2011). Sarah Estes graduated from East Nashville High School, Vanderbilt University, and the Peabody Library School. She later worked at the Union Carbide Institute in West Virginia and died in Nashville in December of 2011.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

This collection contains family papers, photographs, and ephemera belonging to the Estes family, largely from James A. Estes, Nellie May Jackson Estes, and Sarah Belle Estes. Family papers include business records with financial information and property deeds for the Estes home at 311 South 7th Street, family records with greeting cards, letters, various ephemera, and printed materials, and school records that include report cards and composition books belonging to

Sarah Belle Estes. Ephemera includes various political campaign buttons, mainly those supporting Phil Bredesen's campaign for U.S. Congress in 1987, a head scarf from the American Red Cross from World War I, and ticket stubs from the Greek Pageant performance at Centennial Park in May of 1913. This collection also includes several family photographs, some of which are identified, while others remain unidentified.

Index Terms:

Names:

Bredesen, Philip N. (Philip Norman), 1943-
Kefauver, Estes, 1903-1963

Subjects:

East Nashville High School
Families.
Families--Tennessee.
Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company
Winthrop Model School

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged alphabetically into three series: *Business Records*, *Family Records*, and *School Records*.

The *Business Records* series contains materials relating to financial and property issues in the Estes family. Financial materials include account books and check receipts, and property records include a title abstract and several deeds, most notably for the Estes house at 311 South 11th Street. This series also contains a union agreement booklet from Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph company, as well as a ribbon awarded to James A. Estes from the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Family Records is the largest series in this collection, and contains materials relating to deaths in the family, including burial and funeral home receipts for James A. Estes, Jr., John G. Estes (father of James A. Estes, Sr.), and Virginia S. Estes (grandmother of James A. Estes, Sr.). This series also contains assorted ephemera, mainly relating to various political campaigns, greeting cards and letters, family photographs, printed materials such as newspaper clippings, newsletters, and a Christmas service program from Collegieside Congregational Church (now Brookmeade Congregational Church), and draft and voter registration cards for James A. Estes.

The *School Records* series includes report cards from Warner School and East Nashville High School for Sarah Belle Estes, certificates awarded to James A. Estes from the International Correspondence Schools, School of Lettering, and a

photograph from a reunion of alumni and teachers from the Winthrop model and Robert Winthrop Schools, dated August 14, 1938.

Contents Listing:

Box 1:

- Fol. 1: Business Records--Financial--Account Book (1912-1915, c.1932)
- Fol. 2: Business Records--Financial--Check Receipts (1912-1925)
- Fol. 3: Business Records--Financial--Stocks (1916)
- Fol. 4: Business Records--Financial--Tax Receipts (1914-1920)
- Fol. 5: Business Records--Property--Abstract of Title (1925)
- Fol. 6: Business Records--Property--Correspondence (1914)
- Fol. 7: Business Records--Property--Warranty Deed (1914)
- Fol. 8: Business Records--Property--Warranty Deed (1920-1925)
- Fol. 9: Business Records--Southern Bell--Agreement Booklet (1963)
- Fol. 10: Business Records--Southern Bell--Ribbon (1935)
- Fol. 11: Family Records--Deaths--Estes, James A., Jr. (1918-1919)
- Fol. 12: Family Records--Deaths--Estes, John G. (1925)
- Fol. 13: Family Records--Deaths--Estes, Virginia S. (1916)
- Fol. 14: Family Records--Ephemera--Ticket Stubs (1913)
- Fol. 15: Family Records--Greeting Cards--Birthday (1940)
- Fol. 16: Family Records--Greeting Cards--Christmas (1928-1975)
- Fol. 17: Family Records--Greeting Cards--Easter (n.d.)
- Fol. 18: Family Records--Greeting Cards--Valentine's Day (n.d.)
- Fol. 19: Family Records--Greeting Cards--Wedding Invitations (1941)
- Fol. 20: Family Records--Letters--Envelopes (c.1896-1940)
- Fol. 21: Family Records--Letters--Estes, Adelaide (1950)
- Fol. 22: Family Records--Letters--Estes, James A. (1948)
- Fol. 23: Family Records--Letters--Estes, Nellie Jackson (1913, 1970)
- Fol. 24: Family Records--Letters--Postcards (c.1900-1957)

Box 2:

- Fol. 1: Family Records--Letters--Thank-You Notes (1929-1941)
- Fol. 2: Family Records--Photographs (c.1890s-1940s)
- Fol. 3: Family Records--Printed Materials--Big Wheels & Little Wagons (1959)
- Fol. 4: Family Records--Printed Materials--Christmas Service Program (1942)
- Fol. 5: Family Records--Printed Materials--First Aid Manual (1927)
- Fol. 6: Family Records--Printed Materials--Guild Circle Bulletin (1932)
- Fol. 7: Family Records--Printed Materials--Newspaper Article (1933)
- Fol. 8: Family Records--Printed Materials--Newspaper Clippings (1932)
- Fol. 9: Family Records--Registration Cards--Draft Registration (1917-1918, 1942)
- Fol. 10: Family Records--Registration Cards--Senior Citizens, Inc. (c.1960s)
- Fol. 11: Family Records--Registration Cards--Voter Registration (1945)
- Fol. 12: School Records--ENHS--Report Cards (1934-1937)

Fol. 13: School Records--International Correspondence Schools--Certificates (1906)

Fol. 14: School Records--Warner School--Composition Books (c.1920s)

Fol. 15: School Records--Warner School--Report Cards (1928-1934)

Box 3 (Oversize):

Item 1: Family Records--Ephemera--Bredesen Campaign Buttons (c.1987)

Item 2: Family Records--Ephemera--Bredesen Campaign Sweatshirt (c.1987)

Item 3: Family Records--Ephemera--Business Cards (n.d.)

Item 4: Family Records--Ephemera--Cleveland Presidential Coin (n.d.)

Item 5: Family Records--Ephemera--Forrester Campaign Button (c.1992)

Item 6: Family Records--Ephemera--Kefauver Campaign Button (c.1950s)

Item 7: Family Records--Ephemera--Red Cross Head Scarf (c.1917)

Item 8: Family Records--Printed Materials--Newspaper Article (original) (1933)

Item 9: School Records--Winthrop Schools--Alumni Photograph (1938)

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