



Davidson County Court Loose Records Addition, 1879-1958

Collection Summary:

Title: Davidson County Court Loose Records Addition

Summary: Additional loose records belonging to the Davidson County Court and ranging from 1879-1958

Physical Description: 13 boxes; 5.21 linear feet

Language: English

Stack Location: Section 4, shelves 2-4

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville- Davidson County

Historical Note:

While the history of the Davidson County Court is patchy at best, its beginnings can be traced back to 1783, with Andrew Ewing as the first County Court Clerk and James Robertson elected as the first County Judge. The responsibilities and activities of Davidson County Court extended beyond lawsuits to include the settlement of estates, the building of roads and ferries, mental competency cases, name changes, naturalizations, indentures, adoptions, and guardianship. The Davidson County Court was later consolidated into the General Sessions Court following the approval of a lower court reform bill in 1971.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

This collection consists of approximately 330 folders relating to the activities of the Davidson County Court between 1879 and 1958. It includes official court and legal documents, notes and correspondence, meeting minutes, and reports made to the Court by other departments, boards, and commissions in Davidson County. This collection sheds light on various undertakings of the Davidson County Court, including the building of the new Davidson County Asylum in 1893, the construction of public roads, and the approval of naturalizations.

Index Terms:

Subjects:

Davidson County (Tenn.)

Davidson County (Tenn.). County Court

Davidson County (Tenn.). Highway Department

Davidson County (Tenn.). History
Davidson County (Tenn.)--Politics and government
Nashville (Tenn.)
Nashville (Tenn.)--Politics and government

Related Collections:

County Judge Collection
Davidson County Court Loose Records
Davidson County Court Minutes, 1783-1975

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged into eleven series, including charitable and per capita institutions, civil districts, committees, county officials, court papers, courts, departments and commissions, general government, licenses, road districts, and wards. The series are then arranged alphabetically.

The *charitable and per capita institutions* series contains reports, petitions, resolutions, and court orders for several institutions, including the Nashville Relief Society, Protestant Orphan Asylum, Randall Cole Industrial School (later Tennessee Industrial School), Tennessee Baptist Orphans Home, and United Charities.

The *civil districts* series contains court papers relating to each of the 29 civil districts in Davidson County.

The *committees* series contains court papers, notes, meeting minutes, and reports relating to various committees in Davidson County. Notable items include the Airfield Committee meeting minutes, Bridge Committee papers for several bridges in the county, and papers from the Railway Committee documenting the use and operations of the railroads and street railways.

The *county officials* series contains reports, applications, correspondence, and court papers from various county officials. Papers include those from the Back-Tax Collector, Coroner inquests, quarterly reports of the County Judge, Notary Public applications.

Court papers include adoption petitions, court orders, warrants, lunacy inquisitions, and naturalization certificates. Also included are orders for delayed birth certificates, apprenticeship bonds, and character recommendations for admission to the bar.

The *courts* series contains forms, reports, meeting minutes, bonds, and resolutions relating to several courts in Davidson County, including Chancery, Circuit, County, Juvenile, and Quarterly Courts.

The *departments and commissions* series contains reports, resolutions, and court papers belonging to various departments and commissions in Davidson County. Notable items include information regarding the construction of the new Davidson County Asylum building in 1893, papers for various turnpikes from the Turnpike Board, and reports of activities of the Davidson County Health Department.

The *general government* series contains correspondence, reports, and other information involving general court/government procedures. Items include automobile registrations, information regarding the purchase of election booths and official returns of various elections in Nashville, poll tax information, and published notices in newspapers regarding tax information and elections.

Licenses include license applications, attorney, liquor, and medical licenses.

The *road districts* series contains court papers and reports relating to public roads in Davidson County road districts 1-25.

The *wards* series contains court papers and reports relating to wards 1-19 of Civil District 1. Note: folders for wards 16 and 17 are missing.

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Folder 6: Charitable and Per Capita Institutions--United Charities

Folder 7: Civil Districts--Annexation

Folders 8-39: Civil Districts 1-29

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