

John T. Benson, Jr. Genealogical Research Collection

Collection Summary

Title: John T. Benson, Jr. Genealogical Research Collection

Summary/Abstract: Correspondence, notes, and other materials documenting the process of researching and writing family history.

Physical Description/Extent: 1.5 cubic feet

Language: English

Stack Location: MSS-5-2

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

Scope and Contents of the Collection

Correspondence, notes, research reports, and other materials documenting John T. Benson Jr.'s efforts in researching and writing his family history.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Organization: The collection consists of 29 folders and is organized to reflect Benson's process of researching and writing two family histories; *Historic East Nashville and Old Tulip Street Methodist Church: plus biographies of William Archibald Benson, Medora Victoria Shepard Green, John Thomas and Eva Green Benson and Bensons: early settlers from North Carolina to Middle Tennessee, 1796-1820.*

Series I: Planning and writing Benson family history

Series II: Benson family research- by person and place

Series III: Correspondence with researchers

Arrangement: The folders are arranged alphabetically.

Restrictions

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

Restrictions on Use and Reproduction: Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Archives owns the intellectual rights to these materials.

Index Terms

Personal Names:

Benson, John T. 1904-1985

Subjects:

Benson family.

Tulip Street United Methodist Church (Nashville, Tenn.) – History

Nashville (Tenn.) – History

Places:

Nashville (Tenn.).

Genre/Document Types:

Correspondence

Photographs

Research notes

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition: Donated to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Archives by Mrs. John T. Benson, Jr., date unknown.

Processing Information: Processed and arranged by Jennifer Quier, Education and Outreach Librarian, in November 2014.

Accruals: No further accruals expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection**Box 1:****Series I: Planning and writing Benson family history**

Folder 1: Drafts of foreword and preface for untitled family history.

Folder 2: Hand-drawn illustrations of Benson home at 1613 Eastland Avenue.

Folder 3: Hand-drawn maps and other illustrations.

Folder 4: Drafts of "A Brief History of the John T. Benson Publishing Company."

Folder 5: Correspondence and book orders from Benson family members.

Folder 6: Correspondence with KNS Press, November 1983.

Folder 7: Test prints of pages from *Historic East Nashville*.

Folder 8: Thank-you letters from archival repositories.

Series II: Benson family research by person and place

Folder 1: Benson, Edwin Welburn Sr.

Folder 2: Benson, Eva Green

Folder 3: Benson, John R. and Nancy

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Folder 4: Benson, John Thomas Sr.

Folder 5: Benson, LaFayette

Folder 6: Benson, Mary A.

Folder 7: Benson, Norman

Folder 8: Benson, Robert Green (folder 1 of 2)

Folder 9: Benson, Robert Green (folder 2 of 2)

Box 2, Series II cont.

- Folder 10: Benson-North Carolina Research
- Folder 11: Benson Property Transactions, 1859-1900
- Folder 12: Benson-Tennessee Research
- Folder 13: Boyd, Lillie Lee Benson
- Folder 14: Bransford, Gideon

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Series II:

- Folder 15: Green, James Robert
- Folder 16: Crockett, Cummins, Condon et al.
- Folder 17: Cummins, William J.
- Folder 18: Scheib, Mary Laura Benson Sims
- Folder 19: Wooten/Ward Family

Series III: Correspondence with researchers

- Folder 1: Durrett, Mrs. Charles (Jean)
- Folder 2: Key, Carmack
- Folder 3: Lyle, Virginia
- Folder 4: Reed, Ronald
- Folder 5: Whitley, Edythe
- Folder 6: Miscellaneous correspondence
- Folder 7: Miscellaneous correspondence