John Lawrence Connelly Collection
1683-2002

Collection Summary:
Title: John Lawrence Connelly Collection
Summary: Personal papers and other historical materials belonging to John Lawrence Connelly
Physical Description: 24 linear feet
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Biographical/Historical Note: John Lawrence Connelly (1928-2011), son of John Neely Connelly and Thelma Hammon Connelly, was reared in North Nashville, where he graduated from North Nashville High School. He continued his education at Middle Tennessee State University, and George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. In 1953, he married Edyth Inez Dickens (1935-2005), a teacher at North Nashville High School. His teaching positions included East Nashville High School, George Peabody College for Teachers, and Aquinas Junior College. His passion for history led him to serve on the Metro Historical Commission, to organize the first Oktoberfest in Germantown, and to organize the Friends of the Metro Archives. He contributed to the column “Historically Speaking” in Nashville newspapers, and authored books on Germantown, North Nashville, and Monroe Street United Methodist Church, where he was a lifelong member.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of the personal papers and assorted historical materials belonging to John Lawrence Connelly — educator, historian, author and preserver of Nashville history. The personal papers include records of Connelly’s family roots and the places he lived, met people, and served, including North Nashville (Germantown), South Nashville, and East Nashville areas.

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Administrative Information:
Detailed Description of the Collection

Box 1: Genealogy
- Folders 1-13: Connelly family genealogy (1683-2002)

Box 2: Genealogy
- Folders 14-16: Connelly family genealogy (1683-2002)
- Folders 17-24: Hammon family genealogy (1683-2002)

Box 3: Personal records of John Lawrence Connelly
- Folder 1: Biographical summaries of JLC (1929-2007)
- Folders 2-4: Childhood (1929-1940)
- Folders 5-6: Youth and graduation from North High School (1942-1946)
- Folder 7: Middle Tennessee State University (1946-1950)
- Folder 8: George Peabody College for Teachers (1951)
- Folder 9: Confirmation at Christ Church Cathedral (1954)
- Folders 10-11: Teacher at East Nashville High School (1952-1955)
- Folder 12: East Nashville High School Alumni reunion (2005)
- Folders 13-14: Teacher at George Peabody College for Teachers (1955-1961, 2001)
- Folder 15: Instructor at University of Tennessee (1958-1960)
- Folder 16: Puerto Rico trip (1961)

Box 4: Personal records of John Lawrence Connelly
- Folders 17-19: Advanced Equipment Company (1960-1971)
- Folder 21: Jury Duty (1977)

Box 5: Personal records of John Lawrence Connelly
- Folder 28: Davidson County Historian Appointment (1996-1999)
- **Folders 30-35**: Correspondence (1950-2000)

**Box 6: Personal records of Edyth Inez Dickens Connelly**
- **Folder 1**: Parents of EDC (1963-1980)
- **Folder 2**: Her student writing assignments (1952-1953)
- **Folder 3**: Marriage of JLC and EDC (1953)
- **Folder 4**: Germantown cookbook (1972)
- **Folder 5**: Teacher at North Nashville High School (1942-1978, 1992)
- **Folder 6**: Personal ephemera (1960-1990)
- ** Scrapbook**: Alpha Delta Kappa (1972-1974, 1980)

**Box 7: Personal records of Edyth Inez Dickens Connelly**
- **Folder 7**: Death of EDC (2005)
- **Folder 8**: Flower cards received at funeral (2005)
- **Folder 9**: Correspondence and cards received by JLC (2005)

**Box 7A: Personal records of JLC and EDC**
- **Folder 10**: Home at 2104 W. Linden in Nashville (1958-1969)
- **Folder 11**: Randall and Sammie Brown Warranty Deed (1959-1974)
- **Folder 12**: Home at 4204 Hood Avenue in Nashville (1969-2005)
- **Folder 13**: Pauline Cason Collins (1986)
- **Folder 14**: Leisure activities (1977-2003)
- **Folder 15**: Death of Thomas Houston Furball (2004)
- **Folder 16**: Donor agreement to Metro Government Archives (1995-1996)
- **Folders 17-19**: Correspondence (1956-2004)

**Box 7B: Personal records of JLC and EDC**
- **Book**: Wedding album (1953)

**Box 8: Writings of JLC**
- **Writings**: Miscellaneous formats (1982-2001)

**Box 9: Writings of JLC**
- **Writings**: Rough draft of *North Nashville and Germantown* (1982)

**Box 10: Writings of JLC**
- **Writings**: Newspaper column, “Historically Speaking” (1996-2007)

**Box 11: Nashville Records, East Nashville**
- **Folder 1**: Churches, Edgefield Baptist (1867-1967)
- **Folder 2**: Fire (1916)
- **Folder 3**: History, “East Nashville and Historic Edgefield” by Wilbur F. Creighton, Jr. (1980)
- **Folder 4**: Newspaper clippings (1940s)
• Folders 5-6: East Nashville High School (1952-2002)
• Folder 7: Warner School (1932)
• Folder 8: Shelby (section) (1971)
• Folder 9: Reservoir flood (1912)
• Folders 10-11: Schools — Lipscomb and Winthrop (1911)

Box 12: Nashville Records, North Nashville
• Folders 12-15: Businesses
• Folder 16: Churches
• Folder 17: Clubs and organizations
• Folder 18: History — “Old North Nashville…” by JLC (1979?)
• Folder 19: Library
• Folder 20: Newspaper clippings (1904-1996)
• Folder 21: Residents — Brown
• Folder 22: Residents — Cain
• Folder 23A: Residents — Estes
• Folder 23B: Residents — Ewing
• Folder 24: Residents — Feustel
• Folder 25: Residents — Greer
• Folder 26: Residents — Hostettler
• Folder 27: Residents — Jacobs (photo Annie Jacobs)
• Folder 28: Residents — Lechleither
• Folder 29: Residents — McClendon
• Folder 30: Residents — McGavok
• Folder 31: Residents — Meiers/Schollenberger
• Folder 32: Residents — Warner
• Folder 33: Residents — Wheeling
• Folder 34: Residents — Woodmansee
• Folder 35: Residents — Worrel
• Folder 36: Children’s parade (n.d.)
• Folders 37-38: Schools (1910-1923)
• Folders 39: Photograph of 1914 storm

Box 13: North Nashville
• Folders 40-56: North Nashville High School (1939-1999)

Box 14: North Nashville
• Folders 57-62: North Nashville High School closing; Alumni Association (1978-1997)

Box 15: North Nashville
• Folders 63-68: North Nashville family — Cashel (1898-1989)

Box 16: North Nashville
• Folders 69-75: North Nashville Family — Catherine Cashel (1908-1968)
Box 17: Nashville Records, Germantown
- **Folder 1**: Maps of North Nashville and Germantown (1875, 1980, 1996)
- **Folders 2-10**: Businesses (1874-1990)
- **Folder 11**: Cemetery (1846-1962)
- **Folders 12-20**: Churches
- **Folder 21**: Clubs
- **Folder 22**: Metro Historical Commission marker for area (2003)
- **Folder 23**: National Register of Historic Places recognition (1980)
- **Folder 24**: Schools — Elliott (1915)
- **Folder 25**: Maifest (1992)
- **Folders 26-27**: Newspaper clippings (1896-1910, 1979-1996)
- **Folder 28**: Parks — Morgan (n.d.)
- **Folders 29-30**: Publications on area (1980-2000)
- **Folder 31**: Residents — Agathen
- **Folder 32**: Residents — Bach
- **Folder 33**: Residents — Bruner
- **Folder 34**: Residents — Buddike
- **Folder 35**: Residents — Burnett
- **Folder 36**: Residents — Cashel
- **Folder 37**: Residents — Corkel
- **Folder 38**: Residents — Cypert
- **Folder 39**: Residents — Davis
- **Folder 40**: Residents — Gibel
- **Folder 41**: Residents — Godsey
- **Folder 42**: Residents — Green
- **Folder 43**: Residents — Grossholz

Box 18: Germantown Residents
- **Folder 44**: Higginson
- **Folder 45**: Ignatz
- **Folder 46**: Jeck
- **Folder 47**: Jones
- **Folder 48**: Manlove
- **Folders 49-50**: Marsh
- **Folder 51**: McGavok
- **Folder 52**: Pease
- **Folder 53**: Ratterman
- **Folder 54**: Regg
- **Folder 55**: Ritter
- **Folder 56**: Schuyler
- **Folder 57**: Seifried
- **Folder 58**: Seydak
- **Folder 59**: Staub
- **Folder 60**: Strahm
- **Folder 61**: Stritch
• Folder 62: Strobel
• Folder 63: Stumb
• Folder 64: Tucker/Wallace/Link
• Folder 65: Vester
• Folder 66: Wallman
• Folder 67: Warner
• Folder 68: Wheling
• Folder 69: Zahn
• Folder 70: Zickler
• Folder 71: Residents, general list (1848, 1975)
• Folder 72: Children’s reunion (1980)
• Folder 73: Residents of old and new Germantown (1900-2000)
• Folder 74A, B, C: Furniture of German craftsmen and owners — photographs and negatives (1900-1986)
• Folder 75: Manual — “Searching for Neighborhood Identity – Germantown, a Proposal” (1979)
• Folder 76: Potsdam Ocean Liner (1900)

Box 19: Germantown, Oktoberfest

Box 20: Germantown, Monroe Street United Methodist Church
(Historical note: In 1863, Dr. W.D.F. Sawrie, a pastor at McKendree Methodist Church, started a church in North Nashville called Sawrie’s Chapel or the “Sunbonnet Church.” In 1869, Sawrie’s Chapel became North High Street Methodist Church. Due to the growing congregation, the church relocated at Monroe and Vine Streets to become the Monroe Street Methodist Church, South in 1906. Demoninational name changes reflect the current name of Monroe Street United Methodist Church.)
• Folders 1-4: Histories of the church (1971-1985)
• Folder 5: Church building (1906, 1980-1999)
• Folders 6-7: Christian education/Sunday School (1922-1985)
• Folder 8: Events — Tom Thumb wedding (1919)
• Folders 9-10: Events — Centennial celebration and homecoming (1971, 1976)
• Folder 11: Oktoberfest (1980 and 2001)
• Folders 12-15: Membership — including active women and artist Vonn Horner (1910-1985)
• Folder 16: Pastors
• Folder 17: Newsletter (1994-1995)
• Folder 18: Bulletins (1954-1991)
• Folder 19: Cookbook (2003)

Box 21: State of Tennessee
• Folder 1: Articles on history (1952, 1971, 1996)
• Folder 2: Civil War (1891-1963)
• Folder 3: Centennial Exposition (1897)
• Folder 4: State capitol (1979)
• Folder 5: Communities — Centerville (1972)
• Folder 6: Communities — Donelson (1972 and 1997)
• Folder 7: Communities — Elizabethtown (n.d.)
• Folder 8: Communities — Unionville (1936, 1990s)
• Folders 9-11: Davidson County (1952-1996)
• Folder 12: Gov. Lamar Alexander’s decree – Homecoming (1986)

Box 22: State of Tennessee, Historical Commission, Metro Archives, Friends of the Archives
• Folder 13: Minutes of meetings (1979-2004)
• Folder 16: Newsletters (1967, 1974-2001)
• Folder 17: Publications (1978-1990)
• Folders 19-24: Organization, membership, and proceedings of Friends of the Archives

Box 23: City of Nashville
• Folder 1: Athletics—Sulphur Dell
• Folder 2: Businesses — Alex Warner & Sons
• Folder 3: Businesses — Arcade
• Folder 4: Businesses — Book publishers
• Folder 5: Businesses — W.B. Bush & Co.
• Folder 6: Businesses — Castner-Knott Dry goods
• Folder 7: Businesses — Cheek, Neal Coffee Co.
• Folder 8: Businesses — Cokesbury
• Folder 9A: Businesses — Dorris Motor Car Co.
• Folder 9B: Foster & Creighton Co.
• Folder 10A: Businesses — G.A. Suter & Sons
• Folder 10B: Businesses — Kimbrough Phillips Co.
• Folder 11: Businesses — Life & Casualty Insurance Co.
• Folder 12: Businesses — Markethouse – Butchers
• Folder 13: Businesses — Nashville Blood Horse Association
• Folder 14: Businesses — Nashville Gas Co.
• Folder 15A: Businesses — Perry-Embry Co.
• Folder 15B: Businesses — Rohrback & Hill, Inc. (plumbing)
• Folder 16: Businesses — Southern Engine & Boiler Works
• Folder 17: Businesses — Stroebel Music Store
• Folder 18: Businesses — Tennessee & Colorado Mining Co.
• Folder 19: Businesses — Union Stock Yard
• Folder 20: Businesses — Walker Tours
• Folder 21: Businesses — James F. Walsh Plumbing
• Folder 22: Businesses — Washington Manufacturing Co.
• Folder 23: Businesses — Werthen Bag Corp.
• Folder 24: Cemeteries — City Cemetery
• Folder 25: Cemeteries — Mt. Olivet
• Folders 26-33: Cemeteries—Church/Jewish Community Center
Box 24: City of Nashville

- Folders 34-39: Clubs and organizations
- Folder 40: Cumberland race track (1891)
- Folder 41: Fire Department (1900, 1909, 1952)
- Folder 42: Court House (1916)
- Folder 43: History, resource list
- Folder 44: Hospitals
- Folder 48: Parks — Morgan Park
- Folder 49: Police station
- Folder 50: Public library
- Folder 51: Residents — Newspaper clippings (1900-1920)
- Folder 52: Residents — Farrar (1922)
- Folder 53: Residents — Hicks
- Folder 54: Residents — Newman
- Folder 55: Residents — Polk
- Folder 56: Residents — Warner
- Folder 57: Resort — Monteagle (1913)
- Folders 58-63: Restaurants

Box 25: City of Nashville

- Folder 64: Schools — Aquinas College (1946-1999)
- Folder 66: Schools — Fisk University (1967)
- Folder 67: Schools — Martin College (1970s)
- Folder 68: Schools — Montgomery Bell Academy
- Folder 69: Schools — Robert Winthrop School (1908-1911)
- Folder 70: Schools — Shivah (1942)
- Folder 71: Schools — Tennessee State University (1918)
- Folder 72: Schools — Trevecca Nazarene College (1991)
- Folder 73: Schools — University of Tennessee (1905)
- Folder 74: Schools — Vanderbilt University (1918)
- Folder 75: Schools — Wallace University School (1886-1994)
- Folder 76: Schools — Nashville City Schools (1852-1952). Centennial Cookbook
- Folder 77: Schools — Elliott School (1925)
- Folder 78: Schools — Hillsboro High School (2003)
- Folder 79: Sites — Belle Meade Plantation
- Folder 80: Sites — Belmont Mansion
- Folder 81: Sites — Bicentennial Mall (1993)
- Folder 82: Sites — Broadway and 8th Ave. (photograph)
- Folder 83: Sites — Cheekwood
- Folder 84: Sites — City Walk
- Folder 85: Sites — Dudley Stadium
- Folder 86: Sites — Fort Nashborough
• **Folder 87:** Sites — Glendale Park and Zoo (1888-1932)
• **Folder 88:** Sites — The Hermitage
• **Folder 89:** Sites — Riverfront (1855)
• **Folder 90:** Sites — Travelers’ Rest
• **Folder 91:** Sites — War Memorial Auditorium
• **Folder 92:** Sites — Woodlon Hall
• **Folder 93:** Sites — Nashville Symphony Orchestra

**Box 26: Nashville — People of Nashville, A-H**
• **Folder 1:** Bailey, David (1990s?)
• **Folder 2:** Beasley, Kay (Banner writer) (1980-1990s)
• **Folder 3:** Berryhill, Judy (1995)
• **Folder 4:** Branham, John M. and Branham, Laura Stratton (1972)
• **Folder 5:** Burnett, Dr. O. Stuart (druggist) (1905)
• **Folder 6:** Carney, Bob (artist) (1980s?)
• **Folder 7:** Casey, Joe (Metro police chief) (1981)
• **Folder 8:** Cheek, Joel Owseley (grocer) (1976)
• **Folder 9:** Claridge, George (1890s?)
• **Folder 10:** Clary, Johnnie Mary (Mrs. William M. Clary, teacher) (1967)
• **Folders 11-12:** Davis, Louise Littleton (historian) (1995-1998)
• **Folder 13:** Drouillard, James Pierre (article by Louise L. Davis) (1976)
• **Folder 14:** Dury, George (1937)
• **Folder 15:** Dykes, William V. (1914)
• **Folder 16:** Ferrell, Felice (1966)
• **Folder 17:** Goldtrap, George (television personality) (1981)
• **Folder 18:** Hall, Charles Marion (genealogy of his family) (1999)
• **Folder 19:** Harris, Ernest (n.d.- c. 1915?)
• **Folder 20:** Horwitz family (genealogy) (1889-1998)
• **Folder 21:** Hurt, James W. (1941-1954)

**Box 27: Nashville — People of Nashville, I-Z**
• **Folder 22:** Jackson, A.C.S. (Methodist Publishing House) (1938)
• **Folder 23:** Lee, Robert Harris (1990)
• **Folder 24:** Marks, Albert S. (Tenn. Governor) and son (1970)
• **Folder 25:** Meeker, Frances (journalist and editor) (1995)
• **Folder 26:** Newnan, Dr. John (medical doctor; article by Louise Davis) (n.d.)
• **Folder 27:** Noel Jeannette Acklen (Mr.s Oscar) (1972)
• **Folder 28:** Polk, James K. (U.S. president)
• **Folder 29:** Robertson, Gen. James (Nashville founder), newspaper articles (1972-1979)
• **Folder 30:** Shea, Margaret M. (records manager for State of TN) (1920-1977)
• **Folder 31:** Stahlman, Sylvia (classical musician) (1956-1998)
• **Folder 32:** Townes, Hap (restaurant owner) (1987)
• **Folder 33:** Tucker, Dr. Harlin (obstetrician/gynecologist, professor) (1972)
• **Folder 34:** Tucker, Dr. Newton G. (medical doctor) (1810-1899)
• **Folder 35:** Walker, Hugh F. (historian and journalist) (1896)
• Folder 36: Wallace, Clarence Blain (school founder) (1936-1946, 1970)
• Folder 37: West, Dottie (country music singer) (1995)
• Folder 38: Williams, James A. & Elizabeth Dickerson Williams & daughter, Dr. Dorothy Williams, (genealogy 1930-1980?, 1997)
• Folder 39: Winstead, Samuel (article by Louise Davis) (1969)
• Folder 40: Winfrey, Vernon (father of Oprah) (2007)

Box 28: Books and guides on Nashville
• Folder 10: Green, William M. Scrapbook (located in clippings file — Methodist Episcopal Church South — Metro Nashville Archives)
• Folder 11: Hermitage Hotel. Nashville – A History, 1998?

Box 29: Books and guides on Nashville
• Folder 13: Jones, Ira P. The City of Nashville, 1890.
• Folder 15: “Nashville 1907.” A Compendium of Firms and Institutions Contributing to the City’s Rapid Growth.
• Folder 16: Nashville, City of. “Flag of the City of Nashville.” Ben West, mayor (1951-1963)
• Folder 17: Nashville, City of. Maps of 1786 and 1804
• Folder 19: Nashville Housewives Cookbook. Tennessee State Fair, 1907.
• **Folder 24:** Weidner, Maude. *Nashville Then and Now, 1780-1930.* Hermitage Publishing Co., 1930.

**Box 30: Books and guides not on Nashville**

- **Folder 1:** Alderson, William T. and others. *Historical Sites in Tennessee.* Tennessee Historical Commission, 1963.
- **Folder 2:** American history teaching resources, n.d.
- **Folder 3:** Benner, Allen R. *Beginners Greek Book.* American Book Company, 1906.
- **Folder 7:** Davis, Louise Littleton. *Snowball Fight in the White House.* Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1974
- **Folder 9:** *Elementary Geography.* American Book Company, 1883.
- **Folder 10:** Greene, William. *The Story of the Hyde Ferry Bridge or the Bridge at Bordeaux.* [paper]. 1950.
- **Folder 11:** Horn, Stanley F. “Twenty Tennessee Books.” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly,* 1957.
- **Folder 12:** Hutson, J.L. “Old Times in Bedford County, Tennessee.” Shelbyville, TN: Lions Club, n.d.

**Box 31: Books and guides not on Nashville**

- **Folder 14:** Kellogg, John W. “Good to the Last Drop.” *Liberator Club “Briefing.”* 1971.
- **Folder 15:** Levine, Edward M. *The Irish and Irish Politicians.* Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 1966.
- **Folder 17:** McCollum, Buck Private. *History of Rhymes of the Last Battalion.* Published by the author, 1929.
- **Folder 18:** Mullen, Kate E. *Cherished Memories* [her diary], 1874-1903.

**Box 32: Ephemera**

- Edyth Inez Dickens Connelly—North High School Athletic Letter “N” (framed).
• Germantown family—Cashel. W.P. Cashel’s wooden gavel used when he was president of the American Federation of Labor, c. 1914.
• Germantown family—Seydak. Nutcracker box belonging to family, n.d.