

# Davidson County Court Loose Records

## Collection Summary

**Title:** Davidson County Court Loose Records

**Summary:** Official documents, notes, correspondence, and court papers pertaining to the Davidson County Court between 1797 and 1978.

**Physical Description:** 60 boxes; 26 linear feet

**Language:** English

**Stack Location:** 200-12-1 - 200-13-5

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

## Scope and Contents of the Collection:

This collection consists of over 2300 items, including official court and legal documents, notes and correspondence, meeting minutes, and reports from the Davidson County Court. Court and legal documents include resolutions, acts, estate papers, guardian papers, depositions and case files, and petitions. Notes and correspondence pertain to resignations, appointments, and requests for appropriation. Records span from 1797 to 1978.

## Index Terms:

### Subjects:

Davidson County (Tenn.)  
Davidson County (Tenn.). Chancery Court  
Davidson County (Tenn.). Claims Commission, County  
Davidson County (Tenn.). County Court  
Davidson County (Tenn.). Highway Department  
Davidson County (Tenn.). History  
Davidson County (Tenn.)--Politics and government  
Davidson County (Tenn.). Sheriff's Office  
Nashville--History  
Nashville (Tenn.)  
Nashville (Tenn.). Board of Health  
Nashville (Tenn.). Metropolitan Council  
Nashville (Tenn.). Planning Commission  
Nashville (Tenn.). Police Department  
Nashville (Tenn.)--Politics and government

## Arrangement:

**The collection is organized into twelve series and sub-series:**

- I. Adoption Papers
- II. Charitable and Per Capita Institutions

- i. Children's Bureau, Inc.
- ii. Crippled Children's Service Work
- iii. Fannie Battle Day Home
- iv. General
- v. Ladies Day Home
- vi. McNeilly Day Home
- vii. Mission Home for the Poor

**III. Charters of Incorporation**

**IV. Committees**

- i. Agricultural Committee
- ii. Beer Committee
- iii. Building Committee
- iv. City-County Committee
- v. Civil Defense Advisory Council
- vi. Claims Committee
- vii. Disposal of Records Committee
- viii. Elevator Committee
- ix. Farmer's Market Committee
- x. Finance Committee
- xi. Insurance Committee
- xii. Legislative Committee

**V. County Officials**

- i. Assessor of Property
- ii. Assistant County Attorney
- iii. Attorney (County)
- iv. Attorney General
- v. Auditor
- vi. Budgets and Accounts Director
- vii. Circuit Court Clerk
- viii. Clerk and Master
- ix. Constable
- x. Coroner

- viii. Monroe-Harding Children's Home
- ix. Nashville Relief Society
- x. Old Woman's Home
- xi. Pauper Accounts
- xii. Protestant Orphanage
- xiii. St. Mary's Orphanage
- xiv. Women's Mission Home

- xiii. Mental Health Committee
- xiv. Notaries Public Committee
- xv. Pay Plan Committee
- xvi. Public School Committee
- xvii. Real Estate Committee
- xviii. Referendum Bond Issues Committee
- xix. Tax Levy Committee
- xx. Voting Machine Committee
- xxi. Ways & Means Committee
- xxii. Williamson Ferry and Clees Ferry Bridge Committee

- xi. County Court Clerk
- xii. Criminal Court Clerk
- xiii. Electrical Inspector
- xiv. Fisk Commissioner
- xv. Hospital Commissioner
- xvi. Jailer
- xvii. Judge
- xviii. Justice of the Peace
- xix. Magistrates
- xx. Medical Examiner
- xxi. Notary Public

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|---------|-----------------------------|----------|---|
| xxii.   | Plumbing Inspector          | xxxi.    | Special Deputy Clerk                        |
| xxiii.  | Public Administrator        | xxxii.   | Special Judge, County<br>and Probate Courts |
| xxiv.   | Public Guardian             | xxxiii.  | Superintendent                              |
| xxv.    | Rangers                     | xxxiv.   | Surveyor                                    |
| xxvi.   | Register                    | xxxv.    | Tax Assessor                                |
| xxvii.  | Road Commissioners          | xxxvi.   | Treasurer                                   |
| xxviii. | School Directors            | xxxvii.  | Trustee                                     |
| xxix.   | Secretary to<br>Chancellors | xxxviii. | Turnpike<br>Superintendent                  |
| xxx.    | Sheriff                     |          |   |

**VI. Court Papers**

- i. Committal Records
- ii. Court Cases
- iii. Garnishments
- iv. Indentures
- v. Power of Attorney
- vi. Property Issues
- vii. Trustee Records

**VII. Courts**

- i. Chancery Court
- ii. Circuit Court
- iii. County Court
- iv. Criminal Court
- v. General Sessions Court
- vi. Juvenile Court
- vii. Quarterly Court

**VIII. Departments and Commissions**

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|-------|--|--------|---|
| i.    | Army Corps of<br>Engineers             | xi.    | Fair Commissioners,<br>Board of                       |
| ii.   | Asylum Commission                      | xii.   | First Suburban Water<br>Utility District              |
| iii.  | Auditing Commission                    | xiii.  | Health, Board of                                      |
| iv.   | Building<br>Commissioners, Board<br>of | xiv.   | Highway Commission                                    |
| v.    | Civil Service<br>Commission            | xv.    | Highways and Public<br>Works                          |
| vi.   | Defense Council                        | xvi.   | Jail Commission                                       |
| vii.  | Division of Extension<br>Work          | xvii.  | Law Enforcement                                       |
| viii. | Education, Board of                    | xviii. | Metro Charter<br>Commission                           |
| ix.   | Election Commission                    | xix.   | Nashville & Middle<br>Franklin Turnpike<br>Commission |
| x.    | Equalization, Board of                 |        |   |

- xx. Nashville Public Library
- xxi. Nashville Traffic Commission
- xxii. North Nashville Bridge Commission
- xxiii. Planning Commission
- xxiv. Planning and Zoning Commission
- xxv. Plumbing Examiners, Board of
- xxvi. Public Welfare
- xxvii. Public Works
- xxviii. Purchasing Commission
- xxix. Revenue Commission
- xxx. Road Commission
- xxxi. Tennessee State Fair
- xxxii. Veterans Services
- xxxiii. Weights and Measures
- xxxiv. Work House Commission
- xxxv. WPA
- xxxvi. Zoning Appeals, Board of

**IX. Estate Papers**

**X. General Government**

- i. Beverage Bonds
- ii. County Budget
- iii. Elections
- iv. Metro Government
- v. Petitions
- vi. Poll Tax
- vii. Private Acts
- viii. Public Building and Courthouse
- ix. Voting Precincts
- x. Resolutions

**XI. Guardian Papers**

**XII. Licenses**

- i. Business License
- ii. Insurance License
- iii. Law License
- iv. Nursing License
- v. Ordinary License
- vi. Peddlers License

**Restrictions:**

**Restrictions on Access:** In library use only. Some records, such as those from the Davidson County Asylum, Central State Hospital are closed due to the fact that they contain individual medical information. Records from Monroe-Harding Children's Home, St. Mary's Orphanage, the Protestant Orphanage, and the Fannie Battle Day Home are also closed due to the fact that they contain information pertaining to minor children. Special permission must be granted for research of these records.

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