

Gen. James Robertson Descendants and Kin Association Collection

Collection Summary

Title: General James Robertson Descendants and Kin Association Collection

Summary/Abstract: Documents and other materials relating to the creation, administration, and focus of the General James Robertson Descendants and Kin Association.

Physical Description/Extent: 1 cubic foot, 2 boxes.

Language: English

Stack Location: MSS-

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

Scope and Content: This collection contains approximately 500 items relating to the formation, membership, and administration of the General James Robertson Descendants and Kin Association. The materials consist largely of documents, including meeting minutes, meeting and member information, official documents such as a charter, by-laws, and amendments, and biographical sketches. Other materials include membership cards, an official seal of the Association with embossing stamp, and periodical publications including the 1972 issue of the Clan Donnachaidh Annual (the Robertson family clan). A scrapbook contains information about the founder of the Association, family reunions, Robertson family history, and Clan Donnachaidh history. Pictures and photographs of Robertson family ancestors, descendants, and Association members, newspaper clippings dating between 1903 and 1974 regarding Nashville and the Robertson family, and memorabilia from various Association functions are also included in the scrapbook. Collection ranges from 1971 to 1975.

Biographical/Historical Note: The General James Robertson Descendants and Kin Association, founded in 1971 by Sarah Foster Kelley, was a not-for-profit organization designed to bring together local, state, and national members either related to or associated with James Robertson. Dedicated to the collection and preservation of Robertson family records, the Association focused largely upon Robertson family genealogical research.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Restrictions:

Restrictions on Access: In-library use only. Access is available by appointment during Metro Government Archives open hours, which can be found at http://www.library.nashville.org/locations/loc_all.asp. Please inquire in advance of visiting the Metro Government Archives as items are in closed stacks.

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Administrative Information:

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Processing Information: Processed and arranged in 2013 by Kelley Sirko, Archives Assistant.

Detailed Description of the Collection:**Box 1: Organizational Information and Meeting Minutes**

- **Folder 1:** Amendments, By-Laws, Charter
- **Folder 2:** Ann Robertson Cockrill story, by Sarah Foster Kelley
- **Folder 3:** Gen. Robertson biographical sketches
- **Folder 4:** Charter and board appointments
- **Folder 5:** Member information
- **Folder 6:** Meeting minutes, Sept. 1972
- **Folder 7:** Meeting minutes, Dec. 1972
- **Folder 8:** Meeting minutes, Mar. 1973
- **Folder 9:** Meeting minutes, June 1973
- **Folder 10:** Meeting minutes, Sept. 1973
- **Folder 11:** Meeting minutes, Mar. 1974
- **Folder 12:** Meeting minutes, June 1974
- **Folder 13:** News clipping and postage information
- **Folder 14:** Old membership list
- **Folder 15:** Proxies and member addresses
- **Folder 16:** By-laws and amendments
- **Folder 17:** Meeting information, 1971

- **Folder 18:** Meeting information, 1972
- **Folder 19:** Clan Donnachaidh Annual, 1972
- **Folder 20:** James Robertson Day guest register
- **Folder 21:** Official charter
- **Folder 22:** James Robertson pamphlet
- **Folder 23:** James Robertson Day State of Tennessee proclamation
- **Folder 24:** Tennessee Historical Quarterly, winter 1972
- **Folder 25:** Video script and historical references

Box 2: Membership Cards and Stamp

- Membership cards A-Z and honorary members
- Official seal and embossing stamp

Unboxed Wrapped Items

- Green Scrapbook