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GOVERNOR JIM NANCE McCORD
(1879-1968)
PAPERS
1945-1949

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INTRODUCTION

This collection represents the papers created during the gubernatorial term of Governor Jim Nance McCord, who served as Tennessee's governor 1945-1949. The collection consists of 36 boxes of materials consisting of correspondence, subject files, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, accounts, extradition protests, and requisitions for extradition. Please note that the contents of Folder 4a, Box 4, consist of McCord materials found while processing the Governor Prentice Cooper Papers (GP 44).

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jim Nance McCord

March 17, 1879	Born in Unionville, Bedford County, Tennessee. Parents were Thomas Newton and Iva (Steele) McCord. McCord was raised on a farm and educated in local public schools.
1896	Began working as a traveling salesman, a position he held for 10 years.
May 21, 1901	Married Vera Kercheval.
1910	Partner of <i>Marshall Gazette</i> , published in Lewisburg.
1911	Publisher of <i>Gazette</i> .
1915-1942	Member of Marshall County court.
1917-1942	Mayor of Lewisburg.
1942	Elected without opposition as representative to 79 th Congress from the 5 th Congressional district. November 7, 1944 Elected Governor of Tennessee. May 27, 1953 Death of Mrs. McCord. 1953 Commissioner of Conservation in Clement administration. November 3, 1954 Married Mrs. Sula Tatum Sheeley, who died March 4, 1966. July 8, 1967 Married Mrs. T. Howard Estes. September 2, 1968 Died in Nashville. Buried in Lone Oak Cemetery at Lewisburg, Tennessee.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Governor Jim Nance McCord (1879-1968) was governor of Tennessee from 1945 to 1949. The collection consists of 36 manuscript boxes consisting of accounts, clippings, correspondence, extradition requests, pamphlets, photographs, scrapbooks, and subject files.

Correspondence is filed alphabetically into two categories: General and by Subject. The Subject file includes letters concerning Camp Forrest, Honorary Colonel Certificate requests, boards and commissions (pardon and parole board, etc.), and miscellaneous.

The Subject file includes copies of legislative bills, speeches, and press releases. The seven scrapbooks cover the years 1941, 1945-1948. Accounts are filed by quarter. The extraditions of felons are filed under request and protests.

During his two consecutive two-year terms McCord was recognized as a strong friend of education. In his first term, he successfully urged the legislature to increase basic appropriations for public education and to enact special raises for teachers and principals. He also presided over the Sesquicentennial of Tennessee in 1946.

In his second term, through McCord's urging a controversial two percent general sales tax was adopted to better fund Tennessee's schools. In addition, the legislature passed a state retirement law for teachers and other state employees.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1 Correspondence - General

1. Butler—Wallace, 1943-1944
2. Adams—Wright, 1945
3. Addington—Woods (Outgoing), 1945
4. Allen—Truman, 1946
5. Allen—Taylor, 1947
6. Alexander—Yearwood, 1947
7. Bennett—Moore, 1947
8. Asbury—Terry, 1948
9. Martin—Williams, 1948
10. Ahlgren—Williams (Outgoing), 1948
11. Berryman—Winston, 1949
12. Chase—Sowell, 1949
13. Alley—Waters, n.d.

Box 2 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Advisory Hospital Committee, 1947-1948
2. Adjutant General, 1946-1948
3. American Legion, 1946
4. Attorney General's Office, 1944-1946
5. Attorney General's Office, 1947-1949
6. Basic Science Board, 1944-1948
7. Board of Trustees, University of Tennessee, 1945-1946
8. Board of Trustees, University of Tennessee, 1945-1946
9. Camp Forrest, 1945
10. Camp Forrest, 1946
11. Camp Forrest, 1947-1948
12. Civil Service Commission, 1945-1948
13. Clinton Engineer Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1945-1948

Box 3 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Code Commission, 1945-1948
2. Committee on Nursing Education and Practice, 1945-1948
3. Committee on Intergovernmental Cooperation, 1945-1947
4. Committee to Investigate charitable Institutions, 1945
5. Committee to Study Election Laws, 1948
6. Congress Bills, 1946-1948
7. Conservation Commission, 1945-1948
8. Conservation Department, 1946-1948
9. Constitution Revision Commission, 1945-1948
10. Constitution Revision Commission, 1945-1948
11. Crippled Children's Service Commission, 1945-1948

12. Cumberland River Basin Development, 1945-1946
13. Division of free Textbooks, 1947-1948
14. Division of vocational Education, 1947-1948
15. Drainage commission, 1947

Box 4 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Education, 1945-1947
2. Employment Security, 1945-1947
3. Finance and Taxation, 1945-1947
4. Freight Rates, 1945-1948
- 4a. Gold Star Certificates, 1946-1947
5. Honorary Colonels, A-L, 1945-1948
6. Honorary Colonels, M-W, 1945-1948
7. Honorary Colonels, 1945-1947

Box 5 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Hospital Licensing Board, 1947-1948
2. Judicial Council, 1946-1947
3. Juvenile Delinquency Commission, 1947-1948
4. Institutions, 1945
5. Insurance and Banking, 1947-1948
6. Appeals Judge and Chancellor, 1947
7. Judges, Attorneys General, 1947-1949

Box 6 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Judges, Chancellors (Disqualified), 1946-1948
2. Judges of General Sessions Courts, 1945-1947
3. Judges, 1945-1948
4. Justice of the Supreme Court, 1947
5. Justice of the Supreme Court, 1947

Box 7 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Ladies Hermitage Association, 1947-1948
2. Letters of Condolence (servicemen), 1945
3. Licensing Board for Healing Arts, 1946-1948
4. Local Rent Advisory Boards, 1947-1948
5. National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, 1948
6. National Governors' Conference, 1945
7. National Governors' Conference, 1946
8. National Governors' Conference, 1947

9. National Governors' Conference, 1948
10. National Park and Forest Development Committee, 1947-1948
11. Naturopathic Board, 1945-1946
12. Naturopathic Law, 1946-1947
13. Naturopathic Law, 1947
14. Naturopathic Law, 1947
15. Northern Field Airport, Tullahoma, Tennessee, 1944-1948

Box 8 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Railroad and Public Utilities Committee, 1947-1948
2. Rural Electrification Authority, 1945-1948
3. Safety, 1947-1949
4. Sam Davis Memorial Association, 1945-1947
5. Selective Service, 1945-1948
6. Smyrna Air Force Base, 1946-1948
7. Soil conservation Committee, 1945-1946
8. Southern Governors' Conference, 1945-1946
9. Southern Governors' Conference, 1947-1948
10. State Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners, 1945-1948
11. State Board of Accountancy, 1946-1948
12. State Board of Barber Examiners, 1947-1948

Box 9 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 1945-1946
2. State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 1945-1948
3. State Board of Cosmetology, 1945-1948
4. State Board of Dental Examiners, 1945-1948
5. State Board of Education, 1945-1948
6. State Board of Licensing General Contractors, 1946-1948
7. State Board of Optometry, 1945-1948
8. State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, 1945-1948
9. State Board of Medical Examiners, 1945-1948
10. State Board of Pharmacy, 1943-1948
11. State Board of Pharmacy, 1947
12. State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, 1947-1948
13. State Retirement Board, 1947-1948
14. State Retirement Board, 1947-1948
15. Surplus Property Commission, 1945-1947

Box 10 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Teacher Retirement, 1945-1948
2. A & I State College, 1947-1948
3. Athletic Association, 1948
4. Forest products Committee, 1945

5. Historical Commission (Brainerd Mission), 1945-1946
6. Tennessee Historical Commission (Cobb House), 1945
7. Historical Commission (Moccasin Bend), 1945
8. Tennessee Historical Commission (Sarah Hawkins Chapter DAR), 1945-1946
9. Tennessee Historical Commission, 1945-1948
10. Tennessee Municipal League, 1945
11. Tennessee Municipal League, 1947-1948
12. Tennessee Sesquicentennial, 1945
13. Tennessee Sesquicentennial, 1946-1947
14. Tennessee Stallion Enrollment Board, 1947-1949

Box 11 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Tidelands Legislation, 1947
2. Tidelands Legislation, 1948
3. Tuberculosis Hospital, 1945-1948
4. Tennessee Valley Authority, 1944
5. TVA Steamplant at New Johnsonville, 1948
6. University of Tennessee, 1945-1947
7. Veterans Administration, 1945-1947
8. Veterans Affairs, 1947-1948
9. War Department, U. S. Engineers, 1946-1948
10. Watkins Institute, 1945-1947
11. West Tennessee T. B. Hospital, 1945-1947

Box 12 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Pardon and Parole Board, 1945-1948
2. Pardon board (C), 1945-1948
3. Pardon Board (D), 1945-1948
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6. Pardon Board (G), 1945-1947
7. Pardon Board (H), 1945-1948
8. Pardon Board (J), 1945-1948
9. Pardon Board (K), 1945-1948
10. Pardon Board (L), 1945-1948
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12. Pardon Board (N), 1945-1947
13. Pardon Board (O), 1945-1947

Box 13 Correspondence - Subject Files

1. Pardon Board (P), 1945-1948
2. Pardon Board (R), 1945-1948
3. Pardon Board (S), 1945-1948
4. Pardon Board (T), 1945-1948

5. Pardon Board (W), 1945-1948
6. Planning Commission, 1945-1947
7. Property Administrator, 1945-1948
8. Public Health Council, 1943-1948
9. Public Welfare (Workshop for Blind), 1947-1948
10. Public Welfare, 1947-1948

Box 14 Subject Files

1. Biographical sketch of the Governor, 1948
2. Executive orders of the Governor, 1945
3. Financial Report, 1945-1948
4. Forestry Development in Tennessee, 1945-1948
5. Genealogy, n. d.
6. Growth of Tennessee under the administration of Gov. McCord, 1948-1949
7. Legal documents, 1946
8. Memoranda from the Governor to different departments of State, 1945-1946
9. Minutes of Committee to Investigate Charitable and Penal Institutions, 1945
10. Senate Resolutions, 1949-1953
11. Miscellaneous materials, 1943-1949

Box 15 Subject Files

1. Freight Rates, 1944-1948
2. Gubernatorial Campaign, 1947-1948
3. Internal Revenue, 1948-1949
4. Investigation of Main Prison, 1945
5. Investigation of Eastern State Hospital, 1945
6. Liquor Referendum, Anderson County, 1945
7. National Employ the Physically Handicapped, 1948
8. National Governors' Conference, 1945-1948

Box 16 Subject Files

1. Speeches, 1944
2. Radio Speeches, 1944-1946
3. Second Inauguration, 1947
4. 74th and 75th General Assemblies, 1947
5. Speeches, Gubernatorial Campaign, 1948
6. Radio Speeches, 1947-1948
7. Radio speeches, n. d.

Box 17 Subject Files

1. Speeches, 1944-1945
2. Speeches, 1946-1947
3. Speeches, n. d.
4. Speeches—Education, 1947-1948

5. Speeches—to the Legislature, 1949
6. Speeches—Sales Tax, n. d.

Box 18 Subject Files

1. Poetry, n. d.
2. Press Releases, 1947
3. Press Releases, 1945-1948
4. Public Health Council, 1946-1948
5. Railroad and Public Utilities commission, 1945-1946
6. Railroad and Public Utilities commission, 1947-1948
7. Report on Investigation of Racial Incident at Columbia, Tennessee, 1946

Box 19 Subject Files

1. Southern Governors' Conference, 1945-1947
2. State Board of Education, 1948
3. Tennessee Sesquicentennial, 1946
4. Tennessee State Penitentiary, 1945
5. Tideland Legislation, 1947-1948
6. Tuberculosis Hospital Commission, 1945-1948
7. University of Tennessee, 1945-1947
8. Use of Troops in Polk County, 1946
9. Education, 1945-1946
10. West Tennessee T. B. Hospital, 1945-1946

Box 20 Subject Files

1. Bills, copies, 1949-1955
2. Board of Trustees, University of Tennessee (Minutes), 1946-1948
3. Board of Trustees, University of Tennessee (Minutes), 1945-1948
4. U. T. Board of Trustees Re: Paul J. Kruesi, 1947-1948
5. Camp Forrest, 1945
6. Committee to Investigate Charitable Institutions, 1945
7. Constitution Revision Committee, 1945
8. Department of Highways, 1947-1948
9. Division of Veterans Education, 1947-1948

Box 21 Newspaper Clippings

1. Race for Fifth District Seat in Congress, 1942
2. McCord Candidate for Governor of Tennessee, 1944-1948
3. Speeches made by the Governor, 1942-1945
4. Miscellaneous, 1944-1958

Box 22 Scrapbooks

1. January—December, 1941
2. January 17—April 6, 1945

3. May 4—December 3, 1945
4. May 5—September 7, 1945

Box 23 Scrapbooks

1. September 9—December 22, 1945
2. January 1—February 28, 1946
3. March 1—April 30, 1946
4. May 1—June 30, 1946

Box 24 Scrapbooks

1. July 1—July 31, 1946
2. August 1—August 31, 1946
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4. November 1—December 31, 1946

Box 25 Scrapbooks

1. January—February, 1947
2. January 1—January 10, 1947
3. March—April, 1947
4. May—June, 1947

Box 26 Scrapbooks

1. July—August, 1947
2. September—October, 1947
3. November—December, 1947
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Box 27 Scrapbooks

1. January—February, 1948
2. March—April, 1948
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Box 28 Scrapbooks

1. July-August, 1948
2. September—October, 1948

Box 29A Pamphlets

1. Address Books
2. Appointment Calendars
3. Cartoon
4. Notes
5. Program—Life & Casualty Convention, 1948
6. Publication—Academy of Science Proposal, 1954
7. Service Award—Office of Price Administration, 1942

8. State Planning Commission—Strip Mining, 1944
9. TN Historical Commission—Cordell Hull Bust Dedication & Highway Markers
10. Visiting Cards

Box 29B Photographs

1. Governor McCord—Portraits
2. Governor McCord—Making Speeches
3. Governor McCord—At large Functions
4. Governor McCord—At Home
5. Governor McCord—At Harvey's Department Store
6. Governor McCord—With Margaret Lawrence, January 1946
7. Group Photos—Unidentified
8. Mrs. McCord
9. Governor's Highway Safety Conference & David Crockett Memorial Museum
10. TN Highway Patrol Boat—Miss BeBe
11. Friends—Unidentified

Box 30 Accounts

1. First Quarter, 1945
2. Second Quarter, 1945-1946
3. Second Quarter, 1946
4. Third Quarter, 1946-1947
5. Fourth Quarter, 1946
6. Fourth Quarter, 1947
7. First Quarter, 1948
8. Second Quarter, 1948-Jan. 1949
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12. Third Quarter, 1947-1948
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8. January, 1948
9. February, 1948
10. March, 1948

11. April, 1948
12. May, 1948
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Box 32 Accounts

1. Statistical material, 1943
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3. July, 1946
4. September, 1946
5. October, 1946
6. November, 1946
7. December, 1946
8. First, second, Third, fourth Quarter, 1946-1947
9. Accounts, 1946-1947
10. Upkeep of Mansion, 1948
11. Forms, 1948
12. January, 1949
13. February, 1947
14. March, 1947
15. April, 1947
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Box 33 Extradition Protests

1. January—December, 1945
2. January 1946-January 1947

Box 34 Extradition Protests

1. October 1946—December 1947
2. January—April, 1948

Box 35 Requisitions for Extradition

1. January 1946-February 1947
2. January-December, 1947

Box 36 Requisition for Extradition

1. January? December, 1948
2. Rewards, 1946