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Title: The Battle of Nashville Monument Papers

Dates: Bulk 1991-1999

Creator: James Summerville

Summary/ Abstract: The Battle of Nashville Monument Papers pertain to the relocation, restoration and rededication during the 1990s of the Battle of Nashville Monument. These papers contain a large amount of correspondence, some flyers, some maps, some research, and limited photocopies of materials relating to the original 1927 monument. The papers demonstrate how the relocation and rededication effort relied on various organizations and entities within the Tennessee historical, governmental and social communities.

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Arrangement: These papers are arranged as one series, according to the creator's original order.

Biographical Note: In 1927, May Winston Caldwell, her husband, and the Ladies' Battlefield Association erected a memorial to commemorate the Civil War Battle of Nashville, the last major western theatre campaign of 1864. The original Battle of Nashville Monument was located on four acres at Franklin Road and Thompson Lane in Nashville. The monument was restored and relocated to a park at the intersection of Granny White Pike

and Battlefield Drive in the 1990s after a strong storm in 1974 badly damaged the monument and left it in poor condition. James Summerville, with the cooperation of The Association for Tennessee History and other organizations, was instrumental in the restoration, relocation and rededication initiative.

Scope and Content: The Battle of Nashville Monument Papers provides correspondence, press clippings, rededication programs, pictures, organizational contributions, and plans for the restoration of the Battle of Nashville Monument. The papers include photocopies of materials from the original dedication, as well as research materials on the history of the monument. These papers are arranged as one series, according to the creator's original order.

Related Collections: None

Subject Terms

Persons: Caldwell, May Winston
Summerville, James

Places
Nashville, Tennessee

Subjects (General)
Civil War
Monuments
Memorialization
Symposia
Rededication
Historic preservation
Community planning
State agencies

Material Types
Correspondence
Clippings
Flyers
Video Tapes
Papers
Scrapbook
Maps
Applications
Magazines

Inventory:

| Box | Folder | Description of Contents |
|-----|--------|---|
| 1 | 1 | Correspondence; various correspondence from James Summerville; various correspondence from The Association for Tennessee History; January–June, 1997 |
| 1 | 2 | Correspondence; various correspondence from James Summerville; various correspondence from the Association for Tennessee History; July–December, 1997 |
| 1 | 3 | Correspondence; various correspondence to and from James Summerville; January–June, 1998 |

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| 1 | 4 | Correspondence; miscellaneous correspondence; July–December, 1998 |
| 1 | 5 | Other Correspondence; various correspondence to and from James Summerville; 1997-1998 |
| 1 | 6 | Correspondence; various correspondence to and from James Summerville; January–June, 1999 |
| 1 | 7 | Press; distribution list, newspaper clippings, newsletters; 1997, 1998, 1999 |
| 1 | 8 | Press; newsletters, press releases, newspapers; various dates |
| 1 | 9 | Press; newspaper clippings, newsletters, bulletins |
| 1 | 10 | Press Lists; names and addresses of people and organizations with whom to correspond |
| 2 | 1 | Rededication; information about invitations, programs and correspondence related to the Rededication; 1998 |
| 2 | 2 | Rededication/ Symposium Flyer; brochures, flyers (original and copies); Dymo Registration card; 1998 |
| 2 | 3 | Symposium Planning (notes and miscellaneous); press releases and filled out questionnaires; 1997 |
| 2 | 4 | Speakers – Correspondence; outlines, email prints, handwritten notes; 1998 |
| 2 | 5 | Sponsor Prospects; letters to potential sponsors, resumes, handwritten notes, corporate giving list; 1997 |
| 2 | 6 | Speakers – Prospective; conference schedules; emails, search results; 1997 |
| 2 | 7 | Talk/ Speech; two copies of speech with handwritten notes |
| 2 | 8 | Participants; Cumberland Confederate monthly newsletter, printed emails, handwritten notes; 1997 |
| 2 | 9 | Volunteers; information/ articles about Nashville area volunteers, volunteer sign-up sheet, printed email; 1997 |
| 2 | 10 | Personal Forms (Complete); Tennessee Humanities Council Personnel Forms; 1997 |
| 3 | 0 | Battle of Nashville Monument: A Symposium Tape #1; video tape; November 5 & 6, 1998 |
| 3 | 0 | Battle of Nashville Monument: A Symposium Tape #2; video tape; November 6, 1998 |
| 3 | 0 | Battle of Nashville Monument: A Symposium Tape #3; video tape; November 6, 1998 |
| 3 | 1 | Memorializing of Civil War Dead; postcard, photocopies of newspapers, handwritten notes; various dates |
| 3 | 2 | History of the Monument; photocopies of newspaper articles, a brief history of the monument, handwritten notes; various dates |
| 3 | 3 | Groundbreaking; press releases, contemporary articles; 1997 |
| 3 | 4 | Time Capsule; correspondence, copies of newspaper articles, press releases; 1998, 1999 |

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| 4 | 1 | Nearby History; newspaper articles, handwritten notes, correspondence |
| 4 | 2 | Education; correspondence, including email, letter, and phone conversation summary; 1996, 1997 |
| 4 | 3 | Patriotic Organizations; information on organizations like the UDC, SCV, SAR, etc.; undated |
| 4 | 4 | Tennesseans in the Great War; photocopies of resources about Tennesseans in World War I; undated |
| 4 | 5 | Ladies Battlefield Association; correspondence, partial membership roster; source of information list |
| 4 | 6 | H.C.A. Foundation Proposal; correspondence and handwritten notes; 1997 |
| 4 | 7 | Battle of Nashville Monument Site; resolution to establish "Descendants Park;" 1998 |
| 4 | 8 | Alabama Heritage (Vulcan Statue); Alabama Heritage Publication (1991); Smithsonian Institute Research Print outs; newspaper articles about the Vulcan statue (1999) |
| 4 | 9 | Mrs. Caldwell's Scrapbook (Press from 1930s); photocopies of information from scrapbook |
| 4 | 10 | Notes & Miscellaneous; various papers; various dates |
| 4 | 11 | Notes & Miscellaneous; various papers; various dates |
| 4 | 12 | Bibliography; research search results, articles, handwritten notes; various dates |
| 5 | 1 | Correspondence; various letters to and from James Summerville; 1991-1993 |
| 5 | 2 | Correspondence; various letters to and from James Summerville; 1995 |
| 5 | 3 | Correspondence; letters to and from various parties; January-March 1996 |
| 5 | 4 | Correspondence; letters to and from various parties; April-June; 1996 |
| 5 | 5 | Correspondence July-August; e-mails, letters, and photocopies; 1996 |
| 5 | 6 | Correspondence; letters to and from various parties; May-September 1996 |
| 5 | 7 | Correspondence from and to various people; September-December 1996 |
| 5 | 8 | Press; various magazines, newsletters, newspaper articles and press releases; various dates |
| 6 | 1 | Planning Notes; two copies of Iowa publication; printed planning notes; printed article/essay about rededication attempts; various dates |
| 6 | 2 | Maps; printed map of peace monument location and surrounding neighborhood |
| 6 | 3 | Battlefield & Granny White Pike Site; maps, meeting agenda, project support documentation for the State of Tennessee, photocopied articles; various dates |
| 6 | 4 | Peace Monument- Brightwood Avenue Proposal, 1991 ½; correspondence, notes and documents related to proposal; 1991 |
| 6 | 5 | Peace Monument- Brightwood Avenue Proposal, 1991 2/2; proposal document; 1991 |

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| 6 | 6 | Proposal and Budget; project budget, proposal tabs; 1991 |
| 6 | 7 | Costs; estimates, invoices, correspondence, and handwritten notes; 1991-1992 |
| 6 | 8 | Matching Grant; correspondence to and documentation for HCA Foundation; various dates |
| 6 | 9 | Nashville Iowa Club; club history, negatives and prints, handbook, correspondence; 1997 |
| 6 | 10 | S.O.S.! Incentive Grant; info on applying for "Save Outside Sculpture!" awards; 1995 |
| 6 | 11 | Flyers; monument flyers and brochures from various organization |
| 6 | 12 | I.S.T.E.A. Application; application for funding for Battle of Nashville Monument; 1994 |
| 6 | 13 | Flyers "Pocket Change to Move Battle Monument;" Iowa Club flyers & photocopied articles; 1996 |
| 6 | 14 | National Trust; proposal to National Memorial Trust about Monument, correspondence and notes; 1992 |