

John Wesley Tucker Papers, 1872-1905



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Collection Overview

Title: John Wesley Tucker Papers

Date Range: 1872-1905, bulk 1877-1895

Creator: John Wesley Tucker

Extent: 29 folders in 1 box

Abstract: The John Wesley Tucker Papers collection contains personal and business documents and correspondence for John Wesley Tucker, a constable for the city of Franklin between 1872 and 1905.

Language: English

Repository: Williamson County Archives, Franklin, TN

Collection Number: WCA 0004

Scope and Content

This collection includes receipts, court documents, and other personal business transactions and correspondence maintained by John Wesley Tucker who lived in Williamson County, Tennessee. Many of the papers reflect Tucker's work as a Franklin constable between 1872 and 1905, including issuing warrants and court summons.

Of interest within the collection are two letters to Tucker from the prosthetic arm and leg manufacturer, James W. Morton, who lived in Nashville. In the first, Morton asks Tucker to collect payment from William Carr for "work on Artificial leg." At the end of the second letter, Morton reminds Tucker, "If you see any one needing an artificial leg remember me." As Tucker was an amputee, the correspondence suggests that Tucker was not only collecting payments for Morton, but he was also possibly a client.

The collection includes receipts for Tucker's many newspaper and journal subscriptions including the *Review and Journal* (1880) and the *Review and Appeal* (1891) based in Franklin, The *Illustrated Household Magazine* (1880) based in Portland, Maine, the *Confederate Veteran* (1895), the *National Review* (1887), the *Weekly American* (1887, 1888, 1890, 1891), and the *Semi-Weekly American* (1899) based in Nashville, Tennessee.

Many receipts reflect Tucker's personal expenses, including payments to Murkin and Hunt of Nashville for a "2nd hand leather lined Barouche" and a harness, Brown and Givens of Nashville

for boots and a hat, Wm. White's Drug Store for medical attention in Franklin, and Walter A. Roberts and Co. of Franklin for an umbrella.

Several papers pertain to Tucker's oldest daughter, Blanche Lewis Tucker, who presented her father's Bible to The Carter House and whose descendants possibly donated her father's box of business and personal papers. References to Blanche Lewis Tucker include payment notices for music lessons and sheet music due to Sallie Bryan, receipts for board due to Mrs. James S. North, and a receipt of payment with Moss and Co. for school books including Mooney's Grammar and Fiske's History.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Biographical Note

John Wesley Tucker was born April 1, 1843 in Williamson County, Tennessee to Wesley John and Nancy Greer Tucker. He served as a Sergeant in Company B, 10th Tennessee Infantry, CSA and was wounded at the battle of Fort Donelson in 1862. When applying for a military pension, he stated that his right arm below the shoulder and his left hand were both amputated. According to his daughter, Blanche Lewis Tucker, a Clarksville girl, Blanche Louise Lewis, who attended Tucker in the hospital, gave him the Bible which now resides in The Carter House Collection belonging to the Battle of Franklin Trust. Tucker returned to his home on what is now Beech Creek Road in Williamson County and did not rejoin the Confederate army.

After he returned from the war, Tucker worked as a constable for Williamson County which involved distributing legal documents to various county residents. Tucker married Cynthia Anna Jones on November 24, 1878 in Williamson County, Tennessee. They had six children together: Blanche Lewis, Beulah, Mansfield, Maude, Earl, and Elmo.

Tucker applied for a pension as a disabled soldier from the state of Tennessee, which he received until his death on March 6, 1913. He was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Franklin. His wife, Cynthia Tucker, died just two years later on September 20, 1915.

Access and Use

Access to the Collection: This collection is open to the public for research during normal business hours.

Use of Materials: Unrestricted

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Administrative Information

About the collection

Acquisition: Found in collection, donor unknown

Processing Information: Processing completed by Rebecca Robinson on September 2013

About the finding aid

Author: Finding aid updated July 6, 2018 by Amy Thomson

Descriptive rules: Finding aid based on *Describing Archives: a Content Standard* (DACS)

Search Terms

Personal Names: Lewis, Blanche Louise
Morton, James W.
Tucker, Beulah
Tucker, Blanche Lewis
Tucker, Earl
Tucker, Elmo
Tucker, Cynthia Anna Jones, 1853-1915
Tucker, John Wesley, 1843-1913
Tucker, Mansfield
Tucker, Maude
Tucker, Nancy Greer
Tucker, Wesley John

Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:

Confederate States of America
Fort Donelson National Battlefield (Tenn.)

Subjects: United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
Constables
Courts -- Records and Correspondence
Newspapers

Geographic Names: Franklin (Tenn.)
Nashville (Tenn.)
Williamson County (Tenn.)

Types of materials: Correspondence
Journals (Diaries)
Receipts (Acknowledgments)

John Wesley Tucker Papers		
Folder Number	Box Number	Contents
1	1	1872-1873
2	1	1875
3	1	1877
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23	1	1897
24	1	1898
25	1	1899
26	1	1900
27	1	1901-1902
28	1	Undated
29	1	Envelopes

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Item	Description
1 Metal Box	<p data-bbox="797 310 1336 380">Metal box (5.5 in. x 9.25 in. x 6.5 in.) with flower design and broken latch.</p> 