

Tennessee

African American

Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Tennessee, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands 1865–1869.

Microfilm	34 rolls	NARA M999	Locality	Tennessee
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The library has roll 25 containing the labor contracts involving residents in the Memphis area and employers in northern Mississippi.

Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Tennessee, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1870.

Microfilm	9 rolls	NARA M1000	Locality	Tennessee
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Cemeteries

Cemeteries of Carter Co., Tennessee.

DVD	1 disk		Carter County	Tennessee
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This DVD includes a full-color photographic record of all tombstones examined.

Index to Interments at Mount Olive Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee, 1891–1955.

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There are approximately 155,000 cards in this index.

Tennessee Cemeteries.

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The W.P.A. copies tombstone inscriptions throughout the state. The project was suspended in 1939. Most of the cemeteries were in Middle Tennessee and several were in East Tennessee. There is an alphabetical listing of the cemeteries by county. Many of these lists are the only records of tombstones which stood in these cemeteries.

Counties

Bradley

**Marriage Book 1, 1864-1887, researched and compiled by Elizabeth Cate Manly.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 908795	Locality	Misc.
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Item 4. This film is located with the Genealogies.

Franklin

Death notices and other gleanings from 'The Western Weekly Review,' Franklin, TN.

Microfiche	7 fiche	6008242, 6007869-6007870	Locality	Tennessee
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Lincoln

*1820 Census. Includes Index..

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 908795	Locality	Misc.
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Item 4. This film is located with the Genealogies.

*General Index to all land instruments Vol. 3, P-Z, 1810-1907; Vol. 4, A-Z, 1824-1912.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 0898358	Lincoln Co.	Tennessee
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Madison

Register of Deeds Volumes 3-4, 1831-1836.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 2	Madison	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 5-6, 1836-1840.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 3	Madison	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 17-18, 1853-1856.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 9	Madison	Tennessee
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Chancery Court Minutes Volumes 1-3, 1846-1869.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 366	Madison	Tennessee
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Maury

*Register of Deeds Volumes A-B, 1808-1822.

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*Register of Deeds Volumes C-D, 1809-1815.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 549237	Maury	Tennessee
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*Register of Deeds Volumes E-G, 1812-1819.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 549238	Maury	Tennessee
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*Register of Deeds Volumes H-I, 1817-1820.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 549239	Maury	Tennessee
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*Register of Deeds Volumes I-K, 1820-1833.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 549241	Maury	Tennessee
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*Register of Deeds Volumes L-M, 1824-1829.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 549242	Maury	Tennessee
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Warren

*Minute Books.

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Minute books, 1842-1846. Minute books, 1856-1860 (1847-1855 missing).

Register of Deeds Volumes A-C, 1814-1820.

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*Register of Deeds Volumes D-G, 1820-1833.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 571576	Warren	Tennessee
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*Register of Deeds Volumes H-L, 1831-1839.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 571577	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes M-O, 1839-1844.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 94	Warren	Tennessee
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*Register of Deeds Volumes P-R, 1844-1853.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 571579	Warren	Tennessee
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*Register of Deeds Volumes S, 1853-1855; U, 1857-1858.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 571580	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes V-Y, 1858-1871.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 97	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes Z, 1 1865-1867.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 98	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 2-3, 1868-1870.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 99	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 4-5, 1870-1874.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 100	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 6-7, 1874-1876.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 101	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 7-8, 1876-1896.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 102	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 9-10, 1878-1881.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 103	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 11, 1881-1882.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 104	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 12-13, 1882-1886.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 105	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 14-15, 1886-1888.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 106	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 16-17, 1888-1891.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 107	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 18-19, 1891-1893.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 108	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 20-21, 1893-1896.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 109	Warren	Tennessee
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Register of Deeds Volumes 22-23, 1896-1898.

Microfilm	1 roll	# 110	Warren	Tennessee
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Indians—Cherokee

Records of the Cherokee Indian Agency in Tennessee, 1801–1835.

Microfilm	14 rolls	NARA M208	Locality	Tennessee
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The records prior to 8 November 1800 were lost in the conflagration which struck the War Department. The first permanent federal agent assigned to the Cherokee was Thomas Lewis who served until Col. Return Jonathan Meigs became the agent in May 1801. He had his residence at West Point [Kingston, Tennessee today]. The agency moved to the Hiwassee garrison in 1807, and in 1816 there was a temporary relocation about eight miles above on the Hiwassee River. Joseph Martin was Meigs' successor in 1823. Upon his death a year later, Hugh Montgomery served until the abolition of the office in 1834.

The records concern the administration of Cherokee affairs in Tennessee by the federal government and involve economic and social conditions of the Cherokee, trade, travel through the Cherokee country, work of missionaries, difficulties between whites and the Cherokee, unauthorized settlement on Indian lands, stray and stolen livestock, and the removal of the main body of the tribe to the west.

The boundaries of the Cherokee Nation were in no way coterminous with the state of Tennessee. The Cherokee Nation occupied not only parts of Tennessee but also parts of Alabama, Georgia, and North Carolina. One of the most significant items in this collection is the Register of Cherokee Who Wished to Remain in the East, 1817–1819. It is chronological by date of registration and gives the number of the reservation, name, number in the family, place of residence, and remarks. There is a list of persons granted reservations on the land where they reside. The United States sought to extinguish title to the Cherokee lands by extending the tribe two options. One was to move to Arkansas. The other was a reservation of 640 acres which would revert to the state upon the death or abandonment of the grantee.

Marybelle W. Chase's *Records of the Cherokee Agency in Tennessee 1801–1835*, R929.30899/C487R/1990 contains samplings of some of the more genealogically significant records in the this collection. Dorothy Williams Potter's *Passports of Southeastern Pioneers 1770–1823, Indian Spanish and Other Land Passports for Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi, Virginia, North and South Carolina*, R929.375/P866P, includes the passports issued for whites to cross the Cherokee lands en route to the Old Southwest [a term designating Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana].

Cherokee Collection.

Microfilm	8 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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This collection, preserved by descendants of the Cherokee, were obtained by the Tennessee State Library from Mrs. Penelope Johnson Allen who obtained the portion belonging to John Ross (1790–1866), the principal chief from 1828 until his death, from his grandson Robert Bruce Ross (1845–1930). The collection spans the period 1790–1866 and contains 3,500 items and 22 volumes.

The collection relates to the removal procedures and claims made by individuals to the United States. It is arranged into correspondence, documents, claims, photographs, drawings, surveys, clippings, &c. There is an index to correspondents and claimants in the unbound claims. It includes copies of letters and documents from the Library of Virginia, U.S. government documents pertaining to the Cherokee, pamphlets, and the book, *The Case of the Cherokee Nation Against the State of Georgia, Argued and Determined at the Supreme Court of the United States, January Term, 1831*.

One of the pamphlets is *History of the Claims of the Texas Cherokees* was printed in 1871.

The printed guide is number eleven in the registers prepared by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, *Cherokee Collection*, R970.00497/ T297C.

Land

List of North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee, 1778–1791.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M68	Locality	Tennessee
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The Secretary of State of North Carolina in 1791 prepared this volume and submitted it to Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of the State of the United States. Arranged in five parts, each one is arranged by grant number. An entry consists of the number of the grant, the name of the grantee, the number of acres, the year of the grant, the county in which the land was located, and geographical features such as watercourses on which the land was located.

A facsimile version has been published by Betty Goff Cook Cartwright and Lillian Johnson Gardner as *North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee, 1778–1791*, R929.3/T2ZC.

North Carolina Revolutionary Warrants, 1783–1819.

Microfilm	15 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The Military Reservation of North Carolina was in present-day upper Middle Tennessee. Grantees were ex-soldiers or their heirs who had served in the North Carolina Continental Line. Since North Carolina issued warrants to those who acted as guards in protecting the surveyors, a grantee is not necessarily a Revolutionary War veteran. With the exception of the preemption rights given to the Cumberland settlers in recognition of their role in holding back the Indians during the last years of the Revolutionary War, there were no other free lands in Tennessee. If the grant was before 1800, it will be on record in both North Carolina and Tennessee. The warrant, however, will be found only in North Carolina.

There are three sections to these records, and each is arranged numerically. The first consists of the Revolutionary warrants for 1783–1799. The William White warrants are the second section, and the last section is the William Hill warrants. The guard rights follow the Revolutionary warrants 1783–1799 and are arranged in alphabetical order. Supporting papers follow individual warrants.

Each section is indexed alphabetically. Every name on the warrant including heirs and assignees are indexed. “WW” before a warrant indicates that it is a William White warrant; “WH” before a warrant indicates it is a William Hill warrant.

The names of North Carolina Revolutionary War veterans who qualified for bounty land appear in Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck’s *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments*, R939.373/B665R/1996.

Index to Watauga Grants.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Tennessee
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The index consists of individual cards with the name of the patentee, acreage, date, book, and page number. Some cards show a county of location as well.

Tennessee Land Grants 1775–1905, 1911.

Microfilm	226 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The records are arranged in a number of categories. They are:

- (1) North Carolina (Revolutionary War) books A–Z, rolls 1–23
- (2) Watauga Purchase, roll 24
- (3) Tennessee General, books A–Z, AA–FF, rolls 25–55
- (4) East Tennessee, books 1–34, rolls 56–91
- (5) Middle Tennessee, books 17, rolls 92–125
- (6) Mountain District, books A–ZZ, AA, 1–11, Index, rolls 126–162A
- (7) West Tennessee, books A–21, rolls 163–188
- (8) Hiwassee District Grants, books 1–4, rolls 189–192

(9) Ocoee District Grants, books B-P, rolls 193–203.

(10) Index, 23 rolls.

The index is arranged in alphabetical order by name of the grantee. The index card gives the name of the patentee, warrant number, acreage, date, county of location, book, and page number. The area or land office appears at the bottom of each card. The index is also available in printed form as Byron Sistler's *Tennessee Land Grants*, R929.3768/S623T/1997.

Until 1800 North Carolina granted land in Tennessee. Tennessee became a state in 1796, but it was not until 1806 that Tennessee following discussions with North Carolina, set up land offices. One was for East Tennessee, and the other for the rest of the state. About 1824 three more land offices were created. They were the Mountain District covering the Cumberland Mountain area, Middle Tennessee, and West Tennessee. The Hiawasee District was established in 1819 and was the area formerly held by the Cherokee Indians. It covered the counties of McMinn and Monroe, part of Hamilton, and part of Rhea. The Ocoee District encompassed the counties of Bradley and Polk and was established in 1817 after the title to the Indian land was extinguished.

It should be noted that there were be duplicate cards with the same information but from different districts, book numbers, and pages. This situation is due to the fact that in 1824 many Tennessee general grants were copied for use in the various counties.

Finally, there is one additional series of land records. It is the Watauga Purchase. The Watauga Grants pertain to grants in the 1770s in the area encompassed by Washington County. Abstracts appear in Troy R. Keese's *The Wataugah Land Purchases*, R929.3768/K26W/1997.

Military—War of 1812 (1812–1815)

Tennessee War of 1812 Muster, v. 1–10 and Index A–Z.

Microfilm	8 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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These are the muster rolls of Tennessee units in the War of 1812. There are multiple muster rolls for many units during the course of the war. Names of officers and enlisted men, rank, regimental commander, company commander, branch of service, and date are given in the record. In some instances the place of residence is also given, but that piece of information is too often lacking.

It is, therefore, important to examine pages 1–41 of the published version by Byron Sistler, *Tennesseans in the War of 1812*, R976.8/S623T/1992, for the county of residence of the commanding officer under which a soldier served. If the officer already held his commission at the time of the war, one will need to examine *Record of Commissions of Officers in the Tennessee Militia, 1796–1815*, by Mary Brown Daniel Moore, R335.332/M823R/1977 to identify his county of residence where he enrolled under his command.

The remarks column for a soldier will indicate if he was wounded or died in service, whether he deserted or was absent without leave, or if discharged for inability to serve.

At the time of the War of 1812, the settled portions of the state included East and Middle Tennessee. West Tennessee was still under Indian control. Accordingly, the designations of East and West Tennessee will be used to describe militia rolls. While Bedford County is in Middle Tennessee today, it would have been in West Tennessee in 1812.

Military—Indian Wars (1815–1858)

Tennesseans in the Seminole War 1818–1836.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Tennessee
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This card-file index of Tennesseans in the Seminole Wars gives the following data: name of veteran, rank, enlistment date and place, company, regiment, brigade, remarks (e.g., date and place of discharge, date joined, date transferred, name of person for whom he was substituting, &c).

Military—Mexican War (1846–1848)

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War in Organizations from the State of Tennessee.

Microfilm	15 rolls	NARA M638	Locality	Tennessee
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These are the individual service records of Tennesseans who fought in the Mexican War. Enlistments were oversubscribed in the opening weeks of the war to such an extent that Tennessee became known as the Volunteer State.

The published version is Reid Brocks' *Volunteers: Tennesseans in the War with Mexico*, R929.3768/B864V/1986. It contains the name of the veteran, his unit, and his rank.

Mexican War Muster Rolls.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Tennessee
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Military—Civil War (1861–1865) Union

Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Tennessee.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M392	Locality	Tennessee
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The library has rolls 1 and *which* of the index. The name of the veteran, his unit, and the rank held at enlistment and discharge are given.

Complete coverage appears in *Tennesseans in the Civil War, A Military History of Confederate and Union Units with Available Rosters of Personnel*, R976.7468/T297. The names of the Federal service appear in the latter part of the second volume in alphabetical order giving the company and unit of service. The first volume is arranged by military unit and indicates the county or counties of residence for each company.

Tennessee Civil War Questionnaires.

Microfilm	9 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The records are divided in two categories, and each is arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the veteran. The questionnaires for Confederate veterans are contained on the first eight rolls, and the Union ones on the ninth roll.

The respondents to these questionnaires not only included veterans from Tennessee or veterans who served from other states but were Tennessee residents but Tennessee veterans residing in other states. The survey was in 1914–1915 and 1920.

The biographical details requested are extremely rich. They generally included the veteran's place of residence, age, place of enlistment, unit, education, occupation before the war, parents' names and occupations, and further information about the origin of his family, personal property, and land owned by the veteran and his father. Veterans gave their opinions of social conditions such as slavery before the war. They recounted their war experiences and gave their postbellum occupations. They were also asked to name their comrades. More than 1,600 veterans responded.

Abstracts of these records appear in *The Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires*, R973.782/T297, by Gustavus W. Dwyer and John Trotwood Moore. The first volume treats the Union veterans, and the remaining four pertain to the Confederate veterans.

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Tennessee.

Microfilm	220 rolls	NARA M395	Locality	Tennessee
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The records are arranged by cavalry units in numerical order followed artillery and infantry units. Within a particular unit the records of the soldiers are in alphabetical order. Personal Papers appear on rolls 210–220.

Access is via *Tennesseans in the Civil War*, R973.7468/T297/1981/v. 2.

Military—Civil War (1861–1865) Confederate

Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications.

Microfilm	181 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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Tennessee enacted its first Confederate pension law in 1891. To be eligible, one had to have been honorably discharged from a Confederate military unit, had to be indigent to the extent of being incapable of supporting themselves, and a resident of the Volunteer State for at least one year. Widows became eligible in 1905.

The applications contain information about the military service including wounds, a description of property owned, and family data. A report of military service from the War Department or affidavits from comrades are also included. A widow had to show proof of her marriage. The applications for whites inquired about the use of intoxicants, but those for blacks did not.

Blacks were also eligible. In the cases where the veteran had been a slave at the time of his service, he usually identified his owner.

Because the legislature in 1903 did not appropriate sufficient funds to pay for all of the approved applications, there was a questionnaire sent to all pensioners on the rolls inquiring about the person's physical condition, financial status, size and members of the family, and occupation. In this way the government sought to purge those on the rolls who were no longer eligible under the law or whose needs were less severe.

The Confederate Home was established in 1889 just outside of Nashville at the Hermitage. Accordingly, the records for admission to the home antedate the pension application files by sixteen years.

There are four categories of records: Confederate Home applications, soldiers pension applications, colored soldiers pension applications, and widows applications.

Since the applications are arranged in numerical order within each category, it is necessary to gain access to them by Samuel Sistler's *Index to Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications*, R929.3768/S623I/ 1995. It is more complete than an earlier work, *Index to Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications*, R973.7/T296LI. Abstracts of the widows pension applications appear in Edna Wiefaring's *Tennessee Confederate Widows and Their Families, Abstracts of 11,190 Confederate Widows Pension Applications*, R929.3768/W644T/1992.

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Tennessee.

Microfilm	358 rolls	NARA M268	Locality	Tennessee
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The records are arranged by cavalry, artillery, and infantry regiments in numerical order within each category. Within each regiment the records of individual soldiers are in alphabetical order.

Access is via *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers 1861–1865*, R973.747/ C755R/1995 in sixteen volumes.

Tennessee Confederate Soldiers' Home Applications.

Microfilm	3 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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These records are arranged alphabetically.

Confederate Muster Rolls War Between the States.

Microfilm	2 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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Confederate Home Applications.

Microfilm	3 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The records are arranged alphabetically by name of veteran.

Abstracts of these records appear in Judith A. Strange's *The Tennessee Confederate Soldiers Home*, R929.3768/S897T/1996.

Army of Tennessee.

Microfilm	2 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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This collection consists of correspondence, medical records, muster rolls, and other records for the period 1861 to 1862.

Military—Spanish American War & Philippine Insurrection

39. Spanish American War.

Microfilm			Locality	Tennessee
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These are the muster rolls of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and a partial muster-in roll of the 4th regiments of the Tennessee Infantry activated for service in the Spanish-American War. They were mustered into the service at Nashville in 1898 and in December arrived in Manila.

Tennessee Spanish-American War Roster & Pay Rolls.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Tennessee
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Military—World War I

World War I Veterans and Ex-Service Men [1917–1919].

Microfilm	10 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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These service records were compiled under the direction of Mrs. Rutledge Smith, the Historian of the Tennessee Department of the American Legion Auxiliary, 1933–1935.

The records are arranged by county in 38 volumes. Within each county the entries are in alphabetical order by name of soldier. Some counties will have records in more than one volume, and the volumes will not be consecutive. There are no records for Wayne County. An individual record provides birth date and place, enlistment and service data.

World War I Gold Star Records.

Microfilm	7 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The Gold Star was awarded to World War I soldiers who lost their lives in combat or by disease.

Following World War I the family of each deceased serviceman was contacted for photography, postcards, correspondence of these soldiers to their families, friends, ministers, and politicians, telegrams, newspaper clippings, and dairies.

Tennessee World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards.

Microfilm	79 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The records are arranged by county and the three principal cities. Within each of these the records are generally in alphabetical order by name of registrant.

Military—Miscellaneous

Tennessee Military Elections, 1796–1862.

Microfilm	22 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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Upon becoming a state in 1796, Tennessee in its constitution provided for defense. There were to be local county elections of the officers of each company of the Tennessee militia conducted by the sheriff or constable. Each county was a separate company. Several companies constituted a regiment. Several regiments formed a brigade.

In times of emergency, such as an invasion, insurrection, or declared war, volunteer companies were to be formed.

The citizens who were subject to militia duty elected their own captains, subalterns, and noncommissioned officers. The field officers of the militia in turn elected the officers of their respective brigades. The brigade officers elected their major generals, and the latter named their own aids. The governor appointed the adjutant general.

Miscellaneous

Record of Appointment of Postmasters, 1832–September 30, 1971: Tennessee.

Microfilm	3 rolls	NARA M841	Locality	Tennessee
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These records show the dates of establishment and discontinuance of post offices, their changes of name, and the names of and appointment dates for their postmasters and postmistresses. The names of post offices to which mail from discontinued offices was sent begins in 1870.

The records are arranged by state or territory, thereunder alphabetically by name of county (or district or parish as relevant), and thereunder by name of post office.

The series is 145 rolls of microfilm, of which the library owns 15 rolls, including:
Tennessee, rolls 118–120 [Tennessee Locality]

Tennessee Bible Records, A–Z.

Microfilm	5 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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This collection consists of approximately 1,000 items from the Manuscript Division of the Tennessee State Library. They are arranged alphabetically by family name and give birth, death, and marriage dates of immediate family members. Occasionally the family records also contain entries for servants, slaves, and others.

Tennessee WPA Records.

Microfilm	93 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The records in this set are typescript transcripts of both official and private records of Tennessee counties prepared by the Works Progress Administration. The arrangement is alphabetical by name of county. The types of records and time of coverage vary from county to county. Included are court minutes, deeds, wills, inventories, sales, tax, church, and business. Many of the books of abstracts have nominal indexes. They often contain page numbers referring to the original text rather than the page numbers of the typescripts. Many of the records have been published individually.

Legislative Petitions [1799–1865].

Microfilm	22 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The records are arranged in chronological order. The final roll pertains to petitions to the East Tennessee Supreme Court.

These records are extremely useful in pinpointing Tennessee residents prior to the first complete census of the state, that of 1830.

Jill Knight Garrett Collection, ca. 1800–1969.

Microfilm			Locality	Tennessee
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This collection pertain primarily to Maury County in Middle Tennessee as well as the riparian counties on the east bank of the west fork of the Tennessee River. There is some material on northern Alabama as well.

Samuel Cole Williams Papers.

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This collection contains approximately 800 items covering the period 1765–1947. Mr. Williams was interested in the early history of Tennessee and his notes pertain to the Cherokee and Chickasaw Indians, the Watauga settlements, the State of Franklin, and pioneers of Carter’s and Holstons Valleys. There is much material on the families of Thomas Hardeman, Isaac Lincoln, James Robertson, Griffith Rutherford, and Isaac Shelby.

Carruth Family Papers, 1775–1986.

Microfilm	3 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The papers pertain to the Carruth family of North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. There are approximately 3,000 items spanning the period 1775–1986, and most of it consists of genealogical data.

There is a complete copy of Lela Carruth’s book, *From When They Came*, included.

Commission Book, 2 Apr. 1796–1904.

Microfilm	7 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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There are 15 volumes in the series.

Final Record Books of the U.S. Circuit Court for West Tennessee, 1808–1839, and of the U.S. Circuit Court for the Middle District of Tennessee 1839–1865.

Microfilm	10 rolls	NARA M1212	Locality	Tennessee
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The cases are entered in 18 volumes in this series in chronological order by the date on which the case was closed. The documents may pertain to libels, complaints, indictments, pleas and answers, declarations, affidavits, decrees, verdicts, executions, writs, returns, judgments, bonds, demurrers, orders, and subpoenas. There are cases involving law involving equity, law, and crime, but the majority of cases involve the collection of debts. Volumes 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18 are indexed by the plaintiff’s surname. Both of these courts met in Nashville.

Minute Books of the U.S. District Court for West Tennessee, 1797–1839, and of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, 1839–1865.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1213	Locality	Tennessee
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There are three volumes of court minute books prepared by the clerk of court during courtroom sessions which he later copied into the permanent record. The records are in chronological order. Coverage is for 1797–1803, 1801–1846, and 1862–1865.

While the first volume contains no entries pertaining to naturalization, five such oaths appear in volume two as well as one declaration of intention.

While there are indexes to plaintiffs by the initial two letters of the the surname for the first volume and by the initial letter of the surname for the third volume, no such tool exists for the second volume.

Century Farms.

Microfilm	4 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The records are first arranged by county.

Naturalization

Naturalization Records of U.S. District Courts in the Southeast, 1790–1958: Tennessee.

Microfilm	8 rolls	NARA	Locality	US
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This set pertains to Alabama (#1–17), Florida (#17–42), Georgia (#43–61, 100–102, 104–105), Kentucky (#62–75), Mississippi (#75–79, 103), North Carolina (#79–82), South Carolina (#83–92, 106), and Tennessee (#93–100).

Naturalization and Intent Records for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Microfilm	8 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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Index to Naturalization Records of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern Division of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 1888–1895.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1611	Locality	Tennessee
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Religions and Churches

Church Records, ca. 1785–1942.

Microfilm			Locality	Tennessee
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There are approximately 12,000 items in the collection covering the period ca. 1785–1942. These include church minutes, membership rolls, registers, charters, constitutions, deeds, surveys of churches, religious movements, and colleges.

There are newspaper clippings, biographical sketches, and rough draft of guides which were later published.

Banner of Peace 1843–1853.

Microfilm	3 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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Margaret B. Scoggins in her book *Banner of Peace and Cumberland Presbyterian Advocate: Abstracts of Marriage, Death, and Other Notices*, R929.37685/S422B/1988, provides access to genealogical data in one of the upper South's major religious newspapers in the mid-nineteenth century.

Taxation

Civil War Direct Assessment Lists Tennessee.

Microfilm	6 rolls	NARA T277	Locality	Tennessee
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The act of 5 August 1861 apportioned an annual direct tax of \$20 million dollars among all states, territories, and the federal district. Because later acts suspended further collections, there was only one collection. Colorado Territory, Delaware, and the states of the Confederacy refused to assume the obligation assigned by the Office of Internal Revenue. The value of the land and the amount of the tax was in proportion to the amount to be paid by each state. The lists are arranged by county and include a description of the parcel of land, the acreage and lots, valuation, tax penalty, and name of owner.

Within a given county the lists are by district and thereunder alphabetically by the initial letter of the surname. Estates of orphans are generally listed under the name of the ward or the agent.

Tennessee County Tax Lists.

Microfilm	9 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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These are arranged by county in alphabetical order and thereunder by tax year. Coverage ranges from 1787 to 1861.

For the early years partial access is via Byron Sistler's *Index to Early Tennessee Tax Lists*, R929.3768/S623I.

Vital Records—Births

Soundex Index Card File Birth Records, 1881–1882 for Selected Counties.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Tennessee
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Vital Records—Marriages

Tennessee Marriages.

Microfilm			Locality	Tennessee
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The records are arranged within each calendar year. The library's has the certificates for 1945, 1946, and 1947.

Vital Records—Divorces

Tennessee Divorces.

Microfilm			Locality	Tennessee
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The records are arranged within each calendar year. the library's has the records for 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, and 1949.

North Carolina Warrants, Plats, Etc.

Microfilm	46 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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Indian Agency Expense Book, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1797–1798.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Tennessee
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Cherokee Removal.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Tennessee
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Cherokee War.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Tennessee
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Military Records 1812–1836.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Tennessee
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Federal Muster Rolls (War Between the States).

Microfilm	11 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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Nonpopulation Schedules for Tennessee.

Microfilm	39 rolls	NARA T1135	Locality	Tennessee
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Vital Records—Births

Tennessee Delayed Birth Certificates prior to 1900.

Microfilm	118 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The certificates are arranged in numerical order with an index on the last four rolls of the set.

The births had to have occurred in the state of Texas. A certificate gives the name of the place of birth [county and/or town or city], name of the person, date of birth, sex, color, father's full name, his place of residence, the state or country of his birth, mother's full name, her residence, and her state or country of birth.

In addition the source of the information, such as an affidavit of a parent, is also included.

Vital Records—Births

Tennessee Birth Index 1908–1912, A–Z.

Microfilm	3 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The entries are arranged by Soundex and contain the surname and forename(s) of the child, the first forename and middle initial of the mother, the county of nativity, the date of birth, and the certificate number.

Vital Records—Deaths

Tennessee Death Index 1908–1950.

Microfilm			Locality	Tennessee
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Under Tennessee law indexes to deaths become public record after fifty years.

An entry gives the surname, forename(s), county of death, date of death by month, day, and year [the last two digits of the year], and the certificate number.

The years 1908–1912 are in a single alphabet. There is no index for 1913. The lists for the years 1914–1931 are in alphabetical order, but the lists thereafter are arranged by Soundex.

Tennessee Death Certificates.

Microfilm			Locality	Tennessee
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The records are arranged by time frame. The first period covers the years 1908–12. There were no records for 1913. Thereafter the records are by year. Within each year the records are in certificate number as received at the state office for vital records. The library has the certificates to 1951.

Voters

Election Returns Enumeration of Male-Inhabitants (1891).

Microfilm	9 rolls		Locality	Tennessee
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The records are arranged alphabetically by name of county. Within a county the records are arranged numerically by district and thereunder in rough alphabetical order. An entry gives the name of the male voter 21 years or older, his age, and his race. They may be used as substitute for the destroyed 1890 census.

*denotes film that is owned by the LDS Church but is on indefinite loan to the Genealogy Section.