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Frank G. Clement photograph collection

Title: Frank G. Clement photograph collection

Collection No: MSS.454

Extent: 0.25 cubic feet

Inclusive Dates: circa 1954-1970

Abstract: The collection consists of black and white photographs of Tennessee governor Frank G. Clements (1920-1969) with well-known entertainers, family members, and in the state legislature. In addition, there are images of three of his associates, streets and institutions named in his honor after his death, as well as his grave markers. The collection also includes eleven 35mm negative strips.

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Biographical information

Frank Goad Clement was born on June 2, 1920, in Dickson, Tennessee, the son of Robert and Maybelle Goad Clement. He attended local schools and graduated from Central High School in Dickson in 1937. He attended Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, for two years and then transferred to Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, where he graduated with a law degree in 1942. Clement then volunteered for the army's officer candidate school and at the end of his training was commissioned a second lieutenant. He completed his military service in the military police in Texas during World War II and was discharged in 1946.

Returning to Dickson, Clement began practicing law and entered state politics. Gaining statewide attention by helping to defeat a telephone-rate increase, he was elected to his first two term as governor from 1953 to 1959. Four years later he was elected to a third term. Despite a favorable record as governor, he was twice defeated in bids for the U.S. Senate in the 1960s. On November 4, 1969, Clement died in an automobile accident near Nashville.

Scope and contents

The collection consists of black and white photographs of Tennessee governor Frank Clements with well-known entertainers, family members, and in the state legislature. In addition, there are images of three of his associates, streets and institutions named in his honor after his death, as well as his grave markers. The collection also includes eleven 35mm negative strips.

Related materials

Frank Goad Clement Papers, Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Governor Frank G. Clement Papers, Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Governor Frank G. Clement Audio Collection, Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Subject terms

Bomar, James L.--Photographs.

Clement, Frank Goad, 1920-1969--Photographs.

Parker, Fess--Photographs.

Rogers, Roy, 1911-1998--Photographs.

Shoulders, Billy--Photographs.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

Photographs (Note: The prints are black and white, and 8 x 10 inches unless otherwise stated):

- 1 Frank Clement, undated. (2) "Age 33" noted on verso.
Frank Clement, undated.
- 2 Clement and Mrs. Robert S. Clement (mother), undated.
- 3 Clement and actor Fess Parker in Davy Crockett costume, undated.
- 4 Clement in Polk County, Tennessee, 1955 May.
- 5 Clement with reporters John Harris (Associated Press), Howard Anderson (WSM Radio, Memphis, Tenn.), Les Hart (Nashville Banner), Tom Ketterson, (United Press International), undated.
- 6 Clement presenting prize to winner of municipal Easter egg hunt, with sons Frank, Jr., and Robert Nelson, undated. Photographer: Floyd Evans, Nashville Tennessean. 8.5 x 8 inches.
- 7 Clement and entertainer Roy Rogers in dentist's office, undated. Photographer: Lloyd Hicks. Autographed by Rogers.
- 8 Frank Clement, undated. 5 x 7 inches.
- 9 Frank Clement, undated. (2). 4 x 4.5 inches.
- 10 Clement addressing the Tennessee Legislature, undated.
- 11 Robert S. Clement (father), undated. Photographer: Walden S. Fabry, Nashville, Tenn.
- 12 Colonel Billy Shoulders (executive assistant to Clement), undated.
- 13 J. Howard Warf (Commissioner of Education, 1963-1971), undated.
- 14 Clement and family, 1954. Campaign card. 6 x 3 inches.
- 15 Clement's birthplace, tombstone, various places named in his honor, circa 1970s. (13)
- 16 James L. Bomar (Lt. Governor, 1963-1965), undated. 3 x 5 inches.
- 17 35mm negative strips. (11). 57 images.
Most images are in folder 15. 9 images are of a group of men at a table.