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## **Villa Land Company minute book**

<b>Title:</b>	Villa Land Company minute book
<b>Collection No:</b>	MSS.6
<b>Extent:</b>	0.25 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Dates:</b>	1907-1950
<b>Abstract:</b>	The collection comprises a minute book of the Villa Land Company of Memphis, Tennessee, containing the minutes of stockholders' and directors' meetings.
<b>Donor:</b>	Anonymous, 1971.
<b>Processed by:</b>	John Terreo, January 1984; Gerald Chaudron, March 2015.
<b>Access:</b>	Open to all researchers.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Preferred Citation:</b>	Villa Land Company minute book, Preservation and Special Collections Department, University Libraries, University of Memphis.
<b>Publication date:</b>	March 2015

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## **Scope and contents**

The Villa Land Company was founded in Memphis, Tennessee, in August 1907 by B.M. Stratton, R.H. Beard, Mrs. Anna E. Spinning, R.L. Webb and J.L. Orr. The company's office was initially at 118 Madison Avenue and then 44 N. Second Street. Its principal holding appears to have been the Douglass Place subdivision in Memphis, bounded by Mt. Olive, Brookins, Holmes, and a segment of the Leawood railroad yards, with the lots being sold primarily to African Americans. The company was wound up in 1950.

The minute book contains the minutes of stockholders' and directors' meetings held regularly in the early years and then sporadically from the 1920s, as well as copies of the company charter

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## **Subject terms**

Real estate business—Tennessee—Memphis.

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## **Inventory**

### **Box 1**

Minute book: Villa Land Company, Memphis, Tenn., 1907-1950.