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## **Union Land and Improvement Company minute books**

**Title:** Union Land and Improvement Company minute books  
**Collection No:** MSS.7  
**Extent:** 0.5 cubic feet  
**Inclusive Dates:** 1910-1950

**Abstract:** The collection comprises two minute books of the Union Land and Improvement Company of Memphis, Tennessee, containing the minutes of stockholders' and directors' meetings between 1910 to 1950.

**Processed by:** John Terreo, January 1984; Gerald Chaudron, April 2015.  
**Access:** Open to all researchers.  
**Language:** English  
**Preferred Citation:** Union Land and Improvement Company minute books, Preservation and Special Collections Department, University Libraries, University of Memphis.

**Publication date:** April 2015

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## Scope and contents

The Union Land and Improvement Company was a real estate development company established in Memphis, Tennessee, around the beginning of the twentieth century. Lawyer E. Eldridge Wright was president in 1905 when the company was described as “one of the large land companies of the Southwest.”(Allison, John (ed.), *Notable Men of Tennessee: Personal and Genealogical, with Portraits*, Vol. 2, 1905, p.69). In the *Memphis Year Book* of 1908, the company advertised a factory site subdivision of 653 acres on the Union Belt Line accessible by tram on the new extension of the Main Street line. In that year, the company offices were at 72 Madison Avenue, R.A. Speed was president and E.B. McMaster was secretary. The first minute book mentions property(s) in the Chelsea Avenue, Hollywood and Warford Streets area. The second minute book mostly concerns lots in the Norwood, Mayfield, Fairfax and Homeland subdivisions.

It is unclear why the second book is numbered No. 3, though there is a five month gap from June to November 1915 between the two books.

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## Subject terms

Real estate business—Tennessee—Memphis.

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## Inventory

### Box 1

Minute books: Union Land and Improvement Company, Memphis, Tenn.:

No. 1, 1910-1915.

No. 3, 1915-1950.