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## **Charles A. Bobbitt collection**

**Title:** Charles A. Bobbitt collection

**Collection No:** MSS.278

**Extent:** 0.7 cubic feet

**Inclusive Dates:** 1919-1980

**Abstract:** The collection comprises various materials related to the history of Memphis, Tennessee, collected by Charles A. Bobbitt, a former president of the West Tennessee Historical Society.

**Donor:** Charles A. Bobbitt, Memphis, Tennessee, 1977.

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**Language:** English

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## Scope and contents

The collection comprises materials collected by amateur historian, Charles A. Bobbitt, a former president of the West Tennessee Historical Society. It includes several publications and features a short run of the *Memphis Chamber of Commerce Journal*, copies of plats of several historic houses in West Tennessee, and some articles written by Bobbitt.

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## Subject terms

Memphis (Tenn.)  
Memphis Chamber of Commerce.

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## Inventory

### Box 1

#### Folder

- 1 Booklet: "The Miracle of Easter, 1960 in Memphis, Tennessee", 1960. Published by Baptist Hospital, it documents, through pictures and text, the threat posed to the Madison-East Building by the fire that destroyed Russwood Park across the street, the home of the Memphis Chicks baseball team, on April 17, 1960.
- 2 *Kraft Ink*, Vol. 4, No. 3, 1980 December. Includes article (pp.28-31) on HumKo Products, part of Kraft Inc.'s Industrial Foods Division, in Memphis, Tennessee.
- 3 *Memphis Chamber of Commerce Journal*:  
Vol. 1, No. 7, 12, 1918 August, 1919 January; Vol. 2, No. 5, 1919 June; Vol. 3, No. 3, 5, 1920 April, June.
- 4 Vol. 3, No. 7, 9, 10, 1920 August, October, November; Vol. 4, No. 3-5, 1921 April-June.
- OS1 Convention Extra, 1920.
- 5 Photographs: Jim Nance McCord (1879-1968), U.S. Congressman, 1943-1945; Tennessee governor, 1945-1949. Photographer: Blackstone Studios, Inc., 20 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY; Eighth grade class, Madison Heights School, southwest corner of Court Avenue and McNeil Street, Memphis, Tenn., circa 1920. Photographer: Daniel A. Denison's Gaston Park Studio, 1128 Rayburn Boulevard, Memphis.
- 6 Certificate: Membership of Stratoliner Club, Valerie Dawson (Bobbitt's aunt) for June 16, 1941, flight, Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc. TWA operated 5 Boeing 307 Stratoliners between Los Angeles and New York from April 1941 until they were sold to the U.S. government after war was declared. The U.S. Army returned

the planes to TWA in 1944 and they were flown until 1951 when they were sold to a French airline.

- 7 Manuscript: Bobbitt, Charles A., "The Memphis Gold Cup", 1976. The article was published in the *West Tennessee Historical Society Papers*, Vol. 30, 1976.
- 8 Clippings: Local history articles written by Bobbitt for the Memphis suburban newspapers *Bartlett Express* and *Northern Suburban Advertiser* in 1979. Topics include: Grace Mae Smith, Shelby County Roads, Frayser, sanitoria, Chickasaw Ordnance Works, Humes High School, Shelby Drive, Potters Field.
- OS1** Plats: West Tennessee Project – 1972, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation under direction of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.
1. Wisdom House, 535 East Main Street, Jackson, Madison County, Tenn.: First, second & third floor plans, N,S,E,W elevations, Section (9 sheets).
  2. Crawford-Governor Porter House, 407 Dunlap Street, Paris, Henry County, Tenn.: First & second floor plans, N,S,E,W elevations, Section, Kitchen structure (9 sheets).
  3. Immanuel Episcopal Church, Second Street, La Grange, Fayette County, Tenn.: floor plan, N & W elevations, Sections A-A, B-B, Isometric of timber roof framing (7 sheets).
  4. Hancock Hall, Highway 57 (Third Street), La Grange, Fayette County, Tenn.: First & second floor plans, N,S,E,W elevations, Section (8 sheets).
  5. Cherry Mansion, 101 Main Street, Savannah, Hardin County, Tenn.: First & second floor plans, N,S,E,W elevations, Section A-A (8 sheets).
  6. Goyer-Lee House, 690 E. Adams Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.: Floor plans, N,S,E,W elevations, Sections A-A, B-B, Jamb moldings, Carriage entrance gate (10 sheets).
  7. Turnage-Young House, 196 East Court Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.: First & second floor plans, S & W elevations, Section (6 sheets).
  8. Handwerker Playhouse, 865 N. Thomas Street, Memphis, Tenn.: Floor plan, S & E elevations (2 sheets).
  9. North Memphis Driving Park, 1450 N. Thomas Street, Memphis, Tenn.: carriage gateway (3 sheets).
- OS2** Maps: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bicentennial facsimiles, 1975:
- A Sketch of the Mississippi from the town of St. Louis to its source in Upper Red Cedar Lake..., Lt. Z.M. Pike, 1805-1806.
  - A-1. Litchfield, Connecticut, to the Highlands of Neversink, Robert Erskine, 1779.
  - A-3. A New Map of the Western Parts of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and North Carolina, 1778.
  - B-1. A Map of Lewis and Clarke's Track across the Western Portion of North America from the Mississippi to the Pacific Ocean, 1814.
  - B-4. A Chart of the Internal part of Louisiana, Plate 2, Capt. Z.M. Pike.
  - C-1. Map of the United States Territory of Oregon West of the Rocky Mountains, 1838.
  - C-2a. Map of Oregon and Upper California from the Surveys of John Charles

- Fremont, 1848.
- C-3. Hydrographical Basin of the Upper Mississippi River, J.N. Nicollet, 1843.
- C-5. Map no. 2. Rio Colorado of the West, 1858.
- C-6. General Map showing the Countries Explored and surveyed by the United States and Mexican Boundary Commission in the years 1850-1853.
- C-7. Sabine Pass and Mouth of the River Sabine in the Sea, Maj. J.D. Graham, 1840.
- C-8. Sheet no. 3. Western Territories (part of Canada, North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Utah), Maj. G.L. Gillespie, 1876.
- D-1. Map no. 3. Rocky Mountains to Puget Sound, 1853-1854.
- D-2. Map of the Routes for a Pacific Railroad, 1855.
- D-4a. [Roads in Western Territories with Table of Distances from Vancouver Depot to Great Salt Lake City, Utah Territory], R. Ingalls, 1859.
- D-4b. Sketch of Routes from Camp Floyd to Carson Valley, UT, explored by Capt. J.H. Simpson, 1859.
- E-1. No. 3. Map of the Harbor of St. Louis, 1837.
- E-3. The Basins of the Mississippi and Tributaries, their System of Drainage and Downfall, 1861.
- E-4. Map of the Straits of Detroit, Sheet no. 2, J.N. Macomb and W.H. Warner, 1840-1842.
- E-11. Map of the Mississippi River Source to the Mouth of the Missouri, Lt. Z.M. Pike.
- OS unfolded** A-5. [Major Isaac Roberdeau Map of Lands West of Mississippi], 1818.
- C-2b. Map of an Exploring Expedition to the Rocky Mountains in the Year 1842, Oregon and North California in the Years 1843-1844, Capt. J.C. Fremont.
- D-3. Explorations and Surveys for a Rail Road Route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, War Department, Route Near the 35<sup>th</sup> Parallel, Map no. 2, from the Rio Grande to the Pacific Ocean, Lt. A.W. Whipple, 1853-1854.
- Sketch of the Western Part of the Continent of North America between Latitudes 35° and 52 ° North, 1818.

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## Separated materials

The following material has been separated from the collection and disposed of as follows:

Program: Football game between West Tennessee State Teachers College and Southwestern, Southwestern campus, 1925 November 26.

Transferred to University Archives.

*Building on the Past...Building for the Future*, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., 1978.  
 Cortese, James (ed.), *The Bluff City: A Newspaper History*, Moweaqua, Il.: Spectator Books, 1978.

*Flood Control and Navigation Maps of the Mississippi River*, 29<sup>th</sup> ed., 1961.  
*Humes Herald*, Humes High School, Senior ed., 1946.  
Transferred to Special Collections book collection.

*Memphis Press-Scimitar*, Centennial ed., 1980 October 28. Final, Mid-South eds.  
Memphis Heritage, 1976 Annual Report.  
Transferred to Special Collections periodical collection.

Handy and the Blues, by Edward F. Williams III.  
Memphis Sesquicentennial Trail – 1969.  
Transferred to MSS.495. Vertical files