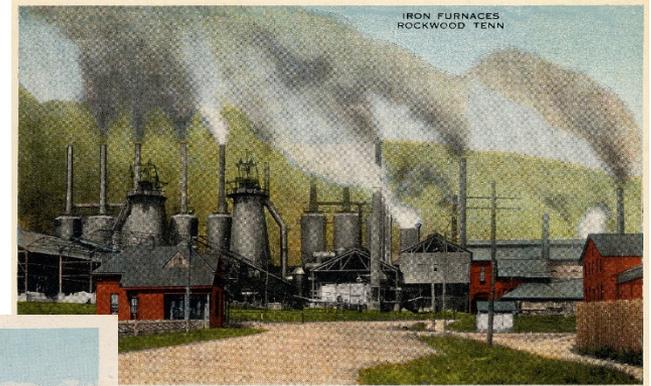


# County Historian and Preservation of Records



# What are the County Historian and the Roane County Archives?

- The County Historian is a position that was created by the Tennessee State Legislature in 1965 as a liaison with the Tennessee Historical Commission. In many counties, the County Historian is in charge of the Archives.
- The Archives is located in the Historic Roane County Courthouse at 119 Court Street in Kingston.
- The Archives was created as county department in July 2001. One of its responsibilities is dealing with government records which date to the beginning of Roane County in 1801. Roane County has one of the largest collections of records in Tennessee that has been estimated to be over a million documents.
- There are two types of records that the Archives handles: permanent records (records that have to be maintained forever) and temporary records (those which are kept for a limited time period and then destroyed). Most of the permanent records are maintained at the Historic Roane County Courthouse while temporary records are stored in other locations.
- Permanent records are kept based upon Tennessee state laws, historical value or if the record is still of a use in that office. Temporary records are usually based upon Tennessee state laws.

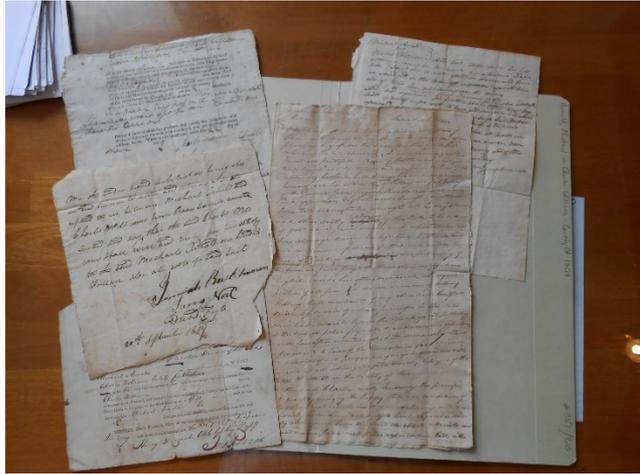
# What is the County Historian? (cont.)

- The historian is a member of the Public Records Commission/Committee, which was created by the Tennessee State Legislature. The Public Records Commission approves destruction of temporary value records
- The type of records that the Archives deals with are both bound books and loose papers (not bound).
- The historian works with county officials to determine which records may be destroyed and which records need to be kept permanently.
- The historian works with the county officials to relocate older records to increase space in their vaults for more current records.
- The Archives also collects and maintains historical documents, photographs and postcards among other items that are not created by government.

# **The County Historian and Archives are working to improve Roane County in the following ways:**

- Preserving and promoting Roane County's history leads to interest in our county which leads to visitors to our area.
- With the potential of the importance of the Manhattan National Park in Oak Ridge, telling our county's part in the development of the atomic bomb and the families that were removed from that area can bring more visitors to our area.
- The Archives attracts hundreds of genealogical and historical researchers each year because of the information and resources that the archives is able to provide. Through the years there have been visitors from all fifty states.
- Organizing, preserving and providing access to Roane County's government records require less space and provide prompt and efficient access to the general public.

# Loose County Records In the Archives



County Court Case from 1809



Acid Free Boxes and Folders



Metal Shelving Holding Boxes

ID	Index Number	Plaintiff Name	Defendant Name	Defendant First Name	Date Filed	Type
8250	8250	Andrew Marie	Andrew	Kathleen Franklin	1986	Divorce
8251	8251	Paul Franklin	Andrew	Carole C. Frank	1979	Divorce
7736	7736	Karenth Franklin	Andrew	Dorey Lin	1988	Divorce
2263	2263	Henry K.	Andrew	Lawrence Rogers	1977	Divorce
4218	4050	Ingelisa Ruth	Andrew	Shelley Alden	1977	Divorce
2465	2523	Paul Franklin	Andrew	Mary Margaret	1977	Divorce
8541	8610	Parvina Ann	Andrew	William Paul	1981	Divorce
2242	2242	Paul Franklin	Andrew	Lois Long	1977	Divorce
2528	2528	William Marie	Andrew	William Paul	1977	Divorce
2531	2531	Paul Franklin	Andrew	Ellen Sylvia	1977	Divorce
9012	9012	Johnny Ann	Andrew	Paul Franklin	1982	Divorce
2288	4202	George N.	Andrew	Frances Marie	1977	Divorce
6436	6436	Donald	Andrew	Kathleen Marie Martin	1982	Divorce
7924	7924	Angela Ann	Andrew	William Paul	1977	Divorce
2929	7710	George K.	Andrew	Charles Mark (son)	1988	Divorce
4224	8910	Christopher	Andrew	Shirley Bryant	1988	Divorce
863	863	Lois	Andrew	John	1964	Divorce
1537	1537	Frank K.	Andrew	Frances	1967	Divorce
9008	873	John	Andrew	LeRoy	1961	Divorce
258	530	William	Andrew	LEIS N.	1964	Divorce
1029	1029	William M.	Andrew	Paul H. Sr.	1981	Divorce
1021	6020	Laura Lator	Andrew	Laura Lator	1981	Divorce
6176	6202	Christie D.	Andrew	Christie D.	1982	Divorce
8276	8276	Donald	Andrew	Laura E.	1982	Divorce
8176	8020	Marion Kay Johnson	Andrew	John Francis	1982	Divorce
7283	7283	Caroline Louise Connor	Andrew	Larry Connor	1982	Divorce
1716	1716	Billy E.	Andrew	Carlisle	1982	Divorce
3538	3648	Angela Dawn F.	Andrew	John David	1971	Divorce
2281	2281	Angela Dawn F.	Andrew	John David	1971	Divorce
548	550	Janice M.	Agnes	John M.	1964	Divorce
1029	1116	Janice M.	Agnes	Larry	1967	Divorce
8376	8311	Ernie Dale	Agnes	Barbara West	1982	Divorce
1021	8011	Ernie Dale	Agnes	Donna E. West	1982	Divorce
2029	2029	Mary Ann Raymond	Victoria	Charles Lynn	1982	Divorce
6558	6558	Ed M.	Victoria	Charles E.	1982	Divorce
5521	5852	Lois Ann	Victoria	James Lee	1981	Divorce
2281	3810	Lois Ann	Victoria	Charles Lynn	1981	Divorce
29	29	Lois Ann	Victoria	Charles Lynn	1981	Divorce
6445	6452	Charles Douglas	Victoria	Edward Thomas	1982	Divorce
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4436	4520	Charles Douglas	Victoria	Barbara Lynn	1978	Divorce
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8016	8016	Victoria	Victoria	Charles Douglas	1982	Divorce
8162	8202	Victoria	Victoria	Charles Douglas	1982	Divorce
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Database of General Sessions Divorces

# Bound Record Books



**Different Types of Books**



**Various County Books on Shelving**



**Tax Books**



**Chancery Court Docket Books in Old Jail**

# Records at the Old Courthouse



# Record Storage – Courthouse Attic



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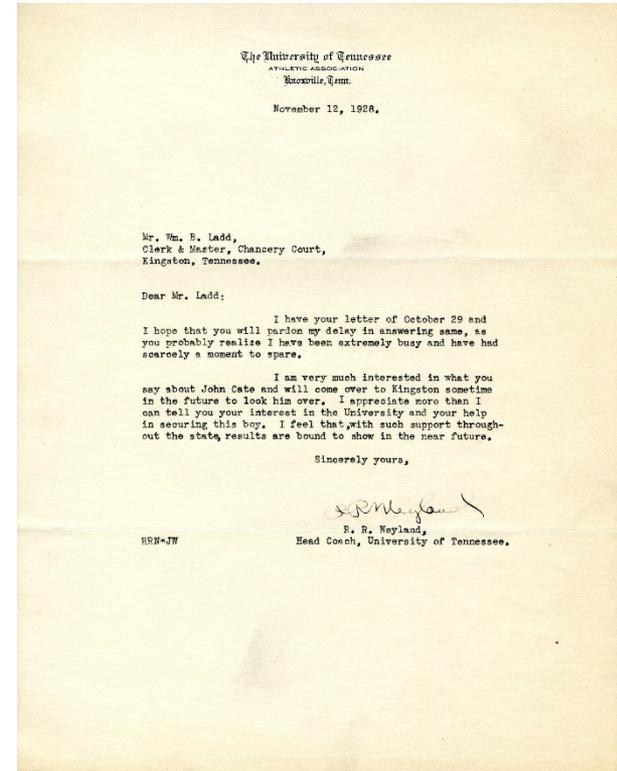
# Record Storage – Old Jail



# Special Collections



**T.C. Farnham Photograph Collection**



**R.R. Neyland Letter to Wm. B. Ladd  
in 1928, about a player.  
From William B. Ladd Collection**