

Title: Nell Blankenship Collection

Dates: Ca. 1800s to 2010s

Creator: Nell Blankenship

Summary/ Abstract: The Nell Blankenship Collection includes pictures, genealogical information, and miscellaneous Rutherford County history.

Quantity/ Physical Description: 1 linear foot

Language(s): English

Repository: The Rutherford County Archives, 435 Rice Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130. (615) 867-4609

Restrictions on Access: None

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Preferred Citation: (Box number, Folder) Nell Blankenship Collection, Rutherford County Archives, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Acquisition: Nell Blankenship

Processed by: Kathryn Slover

Arrangements: These records are arranged into two series including **Oddfellow Membership Papers** and **Rutherford County Wills**. The collection of photographs was processed separately and is available in the scanned images collection on the computers and in the photograph room at the Rutherford County Archives.

Biographical Note: Nell Blankenship (born Nell E. McClure) was born February 20, 1942 in Polk County. She graduated from Polk County High School in 1960. After graduation from high school, she went to Atlanta and attended Georgia State University. In 1965, she moved to Knoxville, Tennessee and attended the University of Tennessee for one year. After her marriage to Steve Blankenship, she moved to Murfreesboro. She finished her Bachelor's degree at Middle Tennessee State University in 1969. She eventually went on to obtain her Master's degree from MTSU. She was a teacher in the Rutherford County School System. She was also an active member in the Rutherford County Historical Society, where she served three times as president of the organization. Steve and Nell Blankenship had two children, Helen and Donald Blankenship. Nell Blankenship passed away June 5, 2015.

Scope and Content: The collection primarily contains documents and photographs related to the history of Rutherford County and Rutherford County families.

Associated Materials: Several research files were created from genealogical information included in her collection. Clippings of obituaries (mostly from the Daily News Journal) have been digitized and indexed.

Related Collections: None

Persons: Nell Blankenship

Places: Rutherford County, Tennessee

Subjects (General): Men, Women, Rutherford County, Churches, Buildings, Families, Organizations, Genealogy, Schools, Businesses

Materials Types: Documents, photographs, microfilm

Collections Inventory:

| Box | Folder | Series | Description of Contents |
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| 1 | 1 | Oddfellow Membership Papers | Oddfellow Membership Papers 1 of 2 |
| 1 | 2 | Oddfellow Membership Papers | Oddfellow Membership Papers 2 of 2 |
| | | Rutherford County Wills | Microfilm roll of Rutherford County Wills dated 1804 to 1836 (See misc. microfilm collection in front) |