

Title: C.B. Arnette Collection

Dates: ca. 1900s-2000s

Creator: C.B. Arnette

Summary/ Abstract: The C. B. Arnette Collection contains papers, publications, photographs, maps, correspondences, and media pertaining to his research on the history of East Main Street in Murfreesboro, Tennessee for his book *Those East Main Street People and Their Houses*. Materials date from the early 1900s to the 2000s. Photographs, news clippings, and maps are among the primary source materials in this collection.

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Arrangements: These records are arranged into six series: **People and Places, Book Administration, Correspondence Files, Book Drafts, Newspapers, and Miscellaneous.**

Biographical Note: C.B. Arnette was a lifelong resident of Murfreesboro. He was the son of the late Charles Byron Sr. and Catherine Hall Arnette. Mr. Arnette attended Middle Tennessee State College and the University of Tennessee. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps. Mr. Arnette and his wife Louise owned and operated Arnette Antique Galleries in Murfreesboro for more than 32 years. He also served as president of the Tennessee Auctioneers Association and was later inducted into the Tennessee Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame. He was Past Chairman of the Board of Directors at Middle Tennessee Christian School, and was on the Stones River Manor Executive Board of Directors. Mr. Arnette was also an author. He wrote *From Mink Slide to Main Street, History of East Main Street Church of Christ, Those East Main Street People and*

Their Houses, and his autobiography, *Wheels, Deals, and Bridges*. He passed away at the age of 92 on October 14, 2010.

Scope and Content: The collection contains papers, publications, photographs, maps, correspondences, and media pertaining to his research on the history of East Main Street in Murfreesboro, Tennessee for his book *Those East Main Street People and Their Houses*.

Series I: People and Places

This series includes articles, newspaper clippings, and photographs of people and homes on East Main Street.

Series II: Book Administration

This series includes information on publishing, copyrights, and contacts for *Those East Main Street People and Their Houses* and *From Mink Slide to Main Street*.

Series III: Correspondence Files

This series pertains to correspondences between C. B. Arnette and his contacts for information about the history of East Main Street.

Series IV: Book Drafts

This series includes copies of rough drafts for *Those East Main Street People and Their Houses*.

Series V: Newspapers

This series includes various newspaper clippings, programs, and brochures pertaining to East Main Street, downtown Murfreesboro, and Rutherford County.

Series VI: Miscellaneous

This series includes maps of downtown Murfreesboro and preservation plans for East Main Street and downtown Murfreesboro.

Associated Materials: None

Related Collections: None

Persons: C.B. Arnette, Jesse Beesley, Paul Davis, Will Allen Dromgoole, Goldstein Family, Danny Hastings, Thesa Hastings, W. B. Earthman, William Henry Huddleston, J.R. Jetton, B.B. Kerr, Jeanette Moore King, Lytle Family, Thomas Benton Miles, William Mooney, Fountani Crockett Mosby, Lucille H. Kuell, Mary Murfree, Hardy Murfree, Joseph Palmer, George Walter, Parrish, Lily Ransom, Albert R. King, Sr., James D. Richardson, Nathaniel Ridley,

William T. Robison, Judith Smythe, Jim Smythe, Andrew L. Todd, Herman Todd, Matt Ward, Jack Weatherford, Thelma P. Woods, Gwen Boyd

Places: Rutherford County, Tennessee

Subjects (General): People, Buildings, Houses, Men, Women, Genealogy, Military, Correspondence, Churches, Cities

Materials Types: Documents, printed material, photographs

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1	24	People and Places	<i>Hearthstones: The Story of Rutherford County Homes</i> (Hankins, Caneta Skelley)	Essay published by Oaklands, written by Caneta Skelley Hankins of East Main Street home
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1	26	People and Places	Huddleston/Earthman (East Main Street)	Print of W. B. Earthman residence circa 1909; biography of William Henry Huddleston with purchase of 520 East Main Street home
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1	30	People and Places	Kent (933 East Main Street) (Oakhurst)	Oakhurst Historic Structures' Report
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				Ward; clippings of W. D. Mooney and Mooney School
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2	5	People and Places	Overall, Gertrude	Owned house that extended from East Main Street to East Vine Street
2	6	People and Places	Palmer (434 East Main Street)	Brigadier General Joseph Palmer built house at 434 East Main Street; biography of Palmer
2	7	People and Places	Parrish, George Walter	Article on George Walter Parrish by C. B. Arnette; To the editor letters on George Walter Parrish by C. B. Arnette
2	8	People and Places	People and Homes of East Main Street	History of homes on East Main Street; photographs of residents of East Main Street
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2	12	People and Places	Reed (1153 East Main Street)	List of homeowners, including Andrew L. Todd and Keith and Faye Todd Reed
2	13	People and Places	Richardson, Major James D.	Article on Richardson home on East Main Street; Richardson was a congressman from 1885-1905
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5	12	Miscellaneous	Preservation Plan for Murfreesboro (2 of 2)	Draft of "A Historic Preservation Plan for Murfreesboro, Tennessee" by Roberta Brown; Abstract for "A Historic Preservation Plan for Murfreesboro, Tennessee"