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Summary

Main Entry: Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Collection

Date Span: 1891-2012

Abstract: Collection of records and materials related to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, a ministry of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The collection includes minutes, admission and dismissal records, newsletters, wills and estate papers, commitment documents, photographs, files on the history of the Home, some financial records, and material related to the Min-Tom Children's Home for African American children.

Size: 12 linear ft.

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Historical Sketch

The Tennessee Baptist Orphans Home was established in 1891 with the support of Georgia Eastman and other women at the First Baptist Church in Nashville. W.R.L. Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, endorsed the idea of establishing an orphanage for children. The Home operated in Nashville for several years before moving to its current site on Franklin Road in Williamson County in 1912. Eventually the Home expanded its reach by establishing sites in East and West Tennessee and a home for African American children called Min-Tom. Min-Tom was closed in the 1980s. Thee Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. is an ministry of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and are partners in the work of caring for children and obedient to the command of Jesus (Mark 9:37 and James 1:27). The TBCH is committed to "providing the highest quality of care to children and families in crisis; and to provide this care to children and families in crisis through facilities and comprehensive programs of spiritual, emotional, physical, educational, and social development."

For a fuller history of the Children's Home ministry see the following articles and publications.

Gregg, James M. *Our history : Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home, 1891-1953*. Brentwood : Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc., 1985.

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Three Centuries of Care : includes the years 1891-2000. Brentwood, Tenn. : Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Inc., 2000.

Wardin, Albert, Jr. "Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes." *Tennessee Baptist History*, Fall 2014, p. 67-84.

Scope and Content and Arrangement Note

The collection is divided into seven series. Each series is described below. Portions of the collection have been microfilmed. This includes the Minutes, Admission/dismissal record books, newsletters, and W.C. Golden's handwritten history of the Tennessee Baptist Orphanage.

A. Minutes

The minutes of the Board of Managers and Executive Committee are included in bound volumes and filed material. The minutes include reports from the individual regional homes and an annual report from the chief executive. Financial reports are also included with these minutes. The minutes are arranged in chronological order.

B. Admission and Dismissal records

These records include bound volumes and cards. The bound volumes provide information on the children received and their dismissal. The cards provide little information other than name, birthdate, and when received. No case files are included in the records.

C. Min-Tom Home material

Min-Tom began in 1943 in Chattanooga for African American children. This series includes documents, correspondence, clippings, and scrapbooks. Collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

D. General Files

These files include a wide range of material including property records, will and estate papers, legal documents, clippings, architectural plans, commitment papers (1912-1933), W. C. Golden's handwritten history of the Tennessee Baptist Orphan's Home, and newsletters. This series is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

E. Photographs

The photographs originally were pasted into scrapbooks on highly acidic and crumbling paper. They were removed and placed in protective sleeves and filed in a loose-leaf binder. The first scrapbooks include images from the early days of the TBCH from the 1920s and 1930s. The second volume contains images from the 1950s and 1960s. The final scrapbook spans the years from the 1950s to 1987. Only a few of the images include detailed information on the photograph.

F. Financial Record books

This series includes two bound volumes. The first is a volume showing expenses and cash receipts for 1912-1918. The second volume records donations of food, items, and cash, 1934-1941.

G. Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Church records

This series of records document the establishment and operations of a church on the TBCH campus from 1925-1962. This series is arranged in chronological order.

Provenance

Donated by Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, 2015.

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Tennessee Baptist Children's Home.
 Tennessee Baptist Convention – History.
 Baptists – Tennessee
 Child care service
 Children – Institutional care – Tennessee
 Golden, W. C.
 Orphanages – Tennessee – History
 Min-Tom Children's Home (Chattanooga, Tennessee)

Container List

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A. Minutes

- 1.1 Minutes, 1899-1902 [bound volume with some intake records]
- 1.2 Minutes, 1909-1952 [bound volume]
- 1.3 Minutes, Board of Managers and Ex. Committee, 1939-1951
- 1.4 Summary of minutes, 1952-1984

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- 2.2 Minutes and reports, 1962-1965
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- 10.2 Buildings/Construction, 1953
- 10.3 Cancelled notes – Min-Tom, 1946
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- 10.5 Constitution and Bylaws – Min-Tom
- 10.6 Correspondence – Department of Public Welfare-Min-Tom, 1949-1952
- 10.7 Disbursements/Receipts – Min-Tom Home, 1945-1948

- 10.8 Financial reports – Min-Tom Home, 1951-1953
- 10.9 Hamilton County Baptist Association – Endorsement of Min-Tom Home, 1952
- 10.10 Insurance Papers – Min-Tom Home, 1949-1951
- 10.11 Legal documents – Min-Tom Home, 1952
- 10.12 License related papers – Min-Tom Home, 1951-1952
- 10.13 Min-Tom story, 1967
- 10.14 Minutes – Board meetings –Min-Tom Home, 1954
- 10.15 Property Plat – Min-Tom Home, 1927
- 10.16 Real Estate/Property records – Min-Tom Home, 1946-1953
- 10.17 Report on study to apply standards for licensing – Min-Tom Orphan’s Home, 1952
- 10.18 Scrapbook contents – Photocopies of clippings and photographs – Min-Tom Home, 1951-1990

D. General Files

- 11.1 Abstract of Property – Brentwood property, 1920
- 11.2 Adoption Papers- Johnson, Mattie Sue, 1932-1933
- 11.3 Agriculture Census, 1978
- 11.4 Allison, Frank – Will and estate papers, 1936-1937
- 11.5 American Polled Hereford Association – Certificate of membership, 1969
- 11.6 Annual report, 1967
- 11.7 Architectural specifications – Girl’s dormitory- Hart, Freeland, & Roberts, 1940
- 11.8 Architectural specifications – Talley Memorial School – Hart, Freeland & Roberts, nd.
- 11.9 Baptist Children’s Home – Memphis, ca. 1968
- 11.10 Blake, Dave L. – Will and estate papers, 1959
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- 11.12 Bowen, E. B. – Account of the Tennessee Baptist Children’s Home, Inc. Saga
- 11.13 Carpenter, Joe – Will, 1952
- 11.14 Cemetery Information, 1991
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- 11.16 Clippings, 1897-1976
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- 13.20 Farming contract – Hall, Charles F. – Memphis home, nd.
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- 13.22 Franklin Turnpike Company – Legal documents, 1929
- 13.23 Garrison, James W. – Will, 1951
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- 13.26 Gregg, James M. – History of Tennessee Baptist Children's Home
- 13.27 Griffin, Lula – Will and estate papers, 1952

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- 15.21 Short, Robert Henry and Maude – Will, 1945
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- 15.24 Wardin, Albert – History article on Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, 2014.
- 15.25 Wheeler, A. J. – Will and estate papers, 1924-1925
- 15.26 Woody, R. N. – Estate legal papers, 1948

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- 16.1 Scrapbook, 1920s-1930s
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