

Collection Title: Williams-Taylor House, 1791-2002

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Title:

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Extent:

4 boxes

Language:

English

Abstract:

This collection has books, magazines, many correspondences, and other documentation pertaining to the Taylor family and the Williams-Taylor House.

Access Restrictions:

Collection is open for research.

Historical Note:

The exact construction date of the Taylor-Phillips House is lost to history, though it is certain that the land came into the possession of North Carolina Land Master Edmund Williams via a Revolutionary War land grant in 1782. The original structure is thought to have been a two-story, three-bay log house facing either north or south, surrounded by 230 acres of farmland. In 1867, one acre of this land adjacent to the Buffalo Creek Christian Church was donated by Joshua Williams for the purpose of erecting a brick building to house the Buffalo Male and Female Institute. Joshua Williams owned the house until 1938. His children were all educated at the Institute, which became Milligan College in 1881. Five generations of Williams lived in the house. In addition, Colonel Wilson Gilvan Barker, president of Buffalo Male and Female Institute, lived there with his daughter and son-in-law, Nannie and George T. Williams, from 1900 until his death in 1905. Congressman Alfred Alexander Taylor, a cousin to the Williams family and trustee of Milligan College, bought the house and approximately 16 acres of land in 1906. Taylor and his siblings, including his brother, Tennessee Governor Robert "Our Bob"

Taylor, were all alumni of the Buffalo Institute and Milligan College. Taylor's intention was to raise his family near Milligan and its preparatory department. In 1920, "Uncle Alf" successfully ran for Governor of Tennessee. He returned to the Taylor home-place in 1923. In 1925 Milligan College acquired part of the Taylor property for the establishment of a better athletics program. College administrators and student clubs also met in the house. Upon Governor Taylor's death in 1931, the home passed to his son, Robert Love "Little Bob" Taylor. At the time Robert was a prominent Johnson City, TN, lawyer. He would later become the senior U.S. District Judge and preside over several landmark cases, including the 1956 Clinton High School desegregation case. Milligan College bought both the Taylor House and the surrounding 16.7 acres in 1989. The house was used by various members of the staff for several years, but began to show signs of disrepair. In 2001, Clarinda Phillips Jeanes, wife of Milligan President Donald Jeanes, and alumnus Clint Holloway announced plans to restore the Taylor House and list it among the Tennessee Historic Sites. The Taylor-Phillips House is now used as a hospitality home for campus guests and as a venue for the scholarship fundraising events of The Associated Ladies for Milligan.

Arrangement:

The collection is divided into three series and folders are arranged alphabetically in each series.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains photocopies of the materials gathered and used by Clinton J. Holloway in the process of renovating the Williams-Taylor House in 2000 and 2001. In this process, the house itself and both the Taylor and Williams families were researched. The original materials included information from the Tennessee Historical Commission, photocopies of deeds and wills, newspaper and book articles, correspondence, photographs, negatives, and slides, as well as materials submitted to and printed by the National Register of Historic Places. The collection is composed of materials dating from 1791 through 2000.

This collection is divided into three series. The first series is the Williams-Taylor House History Papers dating from 1791-2000, which contains historical documentation on the Williams and Taylor families and of the Williams-Taylor House, with material on house renovation and dedication. The second series is Magazines dating 1905-1910. This series contains issues of the Bob Taylor's Magazine and the Taylor-Trotwood Magazine. The third series is titled Books, which contain print copies dating from 1898-1925.

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Folder List

Box 1

Clinton J. Holloway Collection of Williams-Taylor House History Papers, 1791-2000

Series: Williams-Taylor House History Papers, 1791-2000

Buffalo Institute, 1942

Barker, Wilson Gavin, undated

Christian Standard- Obituary, 1905

History and Directory, 1871-1971

Deeds, 1806-1908

Book A, pp. 471, 1804

Book A, pp. 471 & 472, 1804

Book B, pp. 34, 1806

Book B, pp. 80, 1791

Book B, pp. 81, 1806

Book B, 1814

Book C, pp. 234, 1817-1818

Book C, pp. 334, 1819

Book D, pp. 193-194, 1822

Book J, 1888

Book T, pp. 481, 1881

Book T, pp. 482, 1883

Book 5, 1880

Book 13, 1814

Book 19, 1906

Book 29, 1908

Warranty Deed, 1989

Holloway Correspondence and Notes, 2000

Correspondence from Robert Taylor to Clinton Holloway, 2000

Correspondence from Don Jeanes to Clinton Holloway, 2000

Correspondence from Deanne Taylor to Clinton Holloway, 2000

Letter from Clinton Holloway to Harold and Deanne Taylor, 2000

House Pictures and Negatives, etc., undated

How the Red Rose fought the White in Nashville years ago, Maxwell House Coffee,
Cheek-Neal Coffee Company, September, 1925 (Placed in Oversize, Box 5).

Jones, [George Andrew William Jackson] "Crook", 1990

"Crook", Nat Taylor, 1990

Information researched and written by Nancy Bowen, 1990

National Register Nomination Paper and Photos, 2000

Photos- Williams-Taylor House, undated

Williams-Taylor House- Historic Places Nomination Forms, Clinton Holloway,
2000

“Old Limber”, undated

Slides, 2000

Statement of Significance Document by Holloway, Clinton J., 2000

Statement of Significance Document by Taylor, Anne, undated

Sources cited by Taylor, Anne, 1979

Acreage/Dimensions, 1791-1908

Andrew Taylor Documentary, undated

Correspondence from Dessie Simmons to the Taylor’s, 1979

Deeds List, 1791-1908

Letter to Florence, 1978

National Register Nomination Form, 1979

Tennessee a Short History, undated

Tennessee Historical Markers, 1962

Williams-Taylor Family Tree, 1790-1931

Taylor, A. A., Correspondence, 1919 & 1925

Correspondence from A. A. Taylor, 1919

Correspondence from A. A. Taylor, 1925

Taylor, A. A., Jennie, Misc. Biographical, undated

Correspondence from Robert Taylor Junior, 2000

Elizabethton Star, A. A. Taylor- Obituary, 1931

Family Fun: Tennessee’s Famous ‘War of Roses’, Paul Smith, 1966

Jennie Taylor- Obituary, undated

Miscellaneous

Tennessee’s War of Roses, undated

The State of Tennessee Executive Chamber signed by A. A. Taylor, 1922

The Taylor Family in Tennessee History, 1993

The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History & Culture, undated

Taylor Family Properties, undated

Tennessee Preservation Trust Network Packet, undated

Taylor Historical Resources/Bibliography, 1973-1996

A Bibliography of Tennessee History, 1973-1996

Taylor House-Property, 1988-1989

Board of Trustees, Milligan College, 1989

Milligan College History Project, 1990

Milligan College Trustees Meeting, 1988

The Story of Senator Robert Taylor and Governor A. A. Taylor, undated

Taylor House Renovations, 2001

Johnson City Press Article, ‘Milligan house renovation is a project with vision’,
2001

Taylor House Renovation Brochure, undated

Taylor-Phillips House Dedication, 2002

- Taylor/Phillips House Dedication, 2002
- Taylor, Robert Love: Governor/Senator, undated**
The Bob Taylor Publishing Company, undated
- Taylor, Robert L., Florence, et. Al. 1956-1993**
Blueprint of Taylor Property, 1967
Correspondence from Dr. Marshall Leggett, Dr. Charles Allen, to Robert Taylor, 1985
Correspondence from Ernest Ward, Dr. Blaine Cutshall to Home Federal Savings & Loan Association, 1985
Correspondence from Judge Allen Sharp to Robert Taylor, 1993
Education, Elementary, and Secondary, undated
Remembering United States District Judge Robert L. Taylor, undated
The Knoxville Journal, 1978
The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture Clinton Desegregation Crisis, 1956
- Taylor, Robert Love “Judge”, Desegregation Case, undated**
Letter from Robert Taylor to Dean E. Walker, 1952
The Clinton 12-A Documentary Film, undated
Tennessee Historical Quarterly, 1994
Tennessee Historical Quarterly, 1995
Tennessee Historical Quarterly, 1997
- Tennessee Historical Commission and Marker, 2000**
Correspondence from Donald Jeanes to Linda Wynn, 2000
Correspondence from Linda Wynn to Clinton Holloway, 2000
Historical Mark Text Submittal- Application, undated
Tennessee Historical Commission- Memorandum, undated
Tennessee Historical Commission-National Register of Historic Places, undated
Tennessee Historical Commission- Policies and Procedures for National Register Nominations, undated
- War of the Roses. Taylor, Alfred, & Robert Love, 1860-1920 & 1993**
Tennessee Historical Quarterly, 1860-1920
The Taylor Family in Tennessee History, 1993
- Williams, Joshua, & Family, 1887-2000**
Correspondence from Tom Smalling to Clinton Holloway, 2000
Early History of Carter County (1760-1861), undated
History of Tennessee, 1887
Joshua Williams Certification, undated
Joshua Williams- Obituary, 1895
- Box 2**
Series: Magazines, 1905-1910
Bob Taylor’s Magazine and Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, undated
The Faces of Two Centuries, 1780-1980
Bob Taylor’s Magazine, 1905-1906

Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. I, No. 3, June, 1905
Bob Taylor's Magazine, October, 1905
Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. II, No. 2, November 1905
Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. II, No. 4, January, 1906
Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. II, No. 5, February, 1906
Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. II, No. 2, November, 1906

Bob Taylor's Magazine, 1906

Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. III, No. 1, April, 1906
Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. III, No. 2, May, 1906
Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. III, No. 3, June, 1906
Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. III, No. 4, July, 1906

Bob Taylor's Magazine, 1906

Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. III, No. 6, September, 1906
Bob Taylor's Magazine, October, 1906
Bob Taylor's Magazine, Vol. IV, No.2, November, 1906

The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, 1907

The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, January, 1907
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, March, 1907
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, April, 1907
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, June, 1907
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, July, 1907
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, September, 1907
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, October, 1907

The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, 1908

The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, January, 1908
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, March, 1908
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, May, 1908
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, October, 1908
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, Vol. VIII, No.3, December, 1908

The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, 1909

The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, Vol. VIII, No. 5, February, 1909
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, May, 1909
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, June, 1909
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, August, 1909
The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, September, 1909

The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, 1910

The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, April, 1910
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The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, July, 1910

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The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, August, 1910

The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, September, 1910

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Series:

Books (alphabetical), 1898-1925

Acts of the State of Tennessee while Robert Love Taylor, Governor, 1898.

Bob and Alf Taylor- Their Lives and Lectures, 1925.

Echoes, Gov. Bob Taylor, 1899.

Lectures and Best Literacy Productions of Bob Taylor, 1912-1913.

Life and Career of Senator Robert Love Taylor, 1913.

Box 4

Books

Life Pictures, 1907.

“Old Limber” or The Tale of the Taylors, 1921.

Private Acts of Tennessee including Alfred A. Taylor as Governor, 1921.

Oversize

Box 5 *How the Red Rose fought the White in Nashville years ago*, Maxwell House Coffee, Cheek-Neal Coffee Company, September, 1925.