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**LAND TRUST FOR TENNESSEE
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT
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INTRODUCTION

The Land Trust for Tennessee Oral History Project was a cooperative project conducted by Middle Tennessee State University, through the Public History Department, in 2004. The purpose of the project was to interview landowners that had placed a conservation easement on their land through the Land Trust for Tennessee for the purpose of protecting the land from future development. The interviews were conducted by students of the school. The properties included in this project are located in Carroll, Hickman, and Williamson counties.

The Land Trust for Tennessee was formed in January of 1999 with the stated mission of preserving Tennessee's natural landscapes and historic character for future generations. The Land Trust works with willing landowners to find ways to preserve forever the scenic and natural values of their land. The main tool used by the Land Trust is a conservation easement, which allows the landowner to retain ownership of the land, allows preservation of the land through customized restrictions on future development, and allows the landowner to obtain certain tax advantages. Once the restrictions are put in place, it is the intent of the Land Trust to enforce the restrictions in perpetuity. The Land Trust for Tennessee organization relies on tax deductible donations to fund its activities.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Land Trust for Tennessee Oral History Project Records consist of items relating to the interviews conducted with landowners that have placed conservation easements on their land and includes audiocassettes, videocassettes, computer discs, transcripts of interviews, maps showing location of properties, and photographs. Additionally, there are some printed materials including brochures and newsletters from the Land Trust for Tennessee organization.

The audio materials consist of standard audiocassettes, including the master tape and an equalized copy. The video materials consist of two different formats, Hi-8mm and DVCam format. The computer discs contain the transcripts from the interviews and are Microsoft Word documents. A printed copy of each transcript is available in the folder for each person interviewed.

When processing this collection, it was decided that the various types of materials needed to be housed in separate boxes due to the different media used, so the collection has been arranged into a box of the paper materials, a box containing the audio/video materials, a box containing the photographs, and a box containing the computer discs.

All materials in this collection will be housed together in the TSLA storage vault. Please allow the audio/video materials to acclimate for 24 hours after removal from the storage vault before using.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

Paper Records

1. Background Information on Project
2. Interviews-- Bell, Denmark, Williamson County, April 14, 2004
3. Interviews-- Benson, Ralph and Louise, "Osburn Farm", Williamson County, April 6, 2004
4. Interviews-- Crunk, Elizabeth and Bettye Cason, "Hill View Farm", a designated Century Farm, Williamson County, April 3, 2004
5. Interviews-- Fisher, Steve and Sue, "Bag End Farm", Williamson County, April 17, 2004
6. Interviews-- Holland Family, "The Holland Farm", a designated Century Farm, Carroll County, April 3, 2004
7. Interviews-- McEwen, Bill, Hickman County, April 15, 2004
8. Printed Materials-- Brochure-- "The Land Trust for Tennessee"
9. Printed Materials-- Brochure-- "Saving A Sense of Place"
10. Printed Materials-- Newsletter-- "The Land Trust for Tennessee"

Box 2

Computer Discs, 3.5" Floppy Discs, Microsoft Word 9.0 Documents

1. Bell, Denmark, Transcript, April 14, 2004
2. Benson, Ralph and Louise, Transcript, April 6, 2004
3. Crunk, Elizabeth and Bettye Cason, Transcript, April 3, 2004
4. Fisher, Steve and Sue, Photo Log and Transcript, April 17, 2004
5. McEwen, Bill, Transcript, April 15, 2004

Box 3

CDRom's and DVD-R

1. Bell, Denmark, Photo CD, April 15, 2004
2. Benson, Ralph and Louise, Photo CD, April 6, 2004
3. Fisher, Steve and Sue, Photo CD, April 17, 2004
4. Holland Family, Photo DVD, April 3, 2004

Box 4

Photographs

Bell, Denmark

- 1-A. Peacock - Color Photo
- 1-B. Peacock - Black & White Photo
- 2-A. Peacock - Color Photo
- 2-B. Peacock - Black & White Photo
- 3-A. Denmark Bell - Color Photo

- 3-B. Denmark Bell - Black & White Photo
- 4-A. Tenant House, "Mutt's House" - Color Photo
- 4-B. Tenant House, "Mutt's House" - Black & White Photo
- 5-A. Tenant House, "Mutt's House" - Color Photo
- 5-B. Tenant House, "Mutt's House" - Black & White Photo
- 6-A. Denmark Bell - Color Photo
- 6-B. Denmark Bell - Black & White Photo
- 7-A. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane - Color Photo
- 7-B. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane, Black & White Photo
- 8-A. Denmark Bell - Color Photo
- 8-B. Denmark Bell - Black & White Photo
- 9-A. Denmark Bell, Standing at Car on Lane - Color Photo
- 9-B. Denmark Bell, Standing at Car on Lane - Black & White Photo
- 10-A. Denmark Bell - Color Photo
- 10-B. Denmark Bell - Black & White Photo
- 11-A. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane - Color Photo
- 11-B. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane - Black & White Photo
- 12-A. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane, Color Photo
- 12-B. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane - Black & White Photo
- 13-A. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane - Color Photo
- 13-B. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane - Black & White Photo
- 14-A. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane - Color Photo
- 14-B. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane - Black & White Photo
- 15-A. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane - Color Photo
- 15-B. Denmark Bell, Walking Down Lane - Black & White Photo
- 16-A. Peacock With Feathers Out - Color Photo
- 16-B. Peacock With Feathers Out - Black & White Photo
- 17-A. Peacock With Feathers Out - Color Photo
- 17-B. Peacock With Feathers Out - Black & White Photo
- 18-A. Peacock With Feathers Out - Color Photo
- 18-B. Peacock With Feathers Out - Black & White Photo
- 19-A. Peacock With Feathers Out - Color Photo
- 19-B. Peacock With Feathers Out - Black & White Photo
- 20. Peacock With Feathers Out - Black & White Photo Only
- 21-A. Peacock - Color Photo
- 21-B. Peacock - Black & White Photo
- 22-A. Peacock With Barn In Background - Color Photo
- 22-B. Peacock With Barn In Background - Black & White Photo
- 23-A. Peacock With Barn In Background - Color Photo
- 23-B. Peacock With Barn In Background - Black & White Photo
- 24-A. Peacock With Barn In Background - Color Photo
- 24-B. Peacock With Barn In Background - Black & White Photo

- 25-A. Denmark Bell - Color Photo
- 25-B. Denmark Bell - Black & White Photo
- 26-A. Denmark Bell - Color Photo
- 26-B. Denmark Bell - Black & White Photo
- 27-A. Denmark Bell - Color Photo
- 27-B. Denmark Bell - Black & White Photo
- 28-A. Denmark Bell Standing at Fence - Color Photo
- 28-B. Denmark Bell Standing at Fence - Black & White Photo
- 29-A. Field With Cow - Color Photo
- 29-B. Field With Cow - Black & White Photo
- 30-A. Cow In Field With Barn and House In Background - Color Photo
- 30-B. Cow In Field With Barn and House In Background - Black & White Photo
- 31-A. Cow in Field With Barn - Color Photo
- 31-B. Cow In Field With Barn - Black & White Photo
- 32-A. Bell Home - Color Photo
- 32-B. Bell Home - Black & White Photo
- 33-A. Peacock With Feathers Out - Color Photo
- 33-B. Peacock With Feathers Out - Black & White Photo
- 34-A. Peacock With Fence and Barn in Background - Color Photo
- 34-B. Peacock With Fence and Barn in Background - Black & White Photo
- 35-A. Peacock With Fence and Barn in Background - Color Photo
- 35-B. Peacock With Fence and Barn in Background - Black & White Photo
- 36-A. Peacock Lying in Grass With Barn in Background - Color Photo
- 36-B. Peacock Lying in Grass With Barn in Background - Black & White Photo
- 37-A. Peacock Lying in Grass with House in Background - Color Photo
- 37-B. Peacock Lying in Grass with House in Background - Black & White Photo
- 38-A. Peacock Lying in Grass with House in Background - Color Photo
- 38-B. Peacock Lying in Grass with House in Background - Black & White Photo
- 39-A. Peacock Lying in Grass with House in Background - Color Photo
- 39-B. Peacock Lying in Grass with House in Background - Black & White Photo
- 40-A. Peacock Standing in Grass with House in Background - Color Photo
- 40-B. Peacock Standing in Grass with House in Background - Black & White Photo
- 41-A. Bell Home - Color Photo
- 41-B. Bell Home - Black & White Photo
- 42-A. Denmark Bell and Rachel Piacini - Color Photo
- 42-B. Denmark Bell and Rachel Piacini - Black & White Photo
- 43-A. Denmark Bell Standing Next to Fence - Color Photo
- 43-B. Denmark Bell Standing Next to Fence - Black & White Photo
- 44-A. Denmark Bell - Color Photo
- 44-B. Denmark Bell - Black & White Photo
- 45-A. Fence - Color Photo
- 45-B. Fence - Black & White Photo

- 46-A. Muddy Lane and Fence - Color Photo
- 46-B. Muddy Lane and Fence - Black & White Photo
- 47-A. Muddy Lane and Fence - Color Photo
- 47-B. Muddy Lane and Fence - Black & White Photo
- 48-A. Field with Small House in Background - Color Photo
- 48-B. Field with Small House in Background - Black & White Photo
- 49-A. Field with Cows in Background - Color Photo
- 49-B. Field with Cows in Background - Black & White Photo
- 50-A. Denmark Bell on Small Footbridge - Color Photo
- 50-B. Denmark Bell on Small Footbridge - Black & White Photo
- 51-A. Denmark Bell on Small Footbridge - Color Photo
- 51-B. Denmark Bell on Small Footbridge - Black & White Photo
- 52-A. Peacock - Color Photo
- 52-B. Peacock - Black & White Photo
- 53-A. Peacock With Feathers Out and Peacock on Fence - Color Photo
- 53-B. Peacock With Feathers Out and Peacock on Fence - Black & White Photo
- 54-A. Peacock With Feathers Out and Peacock on Fence - Color Photo
- 54-B. Peacock With Feathers Out and Peacock on Fence - Black & White Photo
- 55-A. Peacock with Feathers Out and Barn in Background - Color Photo
- 55-B. Peacock with Feathers Out and barn in Background - Black & White Photo
- 56. Photo Index, 1-40, Color Photos
- 57. Photo Index, 41 - 55, Color Photos, and 1 - 25, Black & White Photos
- 58. Photo Index, 26 - 55, Black & White Photos

Benson, Ralph & Louise

- 1. Front View of Osburn Farm
- 2. Side View of Osburn Farm
- 3. Osburn Farm Sign and View of Barn
- 4. Osburn Farm Sign and View of House
- 5. Louise Benson
- 6. Ralph and Louise Benson
- 7. Ralph and Louise Benson
- 8. Louise Benson
- 9. Louise Benson
- 10. Ralph and Louise Benson
- 11. Front Entrance and Horses
- 12. Tractor and Barns
- 13. Barn and Ridge
- 14. Barn and Ridge
- 15. Springhouse
- 16. View of House and Barns
- 17. View of Pond

18. House and Barn
19. House and Barn
20. House and Barn
21. Horse Barn
22. Pond
23. Tractor
24. Mr. Kitty (Barn Cat)
25. House
26. Photo Index
27. CD Rom Index
28. Negatives

Fisher, Steve & Sue

1. Steve & Sue Fisher, at Bethesda Public Library
2. Steve & Sue Fisher, at Bethesda Public Library
3. Interior of Main House, Log Cabin Section
4. Tobacco barn
5. Sticker of Land Trust for Tennessee Inside Fisher Home
6. Front Porch of House
7. View of Valley below Fisher House
8. Dairy Barn and Silo
9. View of Valley and Pond
10. "Buddy", Sheep guardian
11. Seed Grinder
12. Hay Crimper
13. Sheep in pasture
14. Sheep in pasture
15. "Buddy"
16. Silo
17. Dairy Barn and Silo
18. View of Tobacco barn and House
19. Smokehouse
20. Chicken Coop
21. Corner Shot of House
22. Pond and Wildlife Preserve
23. Storage Shed
24. Century Farm Sign at Beginning of Driveway
25. View from Driveway Entrance
26. Photo Index
27. CD Index
28. Negatives

McEwen, Bill

1. Bill McEwen with Zack Johnson in Front of His Bed and Breakfast Building
2. Bill McEwen and Brian Carper in Front of His Bed and Breakfast Building
3. Old McEwen Railroad Station moved to Property
4. Bill McEwen Standing in Front of Bed and Breakfast
5. Bill McEwen Standing in Front of Bed and Breakfast
6. Bill McEwen's Sons' House on The Property
7. Negatives

Box 5

Audio and Video Cassettes

1. Bell, Denmark Interview, Audiocassette, Master
2. Bell, Denmark Interview, Audiocassette, Equalized Copy
3. Bell, Denmark Interview, Videocassette, 8mm
4. Benson, Ralph & Louise, Audiocassette, Master
5. Benson, Ralph & Louise, Audiocassette, Equalized Copy
6. Benson, Ralph & Louise, Videocassette, Hi-8
7. Crunk, Elizabeth and Bettye Cason, Audiocassette, Master
8. Crunk, Elizabeth and Bettye Cason, Audiocassette, Equalized Copy
9. Crunk, Elizabeth and Bettye Cason, Videocassette, Hi-8
10. Fisher, Steve & Susan, Audiocassette, Master
11. Fisher, Steve & Sue, Audiocassette, Equalized Copy
12. Fisher, Steve & Sue, Videocassette, Hi-8
13. Holland Family #1, Audiocassette, Master
14. Holland Family #2, Audiocassette, Master
15. Holland Family, #1, Audiocassette, Equalized Copy
16. Holland Family, #2, Audiocassette, Equalized Copy
17. Holland Family, Videocassette, Mini DV
18. McEwen, Bill, Audiocassette, Master
19. McEwen, Bill, Audiocassette, Equalized Copy
20. McEwen, Bill, Videocassette, Mini DV