



State of Tennessee  
Department of State  
**Tennessee State Library and Archives**  
403 Seventh Avenue North  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0312

**WEAKLEY, SAMUEL ANDERSON (1887-1973)**  
**PAPERS, 1795-1971**

*Processed by:*

Mary Washington Frazier and Frances W. Kunstling

Archival Technical Services

Accession Number: 68-266, 69-057, 69-102, 70-026, 70-091, 70-100, 70-102, 7-111, 71-070, 71-167, 71-192, 72-148

Date Completed: September 12, 1968

Location: VI-F-1-2, VI-G-5 (Addition 75-148) VI-F-top, V-A-IV

Microfilm Accession Number: 1330

**MICROFILMED**

## **INTRODUCTION**

These papers of Samuel Anderson Weakley span the years 1795-1971. The papers were given to the Manuscripts Section by Samuel Anderson Weakly, retired engineer, United States Corp of Engineers, Nashville, Tennessee, and genealogist.

The materials in this collection measure 3.78 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Samuel Anderson Weakley may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Samuel Anderson Weakly Papers, ca. 1700-1968, containing eighteen volumes and approximately 800 items, consist of correspondence, documents, genealogical data, Bible records, clipping, sketches, maps, deeds, obituaries, and photographs. The greater part of this collection was assembled in the course of preparing his book, *The Southern Virginia Weakley Families and Their Descendents*, which Mr. Weakley in September

Included in the papers is a biography of Mr. Weakley, retired chief of the operation division of the United States Corp of Engineers, Nashville, Tennessee, and genealogist, written by Bill Woolsey for the magazines section of the Nashville *Tennessean*, December 11, 1949. There is another biographical sketch of Mr. Weakley in this collection which appeared in *V-Square*, the Vanderbilt engineering magazine, January, 1959.

In the collection are Mr. Weakley's notes, photographs, etc., concerning much of the early history of Nashville, Tennessee, and vicinity: Nashville's first field of corn : its lots; ferries on the Cumberland River; Heaton's Old Station; old Waynesboro on the Cumberland River near Nashville; the McGavock subdivision; Edgefield and Neill S. Brown property; etc.

Included are many aerial maps, 1938-1954, of section of Tennessee and Virginia which Mr. Weakley used in tracing the Weakley family history and also the history of early Nashville. Many of these maps have his notations of the locations of old deeds, showing the lands of the early settlers.

Some of the data he accumulated about the early days was published in *The Lifeline* (15 issues are in the collection), United States Engineer Office, and Nashville, Tennessee, 1941-1942. These include articles on baseball in Nashville, the New Madrid earthquake, etc.

Included are newspaper clippings of event in Nashville such as Lafayette's visit in 1825; the last remaining stagecoach lines, 1904; reservoir collapse, 1921; etc.: and many clippings concerning people and places of note in Tennessee.

Also included are copies of deeds regarding Weakley's land on Vaughn's Creek, Appomattox-Price Edward Counties, and Virginia.

In addition, there are photograph of Robert Weakley (1764-1845) and his wife, Jane Locke Weakley (1769-1838); and Mr. Weakley's snapshots of houses, springs, toll gates, etc., ca. 1952-1961.

Included is a newspaper account of the journal kept in 1840 by Samuel Harvey Laughlin (1796-1850), lawyer and landowner of Warren County, Tennessee, State Senator, and delegate to the Democratic National Convention, Baltimore, Maryland, in May, 1840.

There is a photostataic copy of a typewritten sketch, n.d., about the river traffic on the Cumberland in the 1890's as told by William T. Hunter and R.A. Goas, two long-time steamboat pilots and masters.

With the genealogical data on the Weakley and allied families is a volume, *The Weakley Family in America. 1730-1904*, compiled by Francis J. Weakley, and published in 1904. Included are photocopies of Bible records of the Weakley and allied families of Major, Pearman, Woodard, Stewart, and McCarty.

An addition to this collection consists of three letters and two documents. The letters included one written by Samuel Read Anderson from Mexico in 1847, one written by Susan (Trousdale) Allen from New Orleans in 1848, and one written by Mary (Read) Anderson from Pulaski, Tennessee, in 1843. The two documents are appointments for Samuel Read Anderson dated 1857 and 1861, signed by President James Buchanan and Governor Isham G. Harris, ac. no. 71-49.

Another addition to the Weakley Papers consists of a photocopy of a map and one of a chart drawn by Mr. Weakley to show where William Walker lived in Nashville. The map and chart both refer to property on High and Cherry Streets owned by Walker's father, James Walker, ac. no. 71-70.

One major addition to the collection consists of photograph albums, correspondence, clippings, diploma, map, various publications, S.A. Weakley's thesis concerning Cumberland River floods, research data for the thesis, and eight boxes of negatives of Mr. Weakley's photographs.

For other additions to the collection, please see the Container List.

# CONTAINER LIST

## Microfilm Container List

### Reels:

1. Box 1, folder 1 to Box 3, folder 3
2. Box 3, folder 4 to box 4, folder 8
3. Box 4, folder 9 to Box 6, folder 23
4. Box 6, folder 24 to Volume Wrapped Separately
5. Oversized Maps-Drawer No.2-Maps 1-12 to Addition box 3, folder 4

### Microfilm Reel # 1

#### Box 1

1. "First Field of Corn" – Nashville, Tennessee
2. McGavock's Subdivision – Nashville, Tennessee
3. Marathon Automobile – Nashville, Tennessee
4. Nashville, Tennessee – History, Lots, etc., in early days
5. Nashville, Tennessee – History, notes on
6. Nickajack Cave, Marion County, Tennessee
7. Rattlesnake Springs, Huntland, Tennessee
8. Reynoldsburg, Humphreys County, Tennessee
9. Robertson's Station, Davidson County, Tennessee
10. Wilson Spring and Branch, Nashville, Tennessee
11. Woodard Family Data – White's Creek

### Microfilm Reel # 1

#### Box 2

1. Bell, John – Home Place
2. Brooks, Christopher and Matthew
3. Brown's Old Station on Richland Creek
4. Draper Manuscripts
5. Edgefield and Neill S. Brown Property
6. Ferries on Cumberland River, Nashville, Tennessee
7. Heaton's Old Station
8. Lowe, Marvel – Notes on home, etc.
9. Nashville – Lots and Streets
10. References to Deeds, etc.
11. Sulphur Lick, Hickman County, Tennessee
12. Waynesboro – On Cumberland River, near Nashville, Tennessee
13. Walker, William-Map and chart showing Nashville property

### Microfilm Reel # 1

#### Box 3

1. Bible Records
2. Correspondence
- 2a. Correspondence
3. Documents

## **Microfilm Reel # 2**

### **Box 3**

4. Genealogical
5. Locke Family
6. Historic houses, etc.
7. Miscellaneous Records, re: Weakleys
8. Obituaries
9. Photographs

## **Microfilm Reel # 2**

### **Box 4**

1. Baseball and basketball, Nashville, Tennessee
2. "Fifty Years in Hendersonville"- Tennessee
3. Miscellaneous
4. Sketches
5. Sketches – Biography of S.A. Weakley, including World War I Papers
6. Sketches – First bridge over Cumberland River, Nashville
7. Sketches – Georgetown College, Kentucky; 1812 recruiting poster
8. Sketches – Meteorites; sinking of steamboat "Mechanic"

## **Microfilm Reel # 3**

### **Box 4**

9. Sketches – New Madrid earthquake, 1811-1812
10. Sketches – Oil; Tombigbee earthquake

## **Microfilm Reel # 3**

### **Box 5**

1. Clippings – Lafayette's visit to Nashville, 1825
2. Clippings – Miscellaneous
3. Clippings – Reservoir collapse, Nashville, 1912
4. Clipping – Stagecoach lines, Nashville
5. Deeds – Prince Edward County, Virginia
6. Maps – Aerial photo symbols, Tennessee and Virginia Maps
7. Maps – Charlotte County, Virginia
8. Maps – Halifax County, Virginia
9. Miscellaneous
10. Maps – Miscellaneous aerial maps
11. Maps – Montgomery County, Tennessee
12. Maps – Path of Nashville tornado, 1933
13. Maps – Sinking Creek, Sumner County, Tennessee
14. Maps – Tennessee – 1795; 1929; n.d.
15. Maps – White's Creek, Nashville

### **Box 6**

1. Clippings – Civil War

2. Clippings – Nashville, 1961-1963
3. Clippings – Springs in Nashville
4. Diary – Laughlin, Samuel Hervey, 1840
5. Sketches – Big Wheels and Little Wagons
6. Sketches – A Boy's River
7. Sketches – Daniel Boone; 1734-1820
8. Sketches – Castalian Springs
9. Sketches – George Rogers Clark, 1752-1818
10. Sketches – Rice Clendenen, 1872-
11. Sketches – “Cudjo” fl. 1839
12. Sketches – Fulton County, Kentucky
13. Sketches – General, miscellaneous
14. Sketches – General, miscellaneous
15. Sketches – Sam Houston
16. Sketches – William T. Hunter, fl 1887-1915
17. Sketches – Jesse James, 1847-1882
18. Sketches – Land Between the Rivers
19. Sketches – Natchez Trace
20. Sketches – Places-Miscellaneous
21. Sketches – John Ross, 1790-1866
22. Sketches – Nathan Stubblefield
23. Sketches – Sycamore Powder Mills

**Microfilm Reel # 4**

**Box 6**

24. Sketches – Tennesseans
25. Sketches – Tennesseans on the March
26. Sketches – Trail of the Little Moccasins
27. Sketches – Samuel Anderson Weakley, Biography, 1887-1973

**Microfilm Reel # 4**

**Box 7**

1. Sketches – Old Lebanon Road, 1951
2. Photographs – 1951-1959
3. 81 negatives of the Old Lebanon Road: Mooney School football teams.
4. 1900-1903: and Cumberland University football team, 1903: and basketball team, 1904 (for more detailed description see label on the outside of this folder)

**Microfilm Reel # 4**

**Box 8**

1. Photographs and negatives of subjects discussed in Samuel Anderson Weakley's book, *The Southern Weakley Families and Their Descendants*

**Microfilm Reel # 4**

**Box 9**

1. Designs, dams, locks, Cumberland River

2. Probable maximum flood at Nashville, Tennessee
3. Basketball at Vanderbilt University, 1893-1912
4. Basketball at Vanderbilt University – Varsity history, 1909-1910
5. Basketball at Vanderbilt University – Girls’ team, 1908-1909
6. Brown’s Old Station, Nashville, Tennessee
7. “Ildewild” – Home of Neill S. Brown
8. Sketches – Biographical – Weakley, Samuel Anderson
9. Sigmachi; Tyree Springs
10. Bible Records; Revolutionary War Papers – William Morrison and Will of Peter Coffee
11. Letter – Swain, Geneva, 1971 (Not on Microfilm)

**Volume Wrapped Separately**

Manuscript copy of the first 225 pages of Samuel Anderson Weakley’s book, *The Southern Weakley Families and Their Descendents*

**Map Drawer No.2**

1. Illustrated map of Cahaba, Alabama, 1948
2. Cheatham County, Tennessee – Map prepared by Albert F. Ganier
3. Plat showing location of early land deeds, Nashville, Tennessee, S.A. Weakley
4. United States Geological Survey Map of Virginia, 1957
5. United States Department of Agriculture map of Halifax County Virginia
6. Fourteen aerial maps used in Mr. Weakley’s research (see Box 5. folder 6) for list of symbols identifying these maps as to locate).
7. Lawrenceville Quadrangle, Virginia Geological Survey Map, 1921
8. Kenbridge Quadrangle, Virginia Geological Survey Map, 1955
9. Clarkville Quadrangle, Virginia, Division of Mineral Resources, 1957
10. Virginia – Farmville Sheet Map, United States Department of the Interior, 1983, reprinted, 1951
11. Virginia - North Carolina - Wytheville Sheet Map, United States Department of Interior, 1983, reprinted, 1982, reprinted 1945
12. Map – Old Lebanon Road

## NAME INDEX

This is a name index of the correspondence only in the Samuel Anderson Weakley Papers, together with the data of the letters. The numbers in parentheses immediately following the author's name denote the number of letters, if more than one. The last number refers to the box and folder number in which letters may be found.

- Alexander, Jim to Samuel Anderson Weakley, 1950, re: personal data, 1-2
- Butler, William M. (19) to Samuel Anderson Weakley, 192-1958, re: baseball memories: living conditions in St. Petersburg, personal data, 1-1
- Bolon, E.S. to Samuel Anderson Weakley, 1917, re: photographs taken of the Rolon Mountain area: article read by Weakley in the *Photo-Era* by Weakley: equipment used in taking photograph, 1-2
- Bruce, Charles (2) to Samuel Anderson Weakley, 1949-1950, re: photographs of 1905 basketball team and Grade 2B at Warner School, 1-2
- Conditt, Kathryn (4) to Mrs. Samuel Anderson Weakley, n.d., re: thank-you notes, 1-2
- Cude, Agnes Hall to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Anderson Weakley, n.d., re: thanking couple for hospitality and picture of "Class of 1897", 1-2
- Hall, Nina Hogan (4) to Samuel Anderson Weakley, 1952, leaving San Diego: thanks for work on the Hogan ancestry and photographs, 1-2
- Hoffman, Daisy to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Anderson Weakley, n.d., thanking couple for hosting class reunion, 1-2
- Holmes, L. Palmer to Anderson Weakley, 1954, re: memories of the football team, hiking trip to Beersheba Springs: personal news, 1-2
- Hows, Dora Hoffman to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Anderson Weakley, n.d., re: thanking couple for class reunion, 1-2
- Hungerford, E.V. to Anderson Weakley, 1949, re: medical problems identifying members of baseball team, 1-2
- McQuiddy, Evelyn to Anderson Weakley, 1949, re: identification of person in photograph taken in second grade, 1-2
- Metzger, W.E. to Anderson Weakley, 1949, re: identification of person in 1905 baseball photograph, 1-2
- Puckett, Rudy C to Anderson Weakley, 1950, re: personal new: identification of second grade picture, 1-2
- Weakley, Samuel A. to W.K. Wilson, 1961, re: identification of picture; personal news, 1-2
- Weakley, Samuel A. to W.K. Wilson 1961, re: football trip to Huntsville, Alabama issues of the 1905-1907 *Fogg Echo*; identification of members of 1905 baseball team; personal news, 1-2
- Wills, Richard Henry to Samuel Anderson Weakley, 1961, re: thanks for photograph of 1905 Fogg High baseball team, 1-2