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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Carey Edward Waldrip (1938 -), engineering associate, amateur historian, and member of the Coffee County Historical Society, span the years 1813, 1935 – 1973. They deal with the development of the Old Stone Fort as a state park and the passage of state legislation preserving Tennessee's archaeological heritage. These papers were given to the State of Tennessee by Mr. Carey E. Waldrip of Manchester, Tennessee.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Carey Edward Waldrip Papers, containing approximately 100 items, span the years 1813 and 1935 – 1973. The collection is composed primarily of correspondence, and also included are newspaper clippings, a portion of a diary, a photograph, and miscellaneous items. This collection reflects the concern of many Tennessee citizens for the preservation and development of Tennessee's prehistoric heritage through citizen involvement and meaningful state legislation.

A large segment of the correspondence, 1960 – 1966, deals with the successful efforts of Waldrip and others to preserve the Old Stone Fort, located near Manchester in Coffee County, and to develop the fort and surrounding area as a state park. Subjects covered include speculations as to when, why, and by whom the fort was built; lists of source materials on prehistoric forts; results of tests made on iron samples found in the fort area; efforts to persuade the State to purchase the fort and surrounding area; Old Stone Fort Day; and efforts to keep successive Governors Frank G. Clement and Buford Ellington favorably informed of these activities. There is also correspondence between Waldrip and several Chambers of Commerce in Ohio concerning information on prehistoric Indian earthworks in that state.

Old Stone Fort, which is located on a natural plateau near converging forks of the Duck River, is one of the best examples of a prehistoric earth and rock enclosure site in the southeastern United States. At one time it was theorized by some that the site had been built by early European explorers such as the Norse or Welsh; however, archaeological investigations and Carbon-14 tests have shown the fort walls to have been built between A.D. 30 – 430, by Indians related to the Hopewell culture of the Ohio Valley. In 1972, the fort was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Most of the remaining correspondence, 1969 – 1970, as well as the newspaper clippings and photograph deal with the efforts of Waldrip, the Tennessee Archaeological Society, and other concerned citizens to secure passage of legislation by the Tennessee General Assembly, insuring recognition and protection of Tennessee's archaeological sites. This was accomplished in 1970 with enactment of a law creating a division of archaeology, a state archaeologist, and a state archaeology advisory council within the Tennessee Department of Conservation.

Correspondents include William L. Barry, Lloyd Chapman, Frank G. Clement, Walter L. Criley, Buford Ellington, Alred K. Guthe, Edward F. Jones, Clyde Keeler, Stephen S. Lawrence, David W. Shields, III, and Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr.

Also included in the Waldrip papers is a typed transcript of a portion of the 1813 diary of Isaac Conger, a Methodist circuit rider in Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Lincoln, Moore, and Warren counties. The original diary and a microfilm copy are in the holdings of the Manuscripts section of the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

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