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**WILLIAMS, C. FOSTER,
METEOROLOGICAL RECORD BOOKS,
1856-1889**

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INTRODUCTION

The two meteorological record books on this microfilm were loaned to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Ms. Martha Gambill of Huntsville, Alabama. After filming, the books were returned to Ms. Gambill.

The books, dated 1856-1879 and 1880-1887, contain meteorological information for Ashwood, Maury County, Tennessee, that was collected by Rev. C. Foster Williams. The book dated 1880-1887 also contains astrological information and records of rainfall for Nashville, Tennessee. The records of rainfall for Nashville, Tennessee, were compiled by L. N. Jesunofsky for the Office of Observation.

According to *Goodspeed's History Of Maury County, Tennessee*, Rev. Williams was one of the pastors of Mt. Zion church in the Zion Church neighborhood of Maury County. He was a member of the Columbia Masonic Lodge and was one of the petitioners to the Grand Commandery to start the DeMolay Commandery #3, Knights Templar, of Columbia, Tennessee. In 1857, he performed the marriage ceremony for W. Vance Thompson, then State Representative for Williamson, Maury, and Lewis Counties, when he married Mary F. Stephenson.

Source: The biographical information on Rev. C. Foster Williams was gleaned from the following websites:

<http://www.tngennet.org/maury/history/historyindex.htm>

<http://www.columbialodge.com/command/demolay3.htm>

<http://searches.rootsweb.com/usgenweb/archives/tn/maury/newspapers/newsmisc.txt>

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