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**KEMPVILLE FUNERAL HOME  
(SMITH COUNTY, TENN.)  
RECORDS,  
1933-1971**

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## INTRODUCTION

The record books on this microfilm were loaned to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Mrs. Charlotte Fox of Hermitage, Tennessee. After filming, the books were returned to Mrs. Fox.

The books, containing minutes, financial, death and ambulance records from the Kempville Funeral Home, span the period 1933-1971.

The Kempville Funeral Home was opened, in Difficult (Smith County), Tennessee, in 1928. Les and Willie B. McCall Hackett were the owners. In 1937, Willie B. took over the business at a time when not many women were running businesses. She received her Tennessee Funeral Directors license in 1951. In 1963, Kempville Funeral Home reached beyond Smith County to serve families in the Jackson County area as well with a new full service facility and a modern chapel. In September of 1971, Mrs. Hackett sold the Kempville Funeral Home to the Sanderson Funeral Home in Carthage. She continued to work at the funeral home for several years until her ill health forced her to retire. Mrs. Hackett passed away on May 22, 1992. Her funeral was held in the Hackett Chapel of the Sanderson Funeral Home in Kempville (previously the Kempville Funeral Home).

Source: The biographical information on Willie B. Hackett and the Kempville Funeral Home was gleaned from an obituary for Willie B. Hackett in the May 28, 1992, edition of the *Carthage Courier* and from a handwritten biographical sketch of Willie B. Hackett. The biographical sketch was written by Mrs. Hackett's granddaughter, Charlotte Fox.

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