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**JUDD BROOKS PAPERS,  
1910-1962**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Judd Brooks Papers, 1910-1962, were purchased from Ray Demonbreun at the Nashville Flea Market in Nashville, Tennessee. The collection consists of 154 items and is arranged in alphabetical order by document type. The collection is housed in two manuscript boxes and has no restrictions.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Judd Brooks Papers, 1910-1962, consist of 154 items and are arranged in alphabetical order by document type. Judd Brooks was the District Agent of the Agricultural Extension Service in West Tennessee from 1916 to sometime in the 1950s and the collection primarily consists of items related to his work in that area.

The collection begins with two account receipts. The first is from the Peoples Savings Bank in Jackson, Tennessee, dated December 2, 1924. The second is signed by Buford Ellington and shows \$229.00 in the account. There is some additional writing in pencil on the receipt. Also included in the collection is an agreement that concerns property in the Fourth Ward in Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee, dated October 15, 1947. The agreement is signed by Judd Brooks, as well as R. E. Franklin and [illegible] Winningham. There is also a blank copy of the agreement included.

The collection also includes seventy-three incoming letters to Judd Brooks, dated 1916-1956. The correspondence is mostly business-oriented. Several of these letters are congratulations to Brooks on being presented with the U.S. Department of Agriculture "Superior Service Award." Included in the letters is an article sent to Brooks by Lonnie Safely, entitled "America's Best Crop." The collection also includes forty-two outgoing letters from Judd Brooks, dated 1917-1956. Thirty-nine of these are thank-you letters from Brooks to his business associates.

The collection also contains a desk calendar and diary (presumably Brooks') from the year 1940. There are only five notes throughout the entire calendar, most of which are lists, not appointments. Also included are an index of special guests being invited to Judd Brooks Day on December 3, 1955, in Jackson, Tennessee; an undated map from Southern Bell containing a blueprint of a subdivision for cable placement; three newsletters, dated 1936, 1937, and 1951, two from the American Farm Bureau Federation detailing agricultural news and a third from the U.S. Department of Agriculture which is their Employee News Bulletin.

The Judd Brooks Papers also include five newspaper clippings and the society section from *The Jackson Sun*, dated September 9, 1962. The society section shows wedding announcements, and the other clippings are about Judd Brooks and the award he received from the Department of Agriculture. Also included are nine pamphlets, dated 1910-1949 and undated. The first pamphlet is titled "Jesus and the Children," Children's Day Service, June 1910. Several hymnals are included. There is also a pamphlet from the Madison County Farm Bureau; Constitutions and by-laws for the 4-H club; "Jackson Rotary News," which lists its committees and its members; First Presbyterian Church program; "What Are You Going to DO about It?" concerning farming and agricultural issues; a travel card issued by Universal Air Travel Plan, which gives information on their travel cards; and two copies of the Madison County Farm Bureau constitution.

The collection also contains three reports, dated 1916 and undated. The first is titled "Report of the Christian Relations Committee on Race Relations—Memphis Presbytery." The second is a farmers' cooperative demonstration work for the county of Madison, extending over the period of time from February 1, 1916, to November 1, 1916. The third is a blank application for the State Supplementary Annual Report. The

collection also includes a listing of members of Epsilon Sigma Phi Fraternity, Omega Chapter. Names, titles, and addresses are included.

There are also three undated signs in the collection. The first is "Judd Brooks, The Agriculturist, Judd Brooks, The Organizer." The second purports to be Judd Brooks' report card from the University of Tennessee. It shows his grades in English, math, agriculture, and chemistry. The third shows a 4-H clover and the slogan "Youth, Our Priceless Resource." Also included are two undated handwritten speeches. The first is about Justice S. Morrill and the second was delivered to the fraternity Phi Kappa Phi. Two telegrams are found in the collection, dated December 20, 1955. They are both addressed to Judd Brooks, congratulating him on his award.

Lastly, there are four photographs in the collection, three of which are board-mounted. The first is of the Oakfield Corn Club, 1917. It shows seven men and boys with a banner that says, "First Community Prize/Madison County/Presented by Merchants and Manufacturers Assoc." The second photograph shows a display of different varieties of corn. It is marked on the back as "Madison Boys' Corn Club, 1916." The third photograph is of the Madison County exhibit display at the Tri-State Fair, 1918. The last photograph is of an 8 x 10 map that is labeled "Cooperative Marketing, West Tennessee, 1918."

## CONTAINER LIST

### Box 1

1. Account receipts, 1924, 1955
2. Agreements, 1947
3. Correspondence -- Incoming -- Brooks, Judd, 1916-1956, n.d.
4. Correspondence -- Outgoing -- Brooks, Judd, 1917-1955
5. Desk calendar & diary, 1940
6. List -- Invitations for Judd Brooks Day 1955
7. Map -- Southern Bell subdivision map for cable placement, n.d.
8. Newsletters -- American Farm Bureau Federation & USDA, 1936-1951
9. Newspaper clippings, 1962, n.d.
10. Pamphlets, 1919-1949, n.d.
11. Report -- Christian Relations Committee Race Relations--Memphis Presbytery, n.d.
12. Report -- Farming in Madison County, 1916
13. Report -- State Supplementary Annual Report, n.d.
14. Roster -- Epsilon Sigma Phi, Omega Chapter, 1955
15. Signs, n.d.
16. Speeches, n.d.
17. Telegrams, 1955

### Box 2

Photographs (4)