

**TENNESSEE GOVERNORS' PROCLAMATION BOOKS
1865-1976**

Record Group 264

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INTRODUCTION

Record Group 264, Tennessee Governors' Proclamation Books, 1865 through 1976, consists of 22 volumes of official proclamations. These volumes represent copies of the official proclamations made by the Governors of Tennessee from the terms of Governor William G. Brownlow through Governor Ray Blanton. The proclamations were compiled and bound in volumes by the Secretary of State's office and arranged in chronological order. An index is included in the front of each volume with the exception of volume 2.

This record group has been microfilmed and the original documents have been maintained. There are no restrictions on the use of materials in this collection.

SCOPE & CONTENT

Tennessee Governors' Proclamation Books, Record Group 264, begin with the administration of William G. Brownlow on April 13, 1865, and continue through the administration of Governor Ray Blanton with the last entry on July 22, 1976. A cursory inspection of the governors' papers from this time period indicate that this record group should not be considered the only source of governors' proclamations. It is also recommended that researchers refer to the governors' papers for proclamations before or after the inclusive dates of this record group. The 22 volumes in this record group were compiled and bound by the Secretaries of State and contain copies of proclamations issued by the governors. The documents found in these volumes are copies of the original documents. Later proclamations are obviously photostatic copies while others seem to be embossed copies. Earlier volumes contain handwritten copies of the proclamations that were signed by a clerk.

Volume number nine is missing suggesting a gap from May 1954 through September 1955. Also, volume number eleven is not included; however, there does not appear to be a gap in the documents. This is indicated by the fact that volume 10-2088 ends with April 1959 and volume 12 begins April 1959. The problem appears to be some confusion on the part of the book binder concerning the sequential numbering of the volumes. As you will find in the Container List, there can be more than one governor represented in a volume. This is especially true in the earlier volumes.

Researchers interested in the Civil War and Reconstruction era will be especially interested in the proclamations of Governor Brownlow found in volume one.

CONTAINER LIST

VOL:	PAGE:	DESCRIPTION:
1.	1-126	Gov. William G. Brownlow--April 1865 - December 1868
	127-154	Gov. D. W. C. Senter--March 1869 - October 1871
	155-224	Gov. John C. Brown--November 1871 - December 1874
	225-253	Gov. James D. Porter--January 1875 - November 1879
	254-263	Gov. Albert S. Marks--January 1879 - November 1881
	264-272	Gov. Alvin Hawkins--November 1881 - November 1882
	273-276	Gov. William B. Bate--May 1885
	277-280	Gov. Robert L. Taylor--February 1890 - March 1890
	281-291	Gov. John P. Buchanan--July 1891 - November 1892
	292-310	Gov. Peter Turney--January 1893 - January 1897
	311-322	Gov. Robert L. Taylor--April 1897 - November 1898
	323-327	Gov. Benton McMillin--December 1900 - November 1902
	329-339	Gov. James B. Frazier--February 1903 - November 1904
	341-344	Gov. John I. Cox--August 1905 - August 1960
	346-356	Gov. Malcolm R. Patterson--August 1907 - November 1910
	357-385	Gov. Ben W. Hooper--August 1911 - December 1914
	386-457	Gov. Tom C. Rye--May 1915 - December 1918
	458-496	Gov. A. H. Roberts--January 1919 - May 1922
	497-504	Gov. A. A. Taylor--August 1922 - November 1922
2.	1-2	Gov. A. A. Taylor--August 1922 - November 1922
	3-53	Gov. Austin Peay--August 1923 - September 1927
	54-126	Gov. Henry Horton--October 1927 - November 1932
	127-226	Gov. Hill McAllister--February 1933 - January 1937
	227-298	Gov. Gordon Browning--January 1937 - June 1938
3.	1-19	Gov. Gordon Browning--June 1938 - January 1939
	21-300	Gov. Prentice Cooper--January 1939
4.	1-287	Gov. Prentice Cooper--December 1941 - December 1944
	289-301	Gov. Jim McCord--January 1945 - February 1945
5.	1-299	Gov. Jim McCord--February 1945 - April 1948
6.	1-83	Gov. Jim McCord--April 1948 - January 1949
	84-303	Gov. Gordon Browning--January 1949 - July 1950
7.	1-300	Gov. Gordon Browning--July 1950 - November 1952
8.	1-19	Gov. Gordon Browning--December 1952 - January 1954
	21-299	Gov. Frank G. Clement--January 1954 - May 1954
9.		Volume Missing
10-2830.	1-297	Gov. Frank G. Clement--September 1955 - September 1956
10-2088.	2-258	Gov. Frank G. Clement--September 1956 - January 1959
	259-309	Gov. Buford Ellington--January 1959 - April 1959
11.		Volume Missing

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VOL:	PAGE:	DESCRIPTION:
12.	1-300	Gov. Buford Ellington--April 1959 - January 1962
13.	1-152	Gov. Buford Ellington--January 1962 - January 1963
	153-299	Gov. Frank G. Clements--January 1963 - January 1964
14.	1-300	Gov. Frank G. Clements--January 1964 - October 1965
15.	1-178	Gov. Frank G. Clement--October 1965 - January 1967
16.	1-258	Gov. Buford Ellington--January 1967 - May 1968
17.	1-235	Gov. Buford Ellington--May 1968 - December 1969
18.	1-171	Gov. Buford Ellington--November 1968 - January 1971
19.	1-298	Gov. Winfield Dunn--January 1971 - January 1972
20.	1-300	Gov. Winfield Dunn--February 1972 - March 1973
21.	1-300	Gov. Winfield Dunn--June 1972 - May 1974
22.	1-180	Gov. Winfield Dunn--October 1974 - January 1975
	181-300	Gov. Ray Blanton--January 1975 - May 1975
23.	1-292	Gov. Ray Blanton--May 1975 - July 1976