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## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SECRETARY OF STATE, GENTRY CROWELL 1973-[1981-1989]-1990

### Record Group 274

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## INTRODUCTION

The records contained in Record Group 274, Tennessee Department of State, Secretary of State, Gentry Crowell, span the period 1973 through 1990, although the bulk of the collection is concentrated in the period of 1981 through 1989. The record group consists of correspondence and subject files reflecting the various activities and responsibilities of the Office of the Secretary of State.

The records contained in this collection came directly to the Tennessee State Library & Archives from the Secretary of State's office. The final disposition of these records was determined by the Records Disposition Authorization (RDA) process. In accordance with the RDA, all material in Record Group 274 has been microfilmed and the originals were disposed of by the state approved method.

Record Group 274 consists of approximately 11 cubic feet. Records removed and destroyed during processing were duplicate copies and routine office materials. State publications were removed during processing and added to the library holdings. There are no restrictions to access.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

Record Group 274, Tennessee Department of State, Secretary of State, Gentry Crowell consists primarily of business correspondence related to the various activities of the Office of the Secretary of State. These documents reflect the administrations of Gentry Crowell who served from January of 1977, until his death in December of 1989, and the brief term of his replacement Milton R. Rice. Secretary Rice served from December 22, 1989, through January 25, 1990. Secretary Rice was replaced by the election of Secretary Bryant Millsap.

The original order of this collection was vague and partially random. It was perceived that the collection was divided into three series. Series One and Two were roughly alphabetical subject files. Final arrangement retained this system as close as possible. Series Three was discovered to be in complete random order with the original file folders discarded. The arrangement of Series Three had to be completely reconstructed by sorting individual documents into the various Divisions of the Department of State and finally into broad subject files. This explains the reason for the overlapping date ranges of Series Two and Three. The subject files in all three series have been arranged chronologically. The Container List includes date ranges for each subject file, however the researcher is cautioned against assuming that the information included in the particular subject file is all-inclusive. A better description of these files is that they are fragmented. For instance, a range indicating 1979-1989 may contain as little as three or four documents.

A topic of interest included in this collection is the investigation of the constitutionality of bingo halls, raffles, and gambling in Tennessee. The result of the investigation led to the end of bingo and all forms of gambling in Tennessee. This record group may be beneficial if used in conjunction with other record groups concerning the Department of State. Much of the material is routine, showing the evolution and growth of the Department of State.

Researchers may wish to consult other Secretary of State records such as Record Group 30, 1796-1865, and Record Group 68, 1866-1976.

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>SERIES ONE</b> <b>1981-1986</b>
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1. Administrative Procedures Division, 1985
2. Advisory Committee on Computerization, 1984
3. Attorney General--Questions and Opinions, 1985-1986
4. Bingo, 1985-1986
5. Budget, 1984-1986
6. Building Commission, 1985-1986
7. Charter of Incorporation--Bumpas Cove Citizens Group, Inc., 1981
8. Castle Heights Military Academy--Request for Proclamation, 1981
9. Correspondence--To Gentry Crowell, 1981-1986
10. Division of Charitable Solicitations, 1981 & 1986
11. Division of Elections, 1984-1986
12. Division of Publications, 1985-1986
13. Division of Services, 1984-1986
14. Homecoming '86--Library Equipment Distribution, 1985-1986
15. Homecoming '86--Photographic Project, 1986
16. Invitations, 1981 & 1982
17. Lobbyist Registration, 1984-1985
18. Memoranda--To Gentry Crowell, 1984-1986
19. Memoranda--To James W. Simmons, Executive Assistant, 1985-1986
20. Personnel, 1985-1986
21. Petition--Procurement of Computer System for Legislature, 1986
22. Press Releases, 1984-1986
23. Reclassifications & Job Descriptions, 1984-1985
24. Records Center--Department of General Services, 1981-1984
25. Regional Libraries, 1982-1986
26. State Funding Board Meeting, June 1986
27. Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries, 1982-1986
28. Tennessee Historical Commission, 1985
29. Tennessee Library Association, 1983-1985
30. Tennessee State Library & Archives--Administration, 1982-1986
31. Tennessee State Library & Archives--Building Update, 1985-1986
32. Tennessee State Library & Archives--Management Board, 1983-1986

**SERIES TWO**  
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1. Attorney General, 1988-1989
2. Bingo--Correspondence, 1987-1989
3. Bingo--Court Records, 1987-1988
4. Bingo--Denied Permits, 1988
5. Bingo--Financial Data Submitted by Licensed Organizations
6. Bingo--Investigation, 1988-1989
7. Bingo--Legislation, 1988
8. Bingo--Raffles, 1989
9. Bond Finance Committee, 1987
10. Budget Summaries, 1987-1988
11. Campaign Financial Disclosure Statements, 1989
12. Chinese Correspondence, 1987--Translated
13. Christmas Greeting, 1989--Form Letter
14. Complaints, 1989
15. Complaints, 1987-1988
16. Compliments, 1989-1990
17. Constitutional Officer Elections, 1988-1989
18. Corporations--Nashville Bar Association, 1988
19. Corporations--Personnel, 1988-1989
20. Council Generals, 1988-1989
21. Correspondence--Mary Sue Wright, 1988-1989
22. Crowell, Gentry--Personal Correspondence, 1989
23. Crowell, Gentry--Personal File, 1988-1989
24. Designer Selection Sub-Committee, 1987
25. Designer Selection Sub-Committee--Lorraine Motel Museum, 1987
26. Directors' Meeting, Aug. 25, 1989
27. Division of Administrative Procedures, 1989-1990
28. Division of Administrative Procedures, 1988
29. Division of Charitable Solicitations, July 1988-July 1989
30. Division of Corporations--Correspondence, January 1989-August 1989
31. Division of Corporations--Correspondence, 1987-1988
32. Division of Corporations--Commendations, 1988-1989
33. Division of Corporations--Legislation, 1988-1989
34. Division of Corporations--Weekly Updates, 1989
35. Division of Elections--Election Certifications, 1988
36. Division of Elections--Election Returns, 1988-1990
37. Division of Elections--Correspondence, October 1989-January 1990
38. Division of Elections--Correspondence, January 1989-September 1989
39. Division of Elections--Correspondence, 1987-1988
40. Division of Elections--Legislation, 1989
41. Division of Elections--Meeting Notices, 1988-1989
42. Division of Elections--Personnel, 1988-1989

43. Division of Elections--Minutes, 1988
44. Division of Publications--Records, 1989
45. Fiscal Correspondence--Jim Simmons, 1988-1989
46. Fiscal Office--Correspondence, 1989
47. Fiscal Year Closing, 1988
48. Flag Requests, 1987-1990
49. Library & Archives:
  - 49.1. Advisory Council, 1987-1989
  - 49.2. Advisory Council-Institutional Evaluations, 1989
  - 49.3. Budget Requests, 1989-1990
  - 49.4. Budget Requests, 1980-1987
  - 49.5. Correspondence--Gleaves, Dr. Edwin, Nov. 1988-Aug. 1989
  - 49.6. Correspondence--Gleaves, Dr. Edwin, Dec. 1987-Oct. 1988
  - 49.7. Correspondence--Library & Archives, Miscellaneous, 1989-1990
  - 49.8. Correspondence--Library & Archives, Miscellaneous, 1988-1989
  - 49.9. Correspondence--Library & Archives, Misc., Feb. 1988-Dec. 1988
  - 49.10. Correspondence--Metro/Regional Directors, 1988-1989
  - 49.11. Correspondence--Nelson, Sandra, 1988-1989
  - 49.12. Library Services Construction Act, Jan. 1988-Aug. 1989
  - 49.13. Library Standards Committee--Regional, 1988-1990
  - 49.14. Library Tour--West Tennessee, August 14-18, 1989
  - 49.15. Library Tour--Fort Loudoun, October 19, 1989
  - 49.16. Library Travel, 1988-1989
  - 49.17. Listening to Tennessee Tour, September 5, 1989
  - 49.18. Regional Library Construction, 1988
  - 49.19. Regional Libraries--Consolidated Retirement System, 1989
  - 49.20. Regional Libraries--Internal Audit, 1988-1989
  - 49.21. Resignation--Dr. John McGlone, 1989
  - 49.22. Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board, 1987-1989
50. NASS (National Association of Secretaries of State), 1989
51. NASS--Vail, Colorado Meeting, July 15-19, 1989
52. NASS--Santa Fe, New Mexico Meeting, Feb. 24-28, 1989
53. NASS--1988
54. NASS--Boston, MA Meeting, July 11-16, 1987
55. Newspaper Clippings/Press Releases, 1988-1990
56. Notaries, 1987-1989
57. Nutty Letters, 1988-1990
58. Pending, 1987-1989
59. Personal Disclosure--Gentry Crowell-Insurance
60. Personnel--Class/Compensation changes, 1989-1990
61. Personnel--Correspondence-Miscellaneous, 1987-1989
62. Personnel--Correspondence-James Petrucelli, 1989
63. Personnel--Policy & Procedure Manuals, 1989-1990
64. Personnel--Performance Evaluations, 1989
65. Personnel--Status Reports, 1988-1989
66. Personnel--Training

67. Power of Attorney--Milton P. Rice, 1989
68. Power of Attorney--Limited, 1989
69. Public Service Commission--Certification of 1985 Ad Valorem Assessments
70. Questionnaires, Dec. 1987-Feb. 1990
71. Rice, Milton P.--Biographical Sketch/Correspondence, Dec. 1989-Jan. 1990
72. Receipting Activity, 1980-1989
73. Records Disposition Authorization, 1988-1989
74. Recycling Program, 1989
75. Registry of Election Finance, 1989-1990
76. Requests for Information, Jan. 1989-May 1989
77. Requests for Information, July 1989-Dec. 1989
78. Requests for Information, Nov. 1987-Dec. 1988
79. Requests for Information, Jan. 1990
80. Requests for Information--In House, Jan. 1988-Dec. 1988
81. Requests for Information--In House, Forwarded, 1989-Jan. 1990
82. Senate Annual Democratic Caucus Meeting, 1988
83. Special School Districts--Abolishment, 1989
84. Speeches--Gentry Crowell, 1988-1989
85. Sequatchie County High School GED Graduation, 1989
86. State Building Commission, Jan.-June 1987
87. State Building Commission, July-October 1987
88. Subpoena, 1988-1989
  - 88.1. The State of Tennessee on Relation of Tennessee Valley Cardiovascular Assoc. and Blount Internal Medicine Group against Milton P. Rice.
  - 88.2. Gentry Crowell to Testify before Grand Jury.
  - 88.3. Rebecca Gaebler against Shamseddin Tabatabaee and Auto-Boutique International.
  - 88.4. International Indemnity Company against Best Cartage Company.
  - 88.5. United States of America against Robert Eugene Bailes.
  - 88.6. Charles Gordon Vick against The Memphis Shelby County Bar Assoc.
  - 88.7. Metro Credit Management against Gentry Crowell and Mike Cody.
  - 88.8. Gary S. Sowder against James E. Word, et al.
89. Tax Returns, 1987-1989
90. Tennessee County Services Association Meeting, 1988
91. Treasurer's Office--Revenue Collection Statements, 1989

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3. Building Commission, 1978-89
4. Building Commission--Lorraine Motel Civil Rights Museum Project, 1986-1987
5. Board of Claims, 1989
6. Budget Requests, 1986-1987
7. Capitol Grounds Usage Requests, 1987
8. Congratulatory Letters--From Gentry Crowell, 1984
9. Corrections Department, 1983-1987
10. Correspondence--General, 1977-1987
11. Correspondence--Referrals, Forwarded, 1981-1987
12. Court Rulings, 1986
13. Filings and Notices, 1986
14. Functions and Responsibilities--Secretary of State's Office, 1987
15. Funding Board, 1985-1987
16. Gifts, 1978-1983
17. House Mountain Land Acquisition, 1987
18. Invitations, 1980-1988
19. Judges--Names & Addresses, 1987
20. Land Disposal--Surplus Property, 1987
21. Lebanon Armory Construction Project, 1982
22. Lebanon Wastewater Moratorium, 1977-1985
23. National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), 1987
24. Office Space Needs, 1979-1988
25. Personal Recommendations, 1981-1987
26. Personnel, 1977-1989
27. Polk Building Renovations, 1985-1988
28. Population--Tennessee Municipalities and Counties, 1983-1987
29. Proclamations, 1985
30. Questionnaires, 1985-1987
31. Real Estate Commission, 1976-1987
32. Receipting Activity, 1980-1988
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34. Sheriff Certifications, 1986-1987
35. Southern Legislative Conference, 1987
36. State Capitol Restoration, 1985-1987
37. Speeches, 1976-1987
38. State Seal Requests, 1985-1989
39. Subpoena, 1984-1987

- 39.1. International Organization of Gospel Music Supporters, Make a Joyful Noise, and United Southern Missionary Church against Gentry Crowell.
- 39.2. Ken Thompson to Testify Before Grand Jury
- 39.3. Art Beasley to Testify Before Grand Jury Regarding Bingo
- 39.4. Gentry Crowell to Testify Before Grand Jury Regarding H. D. Whalum Fraternal Assoc. et al.
- 39.5. U. S. District Court against Jerry W. Hendricks, et al.
- 39.6. Huntington Ridge Townhouse Homeowners Association against George W. Holder, Jr.
- 39.7. Pamela A. Voss against Jerome B. Voss.
- 39.8. Fleetco, Inc. against James Landis, Lynn Landis DBA-Nashville Country Express.
40. Summons, 1985-1987
41. Surplus Property, 1982-1985
42. Tax Issues, 1982-1987
43. Tennessee Competitive Export Corporation, 1983-1984
44. Tennessee Local Development Authority, 1979
45. Thank You Letters, 1979-1987
46. Tickets--Football Games, Luncheon, 1978-1987
47. Training, 1987-1988
48. UT Arena Construction, 1986
49. Workers Compensation Rates, 1977-1986
50. World's Fair Correspondence, 1982-1983

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1. Administrative Law Division, Rule Making Guide & Primer, State of West Virginia
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3. Administrative Procedures Division, Ten Year Report, 1977-1986
4. Certification of 1966 Statutes, 1989
5. Civil Action NO:10530, Roberts, EtAl vs. Unknowns, 1987
6. Memoranda--William M. Bates, Director, 1979
7. Operating Procedures, 1977-1978
8. Requests for Information, 1981-1989

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2. Bingo, 1987-1988
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15. Presidential & Vice-Presidential Electors, 1979-1988
16. Questionnaires, 1980-1987
17. Registrars at Large, 1986
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21. Survey--Voter Attitudes, 1983
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24. Voting Machines, 1978-1987

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9. Crossville Rubber Products, Inc., 1983
10. Diagnostics Center of America, Inc., 1985
11. Fee Schedules, 1986-1987
12. Foreign Corporation Annual Report--Amax Petroleum Corp., 1979
13. Grand Laboratories, Inc., 1980
14. Non-Profit Corporations, 1977-1988
15. Power of Attorney, 1980-1986
16. Reinstatement--Seal-Co, Inc., 1981-1982
17. Requests for Information, 1986-1989
18. Requests for Investigations, 1985-1986
19. Tennessee Business Corporation Act--Forms, 1986-1987
20. Tennessee Christian University, 1973-1983
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3. Reciprocity for Missouri Trust Co., 1985

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2. Reservation of Corporate Name, 1985-1987

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7. Flow Chart--Secretary of State LAN, Undated
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11. Annual Reports--Public Library Systems, 1982-1987
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25. Report--Microcomputer usage, 1987
26. Request For Proposals for Direct Service Grants, 1987
27. Summer Reading Program, 1988

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