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Those who knew Dr. Folmsbee and all who are interested in The University of Tennessee, Tennessee history and history in general will appreciate excerpts from the review of Dr. Folmsbee’s achievements while at UT and the tribute paid him by his colleagues which appeared, soon after his retirement, in a History Department publication.*

"After forty-two years of service to the department and the University, Stanley Folmsbee, dean of Tennessee historians, retired at the end of the 1969-70 academic year—not because he was tired, bored, frustrated, or irritated but because, in his words, ‘the state says I have to retire at the age of 70.’ A native of New York, Folmsbee came to the University in 1928, even before he had completed his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania. His dissertation, ‘Sectionalism, and Internal Improvements in Tennessee, 1796-1845,’ published in 1939, whetted his appetite for Tennessee history, and his long list of publications about the Volunteer State since that time attests his abiding interest in the subject. . . .

"Honored by several hundred of his colleagues, students, and friends at a dinner in the University Center in July, Folmsbee assured his audience that he had no intention of being either relaxed or idle. He has a study in the library already crowded with his books and files; and here he is at work on ‘a few’ projects: the completion of his history of the University, which in its published version has reached only 1887; an annotated edition of Davy Crockett’s autobiography; and the Publications of the East Tennessee Historical Society—‘together with some correspondence course instruction!’ A fund to recognize the contributions of this ‘damned Yankee specialist in Tennessee history’ has been established, and appropriately it will be used to purchase library materials in American and Tennessee history.”

*From the Tower. Newsletter from the Department of History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, volume one, winter, 1971.

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Having Dr. Folmsbee as a friend of the library these many years and sharing this appreciation for his many contributions to the University, the State, and the profession, the library joins the History Department in paying tribute to Dr. Folmsbee and expresses its appreciation to the History Department for naming the library as the recipient of this endowment fund, a lasting tribute to one of its honored professors.
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In token of his friendship with Dr. Sam Hansard and as a memento of his visit to East Tennessee, Dr. Hansard presented to the library the first volume of the General Index to the British Parliamentary Papers, a 7000-volume collection being reprinted by Irish University Press. Only one other library in this country, the Library of Congress, has been selected by Dr. Hansard to receive a copy of this Index volume. Presentation was made in Washington several weeks prior to the Knoxville visit.

Dr. Hansard's interest in this volume is more than cursory since he is a descendant of the family of Hansards who were printers and publishers. One father and his sons established the firm which served as Printer to the House of Commons, 1799-1890; another Hansard and his sons published the British Parliamentary Papers. It was the latter who collected, cataloged and sorted the material which, when published, formed the original Index to the Papers from their beginning in 1696 through 1894.

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"My Tennessee Reports covered the original volumes and I would like to call attention to the fact that the first 30 were once owned by D. R. Patterson, who was a son-in-law of Andrew Johnson. The first three or four have some of the most interesting inscriptions by persons not known to me but obviously old-timers in the legal profession and I judge that my father got all the books with Patterson's name around 1890. . . .

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Gifts of the magnitude and importance of this one are scarce, particularly since the early volumes of Tennessee Supreme Court Reports are noteworthy for several reasons, the most outstanding being their prior ownership, as mentioned in the letter quoted above, and the fact that they represent early printing in Tennessee, the first volume having been published in Knoxville in 1813.

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Considerable importance is attached to this curious little work because of its rarity among early Tennessee books. Only one other copy is recorded in the *American Imprints Inventory*.

*McMurtrie 190, A.I.I. 235*


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AND OTHER RARE BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS

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Friends of the library who are interested in the uncommon and distinctive may mark their gifts for Special Collections. To do so could mean a particularly rare bit of Tennesseana may come back to the state.

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Patrons have given a thousand dollars or more during the year.
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During the more than ten years of the Library Development Program, the list of Patrons—those who have given $1000 or more during the year—has been an important feature of the Report. The list has varied in names and numbers during the years and has recorded several of these names many times.

Among our most loyal contributors, The White Stores, Inc., has the distinction of having been included in our Patron list for the last ten years. The White Stores Fund, in memory of Nannie Ketner and Frank Jones McDonald, founders of the Company, was established under the enthusiastic sponsorship and continuing interest of Dwight McDonald, President, and son of the founders of the firm.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of The White Stores, Mr. McDonald paid tribute to the "loyalty, keen interest and cooperation of our family of employees," and expressed the philosophy of the company to make "a better place to trade, a better place to work and our communities better places to live."

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