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The text to which this sketch refers suggests that it is probably Brainerd Mission or one of the other Cherokee schools of the period. See article on p. 10.
(McKenney, Thomas L., Memoirs, Official and Personal; with Sketches of Travels Among the Northern and Southern Indians; Embracing A War Excursion, and Descriptions of Scenes Along the Western Borders, New York: Paine and Burgess, 1846, facing p. 32.)

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Thank you for being the key to our success.

Aubrey H. Mitchell
Interim Dean of Libraries

On the Cover
The Cherokee Taheee, or Dutch, was taken as a child to the Arkansas country and grew up living the hunting life in the West. He explored the Red River, learned to speak Osage in order to study their hunting techniques, and became a lone hunter on the prairie. Reputedly, when he hunted, it was with the assistance of three large dogs on each side of his horse. His one man war with these same Osage caused him to be declared an outlaw, with a $500 bounty on his head. He later became a scout for the army and eventually retired to his ranch on the Canadian River.
(McKenney, Thomas L., and James Hall, History of the Indian Tribes of North America, with Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of the Principal Chiefs, Embellished with One Hundred and Twenty Portraits, from the Indian Gallery in the Department of War, at Washington, Philadelphia: J. T. Bouven, 1848, Vol. 1, facing p. 251.)
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Paula Kaufman became Dean of the University Libraries in August 1988, and in August 1999, she left to become university librarian at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

During her eleven-year tenure, Dean Kaufman's achievements were extraordinary and visionary. The legacy of her leadership is constituted by accomplishments great and small. Some of the most remarkable of these are:

- Successful completion of the Tennessee Imperative Development Campaign that raised over $6 million for acquisitions endowment
- Acquisition of the papers of Senators Howard Baker, Jr., and Bill Brock and those of Congressman John J. Duncan
- Addition of more than 400,000 volumes to the general collection—an amazing achievement when difficult budget times are taken into account
- Establishment of a permanent Map Library containing more than 350,000 maps
- Reorganization of The Libraries' administration to make more efficient use of resources
- Establishment and encouragement of a superb Library Friends organization
- Acquisition of the manuscripts and personal papers of Pulitzer Prize winners Alex Haley and Knoxville-born author James Agee
- Establishment of the University Libraries using information technology as an active and responsive gateway to local and global information resources
- Celebration of the adding of the two-millionth volume to the collections
- Implementation of a new automation system that enabled greatly-improved patron access to library resources
- Creating an active partnership of cooperation among the libraries of the University of Kentucky, Vanderbilt University, and UTK, called the Information Alliance
- Exceeding The Libraries' goal of $5 million in the 21st Century Development Campaign (The Libraries raised $6.4 million, or 124% of the goal)
- The institution of management, organizational, and motivational techniques to promote and develop the potential of The Libraries' human and fiscal resources.

These and many other initiatives during Dean Kaufman's time with us prepared the University Libraries to continue a vital state and regional leadership role well into the 21st century. The University Libraries will excel in its mission in the new millennium. Thank you, Dean Paula Kaufman, for all you did, and best wishes to you.

Aubrey H. Mitchell
Interim Dean
University of Tennessee, Knoxville Libraries
In 1966 when the Tennessee State Library finally bought Penelope Johnson Allen's Cherokee collection after negotiating with her for some sixteen years, the people who follow such things, and I can't imagine that there were many of them, must have said, "Well, that's it then. That's what happened to Penelope Johnson Allen's collection of original Cherokee documents," some of which she was known to have purchased from Robert Ross, removal era chief John Ross' grandson. Allen at the time must have been very well known, having conquered most of the available Tennessee historical worlds. She had been a successful journalist for several Chattanooga newspapers, was the author of three books on east Tennessee history, a former leader of the county history effort for the Works Progress Administration in Tennessee, which had resulted in over 1,500 volumes of previously unavailable Tennessee history, and a member of the Tennessee, East Tennessee, and Hamilton County Historical Associations, the Tennessee Historical Commission, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society of Colonial Dames, and the United States Daughters of 1812, to name but a few. In 1970 she was honored at the annual dinner of the Chattanooga Area Historical Society, where a portrait of her was unveiled which was to be presented to the Tennessee State Library and Archives. She must have been quite a lady.

The collection, which Mrs. Allen sold to the State Library, arguably was, and still is, the most significant collection of original documents having to do with the Cherokee who had already removed to the West. According to the notes, all three were from the personal collection of Penelope Johnson Allen of Chattanooga. Then in 1978, when he published John Ross, Cherokee Chief, Moulton again referred to Penelope Johnson Allen's private collection in his notes.

However, as I've said, no one noticed, and in 1985 Penelope Johnson Allen died. Her estate was dispersed, and the collection went underground. Literally. It went into the basement of an heir not to resurface until the summer of 1998 when Mrs. Allen's granddaughter decided that she was ready to do something about it. One of the things she did was contact George Webb of Tennessee Books and Manuscripts, who put her in touch with me. The collection was local, so I made an appointment and went for a drive on a sunny afternoon in the beautiful Tennessee hills which surround Knoxville.

George had warned me, and by that time I had familiarized myself with Penelope Johnson Allen, but I was still unprepared for what I saw. There, spread out on the table and in boxes were several hundred original documents dating from 1801 to approximately 1845, and all, as near as I could determine, having to do with the Cherokee. I took a quick look at the signatures on the handwritten
documents, and they read like a who's who among the Cherokee of the period. Here was John Ross and numerous other chiefs, including Pathkiller, the Glass, Lewis Ross, and the Vanns. And there was Return J. Meigs, Cherokee Agent from 1801 until 1823, Sam Houston, and a letter written in the Cherokee syllabary. I, of course, had occasionally bought one or two of this sort of thing before, but, neither I nor anyone I know had any inkling that a cache of original documents of this size in private hands was still possible. Yet here it was. Evidently, Mrs. Allen still had some private project she intended to work on in 1966, and she held these documents back when she sold her collection to the State Library. This made sense because she was a practicing historian and remained active to the end of her life. I remember the drive back to the office quite clearly. I suppose if you do not care about such things, the assertion that documents, antiques, and the like can have an intense physical effect seems unbelievable, but those of us who do, know differently. I drove quite slowly, and the hair on the back of my neck continued to stand for a good long time.

The granddaughter was almost through with an inventory, and, thankfully, she wanted the collection to remain in Tennessee. I agreed to help her in this endeavor, and, several weeks later armed with the inventory, I went looking for funds. Thanks to the Dean, Paula Kaufman, and Head of Collection Development Linda Phillips, I was successful, and we eventually put together an agreement which brought what we are now calling the Penelope Johnson Allen Collection to the Special Collections Library of the University of Tennessee. And it has become my pleasant duty to describe it for this year's Library Development Review. In size it is not impressive, occupying only some two and a half feet, but in content it is impressive indeed. We kept Mrs. Allen's arrangement, which was in files organized around individuals, which worked for her, but not for me, because I had almost gone through the whole thing before I realized that the collection really had two focuses. About half of it is Cherokee claims of one kind or another, some having to do with Spencer Jarnigan, a lawyer who represented the tribe off and on for seventeen years, and the rest claims for spoilation or improvements lost during the removal and dating between 1834 and 1845. The other half are records from the Cherokee Agency from 1801 until removal in 1838.

When you think about the gradual encroachment on the Cherokee in Tennessee by their European neighbors in the first thirty years of the nineteenth century, it seems reasonable that numerous claims would be made back and forth, and that many of them would have wound up in court. Spencer Jarnigan, according to his own claim, represented the tribe between 1820 and 1837 in numerous courts, generally in Rhea or McMinn counties. Not a well known name in Cherokee history, he is most often connected with the case of James Foreman, a Cherokee supporter of John Ross who was accused of killing John Walker, Jr., a

A photo of the Vann House in Spring Place, Georgia, by Walter Cline. Built in 1827 for Joseph Vann by Robert Howell, it was one of the first brick structures in the Cherokee Nation. John Howard Payne was detained in one of the outbuildings here when he was arrested with John Ross by the Georgia Guard. (Penelope Johnson Allen Collection.)
member of the removal party, in the Cherokee reserve (John Walker, Sr., had attempted to kill Ross while both were members of the Cherokee delegation to Washington in 1818). The trial began in 1834. At the time, the state of Tennessee was attempting to extend its jurisdiction in high felony cases to include the Cherokee Nation. Jarnigan argued that the state had no jurisdiction in the Nation, and, after several appeals, the court upheld his position.

The file, in some ways, is pretty confusing. Jarnigan filed a claim against the Cherokee in 1837 for back pay of $250 a year starting in 1820, and resulting in a bill of $4,000. One wonders why, if he were not paid, Jarnigan continued as the tribe's lawyer, which he undoubtedly was because the file contains court documents beginning in 1820 and listing him as the attorney of record. Jarnigan pursued his claim, and, if I have deciphered the handwriting correctly, finally won a judgment for his back pay in 1857, a year before his death.

There are two other significant collections of claims, thirty-one loose documents and one bound volume. The loose claims are for improvements in North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee, nine dating from the removal and twenty-two afterward. The most interesting of these is the earliest, dated April 9, 1834, because it illustrates the enrollment methods of Major B. F. Currey, who had been appointed Immigration Agent by Andrew Jackson. On that date at the home of David Ross, according to the testimony of Gemdegi (?), a Cherokee woman, Currey and several assistants attempted to enroll Charles Jones to emigrate. When Jones, who was drunk at the time, refused, Alexander McGrey dragged him over to the Agent, held his hand, and forced him to make his mark. Jones complained about this usage and received four licks with a horsewhip for his trouble. David Ross menaced him with his whip also, but did not strike. Then, according to the complaint of Edward Welch, the Agent and his men turned their attention to him. He was at Ross' drinking as well. He refused to sell his place for twenty-five dollars to David Ross and to James McGrey, at which point he appears to have passed out. The next day when he came to, a witness told him the Agent's men had awoken him and tried to make him sign. He would not, so they put his name down anyway. Three or four days later he discovered that white men were moving onto his place, claiming to have bought it from James McGrey.

The 389 page bound volume of claims is also very interesting, but not in quite the same way. I was mystified by it at first because it has on the cover a typed note that it contains valuations under the Treaty of 1828, emigrations 1833 and 34. I was confused because although I knew emigration had occurred in 1833 and 34, there was no Treaty of 1828. Then I discovered I had missed it in my review of the scholarship because it was not with the Cherokee I was studying. It was with the western band, and it turned out to be one of the first things Andrew Jackson did when he took office. In it, he promised to do his best to persuade the rest of the Cherokee to emigrate, a promise he kept. Then as I looked through it I began to notice that the Cherokee whose property was being evaluated in the fall of 1833 and the spring of 1834 had something in common. It was the names, David and Andrew Ross, James Starr, the Vanns, James and Alexander McGrey who had assisted B. F. Currey above. These were members of the treaty party, supporters of the Treaty of New Echota in 1835. By that time, according to these evaluations, they had apparently immigrated safely to the Arkansas, a small but interesting fact which had so far eluded me.

And in case you are wondering just how much a house, or an orchard, or a chicken coop was worth in 1833, I have that information for you. The evaluation of David Ross' property goes on for nine pages and covers a number of different establishments. His main house on the Valley River (where presumably Jones and Welch were enrolled) was a shingled, two story affair with a big front porch valued at two hundred dollars (it was not near so
grand as Andrew's, which was valued at seven hundred). His twenty-six acres of bottom land in front of the house was valued at $208, his twelve acre orchard at $149.50, and his corn crib at ten (the standard valuation, I discovered, for all corn cribs). He had improvements on Mill Creek, Bullet Creek, the "high Wassa River," High tower Creek, Brass Town Creek, and Cain Creek, all worth a total of $3,444.

However, though the claims are interesting, for me, the heart of the collection, is the records of the Cherokee Agency in Tennessee. And those of you who are familiar with the microfilm series' available from the National Archives should begin to wonder at this point how much of what I have already discussed, and how much of what I am about to describe, has been published in the seven rolls of microfilm of the Agency's records, 1801-35 or in some other microfilm series. As far as the unbound claims go, I will not promise that they are not to be found among the Special Files of the Office of Indian Affairs, 1807-1904, though I did not find them. I am, however, sure that the bound volume of claims is not. And I had assumed that at least some of the documents that were once part of the records of the Indian Agency would appear in the microfilm of its records. In fact, of the ten, or so, items I searched for (the order is chronological), I found only one, the minutes of the Cherokee National Council on April 10, 1804. Some of the documents I looked for were addressed to the Secretary of War, and can probably be found at the National Archives among the letters received for that office. However, the only microfilm we can discover from The Secretary of War for that time is composed of letters sent, and somehow these were not retained in the records of the Agency.

The earliest documents date from Return J. Meigs' tenure as Temporary Agent for Indian Affairs in the Cherokee Nation and Agent for the War Department in the State of Tennessee in 1801, an appointment he owed to the good graces of his friend, James Wilkinson. He was sixty-one at the time, and served until his death in 1823. Most of the documents in this collection were generated in Meigs' capacity as Indian Agent, but as Agent for the War Department he also created and received documents like muster rolls for militia companies, etc., and one in particular interested me. It is the record of a court martial which was held on May 1, 1801, at Southwest Point, the site of Meigs' first Agency (it's close to Kingsport, Tennessee, c. forty miles from Knoxville). The prisoner, Abraham Setts (?), was charged with desertion and with stealing the horse on which he was mounted, the saddle, three guns, and seventy-four dollars. He admitted deserting with the horse and accoutrements, but denied stealing the money, which did no good, as he was found guilty of the entire charge and sentenced to the following, which ought to have given the spectators pause if any of them happened to be considering doing likewise. Besides loosing his pay, having his head shaved, and being branded on the forehead with a "D," he got one hundred lashes with a "wired cat" and was drummed out of camp with a halter round his neck. I suppose he was lucky. He still had his ears.

There is no space here to describe anywhere near the number of pieces I would like, so I will restrict myself to several which, for one reason or another, caught my attention. One of my favorites is a draft of a letter from Meigs to William H. Crawford, Secretary of War, who had written in July of 1803 asking a number of questions about the Cherokee and their country. Meigs' response, dated January 17, 1804, is a report on the state of the country and its inhabitants, which he evidently transmitted along with a map. Meigs estimates the population of the Cherokee to be 8,750 individuals living in approximately fifty villages located along two principal rivers, the Tennessee and the Mobile. He reckons that the population is increasing owing to the general peace and to the decline of the hunting life, going on to explain that that life throws the entire support of the children on the women, who often dispose of the foetus because they have been abandoned by their mates and cannot care for them. Meigs recognizes that the "Mixed Bloods," whom he estimates to make up a third of the population, follow White marital customs more closely, but he warns that the "State of Society is still infant," and that the "population will increase slowly until marital connections shall be considered more binding upon the parties." Meigs calls the full blooded Cherokee "Real Cherokee," and feels that, "if these people are ever civil­ized to any considerable degree it must be by a mixing of Blood and an incorpora­tion...with some part of our civil govern­ment." Interestingly, he does not believe the Indians to be any more sus­ceptible to Liquor than the Whites, and he follows with a long geographical des­cription which I will pass over.

I am also fond of a piece by Meigs headed "Answers to inquiries relating to the Cherokee." It appears to be a list of frequently asked questions (and answers), and at the top is a penciled note which says, "Notes to Mr. Trott from Col. R. J. Meigs - Cherokee Agency. 3 August, 1817." In this document Meigs asks himself twenty-seven questions about the Cherokee ranging from demographics to education, religion, character, gender roles, and the effects of intermarriage with Whites. Here are some examples:

Qu: What is the number of the Cherokees?
An: The whole number of the Cherokee is by estimation 13,000.

Qu: What is the state of the Cherokee with respect to property?
An: They have great numbers of Domestic animals, a considerable number of Negro slaves, a number of gristmills, some sawmills, & they manufacture salt petre & gunpowder by the aid of white men.
An answer to questions relating to the Cherokees.

Qu: What is the number of the Cherokees?
An: The whole number of the Cherokees is by estimation 12,000.
Qu: In what part of the United States are they situated?
An: Approximately within the southeastern limits of Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. The number of these Indians is estimated at about 12,000.
Qu: What is the state of the Cherokees with respect to health?
An: They have great numbers of domestic animals, a considerable number of Negro slaves, a number of goods, petitions, a number of steam mills, some saw mills, &c., manufactured salt, wine, &c., &c., by the old white men.

Frequently asked questions by Return J. Meigs, August 3, 1817. (Penelope Johnson Allen Collection.)

Qu: What is their state as to acquired information?
An: A considerable number have the knowledge of letters & figures, but schools are greatly needed for the poor children.
Qu: Do they believe in a future state of existence?
An: Yes & that it will be terrestrial enjoyment. For want of instruction they cannot elevate their minds above materiality. They have no apprehensions of future unhappiness.
Qu: In what estimation are the women held by the males?
An: Since the introduction of domestic manufactures the females are held in higher estimation by the men. They are emerging from a partial kind of slavery into their proper place in society. They are more esteemed by the males & as esteem & love are concomitants between the sexes, love is becoming a sentimental passion never known in a perfect savage state.

I would like to balance these two Meigs documents with two representing the Cherokee side of the correspondence. In the first, we find Daniel Ross, the father of John, writing to Meigs from Chickamauga on March 24, 1806, reporting that the smallpox is spreading and asking him to locate and send some cowpox as soon as possible despite the fact that their physician, Dr. McNeil, doesn't believe in it and doesn't want it (you would have thought that those positions would have been reversed). He writes, "I must still think that the Nation will acknowledge with a grateful heart that you are the Savior of many of them by its introduction through your means...be so good as to send me on some of the infection with what instructions you have in your power to give, & I will see to its circulation." He goes on to ask for another teacher to replace Mr. Dixon, whom they apparently had brought over from Ireland, and who has taken up with a ruffian named Dempsey Fields. He still thinks the school can prosper, but not under "a madman or an imposter."

And one of the most moving documents in the collection is a letter from Lewis Ross, brother of John, to Lewis Cass, Secretary of War, written from Washington City on January 21, 1836, the year after the Treaty of New Echota, which ratified the removal. In it Ross eloquently complains of the conduct of B.F. Currey, the present Indian Agent, who, it seems, is trying to dispossess him by claiming an Agency compound of one mile square, which just happens to include his improvements and all his worldly possessions. Ross reminds Cass of the treaty of 1819 in which former Agent Meigs was granted enough land to keep his office but in which no mention was made of any acreage of one mile square. He explains that in 1820 he moved his home and store to the present site at Meigs request, reports that Currey has threatened to evict him immediately if he goes to Washington to complain (which obviously he has done), and exclaims:

Can it be true that the hard earnings of my life, my private property is thus to be taken from me, and that I am to return and find myself a stranger in my own dwelling and another occupying what was once mine? I will abstain from further remarks on this unpleasant subject, and ask you will pardon any seeming warmth of my passion. I am sure there must be something in the matter of which I am yet ignorant.

On that note, I believe I will close, but not before settling one final matter. At the beginning of this article I mentioned that the main collection of Penelope Johnson Allen's Cherokee documents has resided at the Tennessee State Library since 1966. The obvious question is, how does this collection fit with that one? It's a good complement. The State Library's Cherokee Collection contains the letters of John Ross, boxes of Cherokee documents, seven bound claims ledgers, and sixteen hundred unbound claims. It is the best Cherokee collection I know of, but this one isn't bad, and, not to put too fine an edge on it, may be the most significant addition of Cherokee material since the acquisition of Mrs. Allen's first collection.

Joseph Coody married John Ross' sister about 1805. The valuation of his farm at the foot of Lookout Mountain by Hugh Montgomery can be found on pp. 35-37 of the bound claimbook. (Penelope Johnson Allen Collection.)
PRESERVING A TREASURE: THE JUDITH D. WEBSTER LIBRARY PRESERVATION FUND

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“Judy Webster had a deep respect for the collection,” says Linda L. Phillips, head of Collection Development and Management at The University Libraries. “She viewed it as a treasure for which individuals have temporary stewardship along the course of time.”

Though Judy Webster is no longer here to champion the cause for preservation of the collection, that treasure will be stewarded, thanks in part to Webster’s professional guidance and the Judith D. Webster Library Preservation Fund named in her honor.

Webster, professor and head of Acquisitions and Processing at the UTK Libraries, passed away in December 1998 after a long illness.

She began working in The Libraries in 1969 as a staff member in the Circulation Department and later took over Reserve. She obtained a Master’s in Library Science, rose to head of Acquisitions, and became a full professor. At the time of her death, Webster was head of Acquisitions and Processing, a position that oversaw acquisitions, serials, binding, and preservation.

Nationally respected, Webster was very active in professional organizations, including the American Library Association where she served as chair of the Publisher/Library Relations Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division; secretary of the Acquisitions Section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services; and chair of the Policy and Planning Committee of the Acquisitions Section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services.

She regularly attended the annual College of Charleston Acquisitions Conference. At UTK, Webster was selected to head the Commission for Women in 1986.

Before It’s Forever Lost

“The university invests considerable resources in its library collections,” says Phillips. “The collections are becoming increasingly fragile, and some materials are in danger of being lost forever. Print materials can deteriorate from many causes, such as binding and chemical instability of the components of materials; unsuitable environmental conditions in areas where collections are stored; inept storage and handling practices; natural disasters; and theft and vandalism.

“To extend the access and useful life of our collections for future scholars, the University Libraries is developing a preservation program that includes adequate preventive care for materials, such as proper storage, handling, and security, as well as conservation treatments.”

According to Phillips, a comprehensive preservation program consists of environmental controls, reformatting materials, and conservation of individual objects.

- The best way to preserve collections is to control light, temperature, relative humidity, and air quality; implement good storage and handling techniques; and protect materials from fire, water, and theft.
- To save fragile, damaged, and heavily-used resources, microfilm or reformatting (such as photocopy or purchase of facsimile editions) and library binding are effective strategies.
- Conservation, the most expensive option, is appropriate for preserving individual objects, such as manuscripts, journals, maps, and drawings that are valuable artifacts.

Enthusiastic Advocate

“Judy helped to increase awareness about the importance of preserving fragile resources for future generations of UTK students and faculty,” says Phillips. “A member of The Libraries’ Preservation Matrix, Judy typically tackled a problem by starting with the philosophical basis for possible solutions. This approach, combined with her considerable knowledge about publishing and the physical management of library collections, made Judy a respected authority, frequently consulted by her colleagues.”

As head of Acquisitions, Webster’s responsibilities included preservation services.

“In 1998, Judy was instrumental in bringing noted conservation expert Don Etherington to campus to advise UTK Libraries management and to speak at the Library Friends Lecture,” says Bill Britten, head of Systems at the University of Tennessee Libraries and Webster’s husband.

Dr. Etherington discussed preservation issues with library staff. At the Friends lecture, Dr. Etherington explained his work as a conservator and recommended appropriate preservation treatments for personal items brought by members of the audience.

Webster also articulated the need for a preservation librarian as a commitment to support preservation as an ongoing program.

“To honor Judy and her commitment to The Libraries collections,” says Phillips, “the university is creating an endowed fund to supplement the annual Libraries’ preservation budget. Income from the endowment will be used for all areas of the preservation program, including reformatting, conservation, and training.”

“Judy was a long-time advocate for preservation,” notes Britten. “She would be pleased to be associated with this endowed fund.”

Webster was married to Bill Britten, head of Systems at UTK Libraries, and had one grown son, Charles Webster, who lives in Alaska. She had two step-children, Justin and Sarah Britten, both students at UT. Webster, a talented singer, was a member of the Knoxville Choral Society, an Early Music ensemble, and the choir of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

“I will miss Judy as a friend and a colleague,” says Bill Schenck, Library of Congress. “The library profession will miss her for her enthusiasm and many contributions.”

The Judith D. Webster Preservation Fund will preserve two treasures: the collection and the memory of a dedicated librarian.

To make a contribution to the Judith D. Webster Preservation Fund, please contact:

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The A. J. Darsey family at breakfast, taken by W. C. Cochran on August 17, 1886, while on a trip to the Smokies. This photo, uncharacteristically, does not give a location, but we know it is close to the middle fork of Little River, because that is where Cochran was the next day. We also do not know if the family dined alfresco every morning, but it seems unlikely. (MS-552, Special Collections Library.)

This cabin on the middle fork of Little River belonged to the Darsey’s as well. It appears to be a hunting lodge, of sorts. Judging by his headgear, the individual in the door is the one standing in the breakfast scene. (MS-552, Special Collections Library.)

The Great Smoky Mountains of eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina have long been a source of fascination and inspiration for writers, journalists, scientific explorers, essayists, and balladeers who have left both a written and an oral legacy of books, letters, stories, and songs about these mountains and the people who lived there. While the University of Tennessee Libraries have a tradition of collecting material about the Great Smoky Mountains, in 1998 a group of UTK librarians began a concerted effort to focus on the region in its totality. The result is a new comprehensive special collection at UTK—The Great Smoky Mountains Regional Collection. This collection serves the research needs and interests of the academic community and the general public through vigorous acquisitions and enhanced cataloging of past and current material.

Identification of GSM material, especially in obscure references, is crucial and adds tremendous value to users. To this end, the collection is being developed in conjunction with a comprehensive annotated bibliography of the GSM region, an extensive and time-consuming project that involves a large team of librarians, archivists, and scholars from Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Kentucky. Three UTK librarians—Anne Bridges, Russ Clement, and Ken Wise—are co-editing the bibliography and managing both projects. In addition, they are spearheading a collaborative program of scholarly GSM bibliographic research and publication. They have received generous support from the Libraries administration and were the recipients of a 1998-99 UTK Faculty Research Professional Development Award.

New and old Smokey Mountains material in all subject areas and across all media types is being collected. Resources reside in the appropriate locations in the UTK Libraries: Special Collections, Map Library, Music Library, Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Library, as well as the main Hodges Library. The collection encompasses print, manuscripts, photographs, video and sound recordings, oral histories, maps, and electronic resources. Each item in the collection is cataloged with a special designator which marks it as belonging to the “Great Smoky Mountains Regional Collection.” To find anything in...
the collection regardless of format or location, a library researcher need only enter that phrase in a keyword search. Librarians are combing regional and national archival collections to locate material about the Smoky Mountains. A research group recently consulted the National Park Service and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) records held at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and at College Park, Maryland. Whenever possible, copies are acquired for the UTK collection. Examples of scarce Smoky material include federal government records and reports issued by agencies such as the National Park Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Work Projects Administration, and the Civilian Conservation Corps. UTK Libraries are presently in the process of purchasing microfilm of WPA records for Smokies projects and CCC camp inspection reports for the dozen camps in the Smokies. Copies of early government films on the region are also being identified and acquired.

Scholars, students, genealogists, and GSM devotees who are working on Smokies topics will benefit enormously from this comprehensive collection. Through the Internet, researchers around the world can search the UTK Libraries' catalog to learn what is available on specific subjects, perhaps before making research trips to the area. Proper preservation, such as preservation photocopies and microfilming, ensures that the material will be available to future generations.

The UTK Libraries' Great Smoky Mountains Regional Collection assures that UTK will be a focal point for worldwide Smokies scholarship and cooperation. As the region's only research library, it is fitting that the Libraries collect, preserve, and make accessible this important cultural heritage. Endowed library funds have been used for seed money to begin developing the collection. Hopefully, a future donor will provide an endowment specifically for the Smokies collection.

Gifts-in-kind are also welcome. Please consider donating books, pamphlets, newspapers and newspaper clippings, photos, scrapbooks, diaries, journals, and manuscripts of historical and cultural importance to the Smoky Mountains region to this newly formed special collection.

MCKENNEY AND HALL'S PASSPORT TO THE PAST OF AMERICAN INDIANS

By Jamie Sue Linder
Rare Books, Special Collections

It has been said to be "exciting news" in the world of rare books and special collections when valued items of Americana, usually only found in rare book reading rooms of big city libraries or ritzy museums, reach the auction block. But it would seem the true flurry of excitement should begin when the items are sold to the highest bidder, and in the instance of rare—and usually old—books, become news once again.

The University of Tennessee Special Collections Library can spread such "exciting news" with its acquisition of one of the most valued items of Americana—a complete three-volume set of the quarto edition of the History of the Indian Tribes of North America, with Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of the Principal Chiefs, written by Thomas L. McKenney and James Hall. Just like the first folio (large) editions of which the Special Collections Library has Volume III, these smaller works which began appearing during the years 1846-55 were also issued by different publishers, and even reissued by yet other publishers before the first set was completed. This variation in publishers and dates creates confusion when trying to procure a complete set, but the search is rendered even more difficult because the books are frequently raged for their illustrations. To obtain a set with the Indian illustrations intact is doubly good news. As the title pages declare, the books are "embellished with one hundred and twenty portraits from the Indian Gallery in the Department of War, at Washington" and are the most exquisite example of early American lithography on stone.

The portraits are the stimulus of this collection, transforming the Red Race, as some later historians would dub the North American tribes, into real flesh and blood, blasting all stereotypes of these primitive people passed down through the years by myths, historical legends, and half-truths. But these faithful recordings don't mislead the viewer even though they are painted by one artist, copied by another, and then copied once again by lithographers.

Instead, McKenney and Hall's stories plus pictures lead the reader visually and verbally straight into the lost land of Indians. Volume II of the newly-acquired collection does this directly with its frontispiece portrait of the famed surrender of the celebrated Winnebago chief, Red Bird and his accomplice We-Kau. The portrait was painted on site and is coupled with on-sight graphic accounts and amazing detail from McKenney who witnessed the event. The artistry of word and picture can almost make the reader with an imagination feel also a witness to the chief's surrender and the tribe's defeat.

Of course changes, mostly subtle, did occur due to the medium of each portrait. However, warmth and texture are not important here. It is the "perfect likenesses" captured in these reproduced portraits of the Indians that provide a di-
Red Jacket, a stern Seneca chief noted for his leadership among all North American Tribes. (McKenney, Thomas L. and Hall, James, History of the Indian Tribes of North America, with Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of the Principal Chiefs, Philadelphia: J.T. Bowen, 1848, Vol. 1, p. 9.)

many subordinate clauses adorn a single sentence, each sentence is still disciplined, controlled in structure, and clear in meaning.

If not for the "design" of one determined man, Thomas McKenney, a colonel who served in the War of 1812 and for sixteen years administered the nation's Indian affairs under four presidents-Madison, Monroe, J.Q. Adams, and Jackson—this magnificent portfolio revealing the features and dress of celebrated American Indians who lived and died long before the days of cameras would not exist. History, tradition, institutions of Indians would have forever passed away. McKenney carried this "design" in his mind for many years finally conjuring his dream into existence during the years of 1836–44 when the folio editions were published in Philadelphia. McKenney's realized dream would be the truest preservation of reality, because in 1865 the original Indian portraits hanging in the Smithsonian Institution were destroyed by fire.

Curiously enough, McKenney is memorialized not by the system of schools he helped establish among the Five Civilized Tribes—the southern Indian tribes of the Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, and Chickasaw—nor by the many treaties and trade deals he brokered for all Indian nations or the many years of his life he dedicated to maintaining the Indian's integrity, appeasing the spirit of all tribes. It is indeed, the portrait gallery, which would become McKenney's legacy. McKenney oversaw many a treaty signed both in the wilderness and in Washington, D.C., where delegations of Indian chiefs were brought to visit the President whom the Indians called the "Great Father." The Indians were treated like royalty when they visited Washington, staying in the finest hotels, drinking the finest whiskies, dining on delicacies of the White Man. Ceremonies were held and medals bestowed on the chiefs while throngs of people attended, glaring and staring, pushing and shoving just to get a glimpse of these Indian creatures. All the while the Indian battles—among the tribes themselves and the tug-of-land war with the Whites—had been going on for years and would continue for decades. By 1821 McKenney could read the proverbial smoke signals in the air. He foresaw the destiny of Native Americans whom he described as "human beings, our equal." That destiny was extinction.

Bringing Indian delegations to the "Great Father" and his cabinet did not begin with President Madison, the first president under which McKenney administered the nation's Indian affairs. President George Washington brought the leading chiefs of the Iroquois Confederacy to Philadelphia (the nation's capital at that time) after Little Turtle and the united western tribes bitterly defeated General Arthur St. Clair at Fort Washington in Cincinnati in 1791. Then the delegations were formed to act as peace envoys to the Ohio Indian nations. But three decades later the aim was clearly intimidation. Avoid costly—in terms of lives and dollars—frontier war. This tactic began under President Thomas Jefferson. The Indian delegations were given tours of the navy yard housing frigates, our largest vessels of war at that time. The big guns fired a salvo of salutes. The massive sails were unfurled proudly and loudly. All this to-do, "without exciting in them the least emotion," the Baltimore American would report.

Albeit, McKenney, always a champion of Indian rights, supported this diplomacy of proving to the primitives from the Great Plains or the forests that the White Man possessed awesome power and wealth. His opinion is reflected in the following statement to the Secretary of War:

It is true they [the Indians] have never seen, and therefore (having no medium through which they can perceive our superiority) have no conception of their comparative feebleness. They count upon strength for reasons which are apparent; they have mastered their neighboring tribes and think they know the power of the white man this conclusion is derived from the intercourse they have with the few traders, and sometimes the sight of only detachments of our army.
A spirited likeness of the celebrated chief, Red Bird, standing, and his crony, We-kau. "Of all the Indians I ever saw, he is, without exception, the most perfect in form, in face, and gesture," wrote Thomas McKenney. (McKenney, Thomas L. and Hall, James, History of the Indian Tribes of North America, with Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of the Principal Chiefs, Philadelphia: D. Rice & A.N. Hart, 1855, Vol. II, frontispiece.)

Watching these receptions and trusting his intuition the tribes would vanish along with their culture, McKenney began thinking about posterity. He writes in a letter to a friend in Baltimore of "being ready with the answer to the question which it is fair to presume will be asked: 'What sort of a being was the red man of America?"

The first—and majority—of the portraits of Indian delegates were painted by Charles Bird King who was then known for his portraits of politicians. Much of his work was done in his garden shaded by trees on Twelfth Street in Washington, D.C., where McKenney would bring the likes of Pushmataha, the Choctaw chief who along with the rest of his tribe, fought under Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812 and was called by Jackson "the greatest and bravest Indian warrior he had ever known," and Toon-Tuh, or Spring Frog, a Cherokee chief born at the mouth of Chickamogga Creek near Tennessee's Lookout Mountain, who held the reputation of a "highly respectable character and a fine specimen of the savage man." Makataimeshekiakiah or Black Hawk, a Sauk chief who led a two-year frontier guerilla war after a White Man's frontier rumor beget the battle, is probably the most popular and honored prisoner of war in American history. And his strikingly delineated bust is one of the portrait gallery's most popular, also. With his sprouting scalp lock and heavily ornamented head, set-off by the red color of his dress and hair, Black Hawk must have made quite an intriguing appearance sitting for his portrait in King's garden.

Frontier artist James Otto Lewis who accompanied McKenney to the great Indian councils in the Northwest witnessed the signing of several treaties on sites of Indian villages and was able to capture the Indian in his true form in the wild, so to speak. About forty-five of Lewis' original watercolor sketches were later copied, principally by King, for the Indian Gallery which was growing in size and was hanging in McKenney's office of Indian Affairs.

Much later in 1849 the jurisdiction of Indian Affairs would be transferred from the War Department to the Department of the Interior. The Indian Gallery would be transferred along with the Indian Affairs office and placed for viewing in the Patent Office building. In 1858 the Indian Gallery was added to the Smithsonian Institution's existing Gallery of Pictures, and three years later King gave the Smithsonian his collection of a hundred large engravings from celebrated pictures.

By 1828 McKenney's portraits were attracting a lot of attention—most was the unwanted kind. McKenney, along with President John Quincy Adams and his wife, Louisa, and even the general in chief of the army had been "taken in by a shrewd Indian confidence woman." The able impostor named Tshusick played the hard-luck Indian game and half of Washington fell for her story, showering gifts and money upon the "poor woman who had just lost her husband." McKenney would later discover the true content of her character but not before honoring Tshusick with placement in his precious Indian Gallery. After the Tshusick incident a senator from Kentucky denounced McKenney's Indian Gallery, questioning "why the government should pay twenty dollars for the likeness of an Indian woman?"

McKenney, a prolific letter writer and record-keeper, had a habit of rebuking criticisms in the columns of newspapers. Sometimes his comments were originally written in the form of "a letter to a friend," then conveniently leaked to the newspaper, such as this excerpt printed in the National Intelligencer:

It is true her likeness was taken. It hangs in the office of Indian Affairs with the rest, and preserving the fe-
male costume of the North West and is a fine portrait. She left Washington after collecting the bounty of many, and after about ten days tarrying. (Since which time I have never seen her) and left a name for propriety of conduct in all respects (whatever her real character may be) highly creditable to her.

A state representative, also from Kentucky, would join the fray, targeting the total cost of McKenney’s portrait gallery—“three years of taking portraits of Indians…$3,190”—including the expenses McKenney had approved for entertaining Indian delegations. Records show the government had been paying twenty dollars for busts and twenty seven dollars for full-length figures. A congressional committee report would later call the gallery “a wasteful extravagance of the government’s money.” But it also went a step further, including criticism of what McKenney lovingly called his “Archives” containing Indian relics, costumes, rare books, manuscripts, and articles on the American Indian culture.

McKenney’s defense would once again come in the form of a National Intelligencer letter. “It is no fancy scheme of mine,” he wrote. “The gallery could now be sold for double its original value, and with it may go, without any regret of mine, of a personal kind, all the relics which in my travels I have picked up, and at great trouble brought home with me.”

A minority in Congress would side with McKenney suggesting the project be expanded because it possessed “a high degree of scientific and historical value.” The Secretary of War told McKenney “no more expenditures will be permitted unless the subject be remarkable and have claims to the remembrance of posterity for some deeds or virtue or prowess; or be in figure or costume very peculiar indeed.” It was a leash, but a long one. In the name of “posterity” McKenney would be allowed to add a good number of Indian portraits to his gallery. For example, Red Jacket, the Seneca chief who led fifty other Iroquois chiefs to carry out a peace deal brokered with President Washington would later—in the name of “posterity”—be painted. Red Jacket, it should be noted, was a great spokesman for his people and a favorite of McKenney’s. The eloquent Seneca and venerable McKenney shared a common bond and were friends. Red Jacket loathed all chattels of the White Man. But, oddly enough, the medal he was given on his first trip to the capital never left his possession. The gigantic medalion bearing his name and that of George Washington can clearly be seen in his portrait. Red Jacket’s likeness, by the way, cost the government $51.

Because of his years of working firsthand with the Indians, McKenney believed the only way to truly save this whole nation of people was removal or relocation. Move the proud nations to the primitive lands in the West, he argued, where they would be mostly isolated and miles away from the White Man’s weaknesses of the flesh—namely whiskey. Over a long period of time the government’s traditional role was that of civilizing the Indian nations on their homelands. However, the argument went, most tribes had failed to see the advantages of agriculture and had advanced little from their state of nature, depending solely upon the hunt to survive. The great business of their lives was to procure food and devour it; to subdue their enemies and scalp them. Their existence was confined to the present.

As James D. Horan explicitly writes in The McKenney-Hall Portrait Gallery of American Indians, also in Special Collections, Indian removal is “popularly associated with the Cherokee’s tragic Trail of Tears—the removal of the tribe at bayonet point on orders from Jackson.” But relocating the Indian nations west of the Mississippi was commonplace to McKenney and the politicians of his time and was accomplished more often than not by trade and with formal consent of tribal leaders.

It should also be noted that the near-extinction of the Indian race, or “ethnic cleansing” as it would be called in today’s jargon, didn’t happen overnight as some historians allude or claim “that’s the way it seemed.” But rather was a profound progeny occurring over the span of an average man’s lifetime. And it was a disagreement over the process of attempting to homogenize Indians, and later the efficiency—or better yet—the speed at which the removal of the Indian nations was supposed to happen that led President Jackson to dismiss Col. McKenney from his government job. “Col. McKenney,” Jackson was quoted, “was not in harmony with my views respecting Indian affairs.”

McKenney’s life, it seems, was devoted to the welfare of the American Indian. Of course he did have a personal life, but even his autobiography, Memoirs, Official and Personal, another rare book in Special Collections, offers very few “personal” revelations. The bulk of the book tells of his travels in “Indian land,” discussing in length the “abominable abuse of power in our relations with the Indians.” A small portion is dedicated to the author’s theories of the “origin” of the North American tribes...
and the beginning chapters are devoted to keeping intact—or maybe restoring—his reputation. “A good name,” McKenney wrote, “is constantly in danger of being torn... no matter how cautious they may be, how honest, or how capable, or how devoted to the duties of the trust which they seek to encounter.” His great efforts of publishing the Indian portrait gallery would come to serve the causes of aiding the Indian and restoring any damage done to his reputation by Jackson’s discharge.

McKenney had received notice of his dismissal from Indian Affairs while on a leave of absence in the summer of 1830. He was in Philadelphia working with publisher Samuel F. Bradford who already had “in his hands the large work” which would later be published as an “Elephant” edition of McKenney’s portrait gallery. By winter 1832, McKenney had already written some of the text and a very rough outline for the portfolio. And in 1833 the first of the engraved plates of the portraits were copyrighted by Key & Biddle of Philadelphia. By this time, also, McKenney was experiencing great differences with several publishers, and worst yet, financial difficulties were looming ahead. These two paramount problems would hound the distinguished gentleman the rest of his life.

Judge James Hall of Cincinnati had just turned forty when he met McKenney, yet he was already a celebrated Midwestern author. The two were paired at a meeting arranged in

James Hall, co-author of the Indian history, is most noted for his histories of the wild, wild West. He established his reputation first in the rough backwoods circuit courts as an attorney. (McKenney, Thomas L., and Hall, James, The Indian Tribes of North America with Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of the Principal Chiefs, Edinburgh: John Grant, 1933, Vol. 1, opposite p. xxii.)

1835 by eminent historian and future Harvard president Jared Sparks. It was a successful meeting; the two writers had a lot in common. And even though McKenney had been working on the project for years, Hall is credited with writing much of the text. However, Hall quotes McKenney at length, and it is quite apparent that the extraordinary details about the incidents and events of the Indians and descriptions of their apparel from their headaddresses down to the buttons and strings on their moccasins were gleaned from McKenney’s many personal encounters with the Indian tribes of North America.

In the beginning of the relationship between the co-authors, McKenney was thrilled to have someone “working hard on the material.” He had carried the paramount tasks of publishing a book—writing, editing, maintaining the portraits—on his shoulders far too long. And he had spent a lifetime and considerable energy and money researching the staggering subject of the Indian tribes of this continent. Hall, himself, was known as a flamboyant frontiersman and a literary pioneer of the Ohio Valley. He was also famous for his “prolific literary output” which included his popular 1828 Letters From the West; Containing Sketches of Scenery, Manners, and Customs and Anecdotes Connected with the First Settlements of the Western Sections of the United States, another rare book available for viewing in Special Collections.

Hall’s name is included on the three-volume set being discussed here. But on the title pages of some editions McKenney is listed solely “as the author” and at times, McKenney would publicly refer to himself as the “author of the History of the Indian Tribes of North America.”

Moving with stately step and in Indian file this tribe returning from battle marches to its village of wigwams while McKenney watches from afar. (McKenney, Thomas L., Memoirs, Official and Personal, New York: Paine and Burgess, 1846, facing p. 167.)
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BY LAURA C. SIMIC
DIRECTOR OF PLANNED GIVING

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The life of an Indian woman was one of "continued labor and unmitigated hardship." This portrait of a Chippeway squaw and child illustrates a state of despair for the mother with her infant on her back. (McKenney, Thomas L. and Hall, James, History of the Indian Tribes of North America, with Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of the Principal Chiefs. Philadelphia: J.T. Bowen, 1848, Vol. I, p. 269.)
For example, say you own $100,000 of stock that you paid $10,000 for several years ago. Say the stock is currently paying you a 2% dividend, or $2,000 per year. If you gave that stock to the university to fund a 6% charitable remainder trust, the trust would pay you approximately $6,000 per year, tripling your income. You would avoid approximately $18,000 in capital gains tax you would have to pay if you sold the stock. If you are at least seventy years old, you may be entitled to an immediate charitable deduction of approximately $54,000. (The amount of the deduction depends upon the age of the donor, the trust's rate of return, the size of the gift, and other factors.)

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The Friends of the University of Tennessee Libraries is a vital organization, supporting the Libraries’ mission and providing a means to reach out to the community at large through public programming. The development efforts of the Friends are more important all the time in helping The Libraries maintain excellence now and in the future. As advocates and donors, the Friends are an essential group.

The annual presentation of the Library Friends Outstanding Service Award is one acknowledgment of the kind of work performed by many supporters. Last year’s recipient of that honor was Dr. Otis Stephens, charter member of the Friends, chair of its Executive Committee for many years, and long-time advocate for the Libraries on campus and off. His nomination for the award received unanimous endorsement.

The year’s public programming, mainly through the Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Lancaster Lecture Series, focused on the east Tennessee region. In the fall renowned folklorist Michael Ann Williams from Western Kentucky University spoke on the cultural history of the Great Smoky Mountains area. Using slides to illustrate her lecture, Dr. Williams reconstructed a time predating the creation of the national park in the Smokies. Her well-attended program drew enthusiastic response from the audience.

Williams’ lecture was also the occasion of the official start of a major focus for the Libraries. A group of librarians and scholars have begun the multi-year project of creating an exhaustive bibliography of materials published on the Smoky Mountains to be published by the University of Tennessee Press. Coinciding with this work, the Libraries initiated a major campaign to collect materials on the Smokies to be added to the collections.

The Friends’ public program in the spring was a panel discussion by east Tennessee writers on the subject of place in their writing—how it was represented, its influence, and its significance. Knoxville author Brian Griffin organized the program and moderated it. The other panelists were Fred Brown, Jeanne McDonald, Linda Parsons Marion, and Candance Reaves. The writers’ remarks were all well-received and attracted interesting commentary from members of the audience.

In introducing the moderator, Dean Paula Kaufman cited Griffin’s appointment as the Libraries’ first Writer-in-Residence, a program inaugurated, she said, “in recognition of the immense amount of writing that’s going on in Knoxville and the east Tennessee region and in recognition that it is the Libraries’ responsibility to be aware of what’s being published and to collect materials that represent all of this activity.” She pledged the Libraries’ further cooperation, moreover, “...with the Knoxville Writers Guild and others who make this place in which we live such a rich place.”

An activity in which the Friends play a largely supporting role is the annual “Love Your Libraries” Fun Run, sponsored and organized by the Graduate Student Association as a fund raiser for The Libraries. Organization of last year’s spring run, the seventh, was chaired by Friends Executive Committee member Fred Coulter.

It is the Executive Committee that oversees the Friends’ activities and accomplishments. Last year’s members of the committee were Ellis Bacon, Jeanne Barkley, Dan Baty, Wallace Baumann, Marion Barker, Howard Capito (chair), Bobbie Congleton, Fred Coulter, Lacey Galbraith, Cornelia Hodges, Christopher Hogan, Susan Hyde, Mike Jaynes, Joe Rader, Nancy Siler, Otis Stephens, Fred Stone, and Sandra Williams (vice chair).

The Libraries’ ability to serve its various communities owes much to the efforts of those dedicated supporters found among the Friends. They deserve thanks and a salute for another year of outstanding service.

Serious discussion marks an encounter after the spring 1999 lecture between guest local writer Jeanne McDonald [right] and Cornelia Hodges, emerita member of the Library Friends Executive Committee [left] and her niece Lacey Galbraith, student member of the Executive Committee.

Local writers field questions from the audience during a panel discussion of “place” in their writing at the spring 1999 Library Friends Lecture. From left, Candance Reaves, Linda Parsons Marion, Brian Griffin, Fred Brown, and Jeanne McDonald.

A post-lecture moment finds Michael Ann Williams [left] and her listeners in jovial conversation. Dr. Williams, a folklore scholar, spoke on her field research in the Smoky Mountains and showed slides to illustrate the region’s cultural history from before the creation of the National Park.
RECENT ADDITIONS:
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BY NICK WYMAN
LIBRARY SUPERVISOR

A scarce east Tennessee imprint has come into the library this year. John B. Jackson's *The Knoxville Harmony of Music Made Easy, Which is an Interesting Selection of Hymns and Psalms, Usually Sung in Churches...* was published in 1840 at Pumpkintown. It is the second edition; and, although The Libraries does not possess the 1838 first edition printed in Madisonville, the second is by far the more sought-after of the two. There are four known copies of the first edition, none of them held by a Tennessee library. Only the McClung Historical Collection of Knoxville's Lawson McGhee Library and now, the Special Collections Library of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, are known to own a copy of the second edition.

Its now famous place of publication, the press of Johnston & Edwards at Pumpkintown, Tennessee, is the source of several of the truly interesting rare titles printed during the early history of Tennessee. John Dobson wrote, in *The Library Development Review* for 1985-86, about the various titles issued from the press at Pumpkintown in an article about The Libraries' acquisition of *The Union Songster*, a unique copy of a title issued from the Madisonville office of the Patriot in 1830. This Madisonville press was the antecedent to the Pumpkintown press that printed under the names of Johnston and Edwards, both individually and together.

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Shape-note songbooks like *The Knoxville Harmony* are of interest for a variety of scholars today. One identifiable interest group is the growing number of people reviving and practicing the American tradition of shape-note singing. Several such groups meet regularly in the Knoxville area alone. In addition to this living renewal of shape-note singing there is a great interest among musical scholars of mainstream churches in the United States in researching the history of American hymn tunes. The Special Collections Library's extensive collection of early American hymn books and shape-note songbooks has provided the resources for some of this research. As a consequence, the hymnals currently in use in American churches reflect a desire to recover an American "voice" in their hymnody. So this very rare addition to the collection, made possible by the generosity of a donor, represents a significant enrichment to the resources available to music historians and musicologists studying the history of hymn tunes.

At the same time that The Libraries acquired *The Knoxville Harmony...* through the catalog offerings of eminent Tennessean dealer R.R. Allen, we were also able to purchase three other remarkable items. Two of these are *The Tennessee Almanac...* for 1864 and that for 1865. These are very rare items from the Nashville press of R.H. Singleton. The third of these purchases is a printed indenture of the Tennessee Company, issued in 1790 and completed with manuscript signatures of Zachariah Cox and others. The Tennessee Company was one of the infamous land speculating "Yazoo" companies; it violated a treaty with the Cherokee by selling tracts and establishing settlements on Native American lands. Cox attempted to create one such settlement in the Muscle Shoals area, but his expedition was dispersed by the Cherokee. This document is of interest, not only as a Cherokee-related piece, but also for its unusual spelling of "Tennessee" at a time when the more usual spellings appearing in print were "Tanasi" and "Tenasee."

One last little volume, of interest to literary researchers, is a recent acquisition. William Congreve's *Poems Upon Several Occasions...*, printed for Peter Wilson, at Dublin in 1752, is an excellent addition to the Special Collections Library's William Congreve Collection. The nucleus of this collection was the gift of John C. Hodges, one time head of The Libraries.
The young William Congreve, from a portrait painting by Henry Tilson. (Hodges, John C., William Congreve the Man: A Biography from New Sources, New York and London: Modern Language Association of America and Oxford University Press, 1941, frontis.)

the English Department at the university, authoritative Congreve scholar, and great benefactor to The Libraries.

Through the assistance of donors and of the John C. Hodges Library Endowment, the Libraries has, over the years, been able to enlarge upon the rich collection of first editions and other significant issues of the great Restoration playwright's works. The Congreve collection here at the Special Collections Library is one of the two finest in the world. William Congreve's plays and other works represent the uproarious culture of the British Isles in the period following upon the Spartan privations of life in Cromwellian England.

The 1752 Glasgow edition of Poems upon Several Occasions ..., was already present in the collection; and, indeed, the Library's collection is so extensive that most recent editions that we have acquired are works by other authors of the period, for which Congreve wrote, for example, a prologue. He thereby lent his illustrious name to the scribblings of others. Only one first edition is absent from the Library's William Congreve Collection, that of his Incognita printed at London in 1692; the equally scarce 1700 edition is lacking as well. These two extraordinarily rare and costly editions remain among our most highly sought desiderata. We look forward to the time when, because of the kind largesse of the Libraries' friends and donors, we shall be able to announce the presence of these two volumes in the collections here at the university.

**LINDSAY YOUNG ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS HUMANITIES ACQUISITIONS**

By Russ Clement
Humanities Coordinator

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Lindsay Young's generous endowment "for special acquisitions that will make a qualitative difference in the collections of the Libraries" in the humanities. Accordingly, in April 1999, a committee of humanities teaching faculty and humanities librarians nominated twenty-nine research sets in art, classics, English, history, medieval studies, modern foreign languages, music, and theatre. These research materials, which could not have been purchased with regular library funds, will be used by faculty and graduate students in many departments and will significantly enhance the university's scholarly endeavors by providing a lasting legacy for future researchers.

Among other new acquisitions this year, the Lindsay Young Library Endowment funded the purchase of a stunning facsimile of the Lambeth Apocalypse, a twelfth century Biblical manuscript associated with the Benedictine abbey of St. Albans in England. The manuscript has framed miniatures at the beginning of each book, twenty-nine historiated initials, and over thirty large, decorated initials. Its distinctive colors—lemon-yellow, orange, pink, emerald-green and blue—as well as its stylistic complexities of line and patterning, mark a high point in English medieval illumination. Two other medieval sources acquired this year are large microform research sets on the Black Death and Medieval & Renaissance Literary Manuscripts from John Rylands University, Manchester, England. Classics were augmented by research sets on the topography of ancient Rome, Trajanic and Hadrianic literatures, Roman politics and religion, Greek archaeology, and Reports of the Department of Antiquity, Cyprus.

For history, A Documentary Record of the First World War and World War II Combat Interviews was selected, along with the Goldsmiths'-Kress Catalogue of British economic history. Modern foreign languages were enhanced by sets on German literature, art, and history, including Documentation on Jewish Culture in Germany, 1840–1940. An extensive private collection of early Russian history and culture was acquired, along with new Portuguese encyclopedias, films, and the entire backset of two hundred issues of Fem, an influential Hispanic journal.

For music and theatre, collections of thirteen African Wave music video cassettes, fifteen jazz video cassettes, seventy-one compact disks, and an extensive set of nineteenth century English and American theatre journals on microfilm were selected.
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Professor Emeritus of music, George F. DeVine was a beloved professor of music history and a passionate friend of the Libraries. He came to Knoxville and the University in 1947 along with David VanVactor, who was the founding head of the Department of Fine Arts (now the School of Music). George and his wife, June, were both professional bassoonists who had played in many nationally-known orchestras. Long after he had stopped performing with the Knoxville and Oak Ridge Symphonies, he continued to write program notes for the KSO performances. George DeVine made his mark with untold numbers of students, teaching and inspiring them with his knowledge of music, wit, and genuine caring. He was a major influence in building the collection at the Music Library, and it was named in his honor upon his retirement in 1985. The George F. DeVine Library and the faculty of the School of Music will miss this dear friend.
This partly printed summons caused Solomon Nickson and Francis Rockhold not only to pay their debt of $750 to Lewis Ross, but to pay court costs of $12.50.
(The Penelope Johnson Allen Collection.)