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The home of John Ross, Cherokee Chief, at Ross's Landing near Chattanooga. See article on page 7. (Foreman, Grant, Indian Removal: The Emigration of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians, Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1932, facing p. 252.

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Dean of the University Library

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARIAN EMERITUS

The one-page article which appears on the overleaf of the table of contents of the Review is usually written by a donor to encourage others to be equally kind to the University Library. We have, however, sometimes honored one of our own, and that is the case now, as I write about my friend and mentor, John Dobson, who passed away suddenly on April 8 of 2000.

I hardly know where to start. I have been both dreading and looking forward to this tribute. Dreading because it brings John back so vividly and I am still having trouble with his loss. But I have been looking forward to it because no one deserves it more, and I am very lucky to be in a position to publicly thank one who has made such a contribution to the Library and to Special Collections at UT, or "ut," (pronounced as a word, not an acronym) as John always called it.

In a sense, John Dobson was Special Collections at UT. A local boy from Greeneville, he served in WWII from 1943 to 1946, then returned to school, earning a B.A. from the university in 1948 and an M.L.S. from Columbia in 1951. He started work for the Library (I am looking at his staff vita) on July 1, 1954, as a cataloger, and in 1959 William H. Jesse, then librarian, appointed him the Library's first special collections librarian. Mr. Jesse, as he was affectionately known, also sent him on a tour of special collections libraries and allowed him to design the form of the facility, the functions it would perform, and how it would perform them. In other words, though the Library had been collecting rare books and manuscripts for some time, John provided the structure and Special Collections is his monument.

John occupied this space once before in the 1985-86 Review when he announced his retirement. He stayed on part time, however, for another three years in order to help me with the transition, and I don't know what I would have done without him. There are over 2,000 collections here, and each one has a story. Then there was the small matter of the Review, which he had edited since 1980.

And somehow, in the course of all this, we became such good friends that it is hard for me to imagine that he is no longer over there at 1111 Kenasaw Ave. in Mr. Jesse’s former home, three blocks away from me, whenever I need him. He, Ronnie Allen, who has often also graced these pages, and I had lunch every Friday and talked shop. I used to think of it as Rare Books 101, and I guess I foolishly thought it would go on forever. Friday still comes, but lunch is over.

James B. Lloyd
Special Collections Librarian
TRACKING TENNESSEE: A Long, Long Trail of Photographs

BY RICHARD FREEMAN LEAVITT

In October of 1999 we were fortunate enough to have been able to purchase Richard Freeman Leavitt's collection of Tennessee Williams photographs, many of which are annotated by Williams himself. Mr. Leavitt then kindly consented to write the following article, for which I am grateful, since who could know the collection better? I should also point out that the Tom referred to in the discussion of the early photographs is Tennessee Williams, who was known as Tom as a boy.

"I am an avid collector of memories, yes, but not of memorabilia. Much as I have been pleased by awards, by many play posters, and even by certain notices, I don't frame them and hang them on the walls. I've usually passed these trophies on to my mother since they were not adaptable to such an itinerant life as I've led."

Tennessee wrote these lines in 1978 for the introduction to my pictorial biography, The World of Tennessee Williams. Some few years after his death in February 1983, I was sitting in New York with Andreas Brown, Tennessee's bibliographer and owner of the Gotham Book Mart, that famous old bookstore on Forty-seventh Street where wise men fish. Tennessee himself had worked there back in the early 1940s, and I found and hired the same day. He couldn't wrap books to suit Frances Steloff, the legendary founder of the store. But time heals all wounds; I have a lovely picture of Tennessee kissing her tenderly on the cheek when she was in her ninety-third year, and only slightly mellowed.

I met Andreas Brown in New York in 1963. He was collecting Tennessee's papers for Audrey Wood, Tennessee's agent, who needed to arrange their donation to an institution in return for some much needed tax relief for Tennessee. Andreas suggested a southern school and mentioned the University of Texas at Austin. When Tennessee learned that Texas also held the papers of his late good friend, Margo Jones ("The Texas Tornado") who had founded the Dallas Theatre-in-the-Round, he agreed, and the Andreas Brown collection went to the University of Texas in memory of Margo Jones. Texas today holds about eighty-five percent of the total Williams archive. When Harry Ransom was working to elevate the Texas school to world-class status as a humanities research center, golden gushers of oil fueled the acquisition of an astonishing wealth for the new center.

In the fall of 1987, Andreas and I were sitting in his office, in those days a cluttered book-filled room at the far end of the store where Tennessee used to gasp, "Ba-by, there's no air in here." Above us hung a later picture of Tennessee in a Greek Fisherman's cap (an item he constantly lost and replaced) surrounded by such other lights of American literature as Eudora Welty, William Faulkner, the Millers—Henry and Arthur—and Tennessee's favorite American poet, Hart Crane. Other walls were plastered with a collector's ransom of autographed photographs, a Who's Who of American and English letters. And everywhere, books and more books. Andreas's desk stacked high with two feet of papers and still more books. Piled high in front of me this day were freshly signed copies by James Purdy and drawings by the late Edward Gorey (a special favorite of Andreas who is now working on the artist's estate and will be a trustee of a charitable trust for animals). In the front window, Gorey's "Dracula" made a hard bed for Mitch, the store's most famous cat.

We were speaking of Tennessee. In addition to his Williams Collection at Austin, Andreas publishes a catalog that is the current authority on prices of Williamsiana. Almost casually he announced, "You know, I'll always think that somewhere in this city, forgotten in some dusty warehouse, there's a trunk that belongs to him." I was struck by his remark. It triggered an instantaneous, "My God, I wonder if they checked the attic." By "they" I meant Chuck Carroll, the executor of Tennessee's estate, a trust officer from Southeast Bank in downtown Miami. The attic was at 1014 Dumaine Street in the French Quarter of New Orleans, Tennessee's earthly home in his spiritual home.

My mind flew back to a gray Sunday in the early autumn of 1977 when I'd tracked Tennessee to New Orleans by way of Key West and New York, finally cornering him in the Vieux Carré to look over his personal photographs for my pictorial biography that Putnam would publish in 1978. "Ba-by, they're up there," he gestured vaguely. I balanced on a chair and stretched up to raise and move aside a small trapdoor. Inside a tiny and alarmingly damp crawl space, I reached and finally removed a collapsing cardboard box filled with yellowing clippings, a few playbills, a pack of old mail—some of it unopened—loose photographs, and oddly, a bamboo fan (Hart Crane's?). After his death, the Dumaine property had been sold, and now Andreas's remark jolted my memory of that attic, those photographs, and that afternoon.

I was doubly unnerved because a recent horror story involving Tennessee's younger brother, Dakin, was fresh in my mind. Through the years, researching pictures from both private and public sources, I'd developed a vague sense that some things were missing. There were curious gaps in Tennessee's early and college life not documented by family photographs. Thinking it odd, I had quizzed Dakin but he assured me that all photos were in Texas.

Then, in 1977, Tennessee's mother, Miss Edwina, now an elderly lady...
in her nineties, finally entered a rest home. Dakin sold her home on Wydown Boulevard in St. Louis to a Mr. Murphy. To make a long story short, in the attic Mr. Murphy discovered a cache of Tennessee-related material that included revisions of play scenes as recent as The Night of the Iguana (1962) and some nine hundred family photographs! My early elation over this discovery soon turned to despair, for Dakin had sold the house "with its contents" and Mr. Murphy was the happiest man on the boulevard. Legal proceedings followed, but the upshot was that the material (including a great many of Tennessee's letters) was auctioned by Sotheby's in New York with Dakin and Mr. Murphy splitting a very considerable amount of money. The pictures seemed out of reach.

Through the purchasing agent, I wrote to the unknown buyer of the pictures—a private collector in New York—and exactly one year later, in June 1988 (my letter having been mislaid) I was invited to examine the photographs. Here indeed were the "missing years": young Tom as a thoughtful eight-year-old, standing with his mother on the steps of 4633 Westminster Place, model for the Wingfield apartment in The Glass Menagerie; twelve-year-old Dakin standing in his vegetable garden in front of the Enright building, the model for the Wingfield tenement in Menegue.

Included was a pensive Tom with his childhood sweetheart, Hazel Kramer, twelve-year-old Tom looking lost and homesick in St. Louis; Tom swimming in the Ozarks under the watchful eye of his beloved Dakin grandmother, "Grand." Here too were the only known photos of his favorite aunt, Belle Brownlow and her husband, Will, both living reminders of Tennessee's memorable Tennessee heritage, since both Brownlows were closely related to memorable state governors. One especially interesting photo showed fifteen-year-old Tom standing about three feet away from his father, the two of them in front of the family car, together but apart, symbolic of their relationship. Other pictures showed Tom as a freshman at the University of Missouri, another with an extremely chic Edwina on Mother's Day, 1930. There were dozens of such pictures; they filled several albums and have since been donated to the Harvard Theatre Collection.

In life, as on the stage, timing is everything. I researched my book at just the right time. So many key people in Tennessee's life have died since then; I am grateful to have researched those friends when I did. Nothing recaptures the past quite like a photograph—a moment frozen in time—especially when

the picture and the circumstances surrounding it are explained by one who was there. Tennessee himself was notoriously indifferent about photographs. Just once, and then again against my better judgement, I left a choice photograph with him in New York, thinking he'd enjoy seeing himself with his friend, poet Gilbert Maxwell, when they were both enjoying early success. The instant I closed the door, I knew I'd made a terrible mistake, and sure enough, I never saw that picture again. Mea maxima culpa!

As a celebrity's celebrity, Tennessee was much photographed. Always shy, he tolerated being photographed—up to a point. Usually he was mellow and considerate, but he could get testy and dismissive when things ran on. Many of the best pictures I have seen, were, of course, candid shots taken when he was most at ease. One of his favorite photographs of himself was taken in London in 1946 by his friend, the late Angus McBean, the distinguished theatrical photographer. He took his portrait of Tennessee in a very relaxed sitting—the best possible circumstance. Tennessee liked him very much; they were both of the theatre, the vibes were good, and the moustache was new. Tennessee liked the poetic feeling captured by the camera.

Marion Black Vaccaro, Tennessee's dear friend and favorite traveling companion, held extensive early photographs dating from 1940, when she and Tennessee met in Key West when he stayed at the Trade Winds, a guest house owned by her mother. Marion's photographs documented their travels in Italy as well as the Caribbean. It was a collection I would one day inherit from her brother, George. Donald Windham, Tennessee's early long-time friend, owns a very special collection of early material from their salad days in New York, Provincetown, Macon, and elsewhere that includes many one of a kind gems. The legendary Paul Bigelow owned a joint collection with his friend, Jordan Masse (a cousin of Carson McCullers and the namesake son for one of the models for Big Daddy) that covered important areas in Tennessee's life. God alone knows how Gilbert Maxwell ever preserved a few excellent photos from the early days in the 1940s. He was more careless with photos than Tennessee. And the Bettman Archive is even richer now that it owns the files of United Press International. I estimate that I have looked at more than four thousand Tennessee-related photos including both play and movie production stills from newspaper morgues in New York, Key West, Miami, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Boston; and from Special Collections in libraries of all the above mentioned cities, as well as the historic New Orleans Collection. Other collections include the Billy Rose and the Astor and Tilden in the New York Public Library at Lincoln Center, plus the early Vendam photographs. The Andreas Brown Collection at Texas has the
largest Williams Archive, but both Harvard and Columbia have significant holdings, with Columbia benefiting substantially by a large infusion of items from Tennessee’s estate. Texas also has the Robert Downing Collection, but there is material all over with new items constantly surfacing. The University of Georgia has Wiliamsiana as do Yale, Washington University in St. Louis, and the University of Delaware. And there is some very special material at the University of Iowa, where Tennessee finally graduated from college in 1938.

I took only one photograph of Tennessee in my life. In Miami’s Parrot Jungle in the summer of 1957, I snapped him with Lilli Von Saher (“The Last of the Crepe de Chine Gypsies”) and screen writer Meade Roberts (“Adrenaline Addie”) who was working on the script of The Fugitive Kind. Years later, Vogue Magazine used it in connection with an amusing article by Meade about working with Tennessee, adapting the script from the play Orpheus Descending.

Back to that autumn Sunday in 1977. In Tennessee’s little parlor on the second floor of his Dumaine Street home, we settled down to explore the contents of the box from the attic beneath the unseeing gaze of Lord Byron, whose elegant black bust dominated the small table it shared with a big battered copy of Dante’s Inferno, from which Tennessee had taken the epigram “In the middle of the journey of our life, I came to myself in a dark wood where the straight way was lost” from Canto I for Camino Real. Beside the table, a massive leather armchair seeped horsehair from two ruptured seams, a matter of obvious indifference to him.

Both of Tennessee’s homes were mod-

Tennessee had an array of pets that included, at one time or another, a cat named Gentleman Caller, a parrot named Lairdta, a monkey named Creature, a succession of English bulldogs named: Mr. Moon, Buffo, Baby Doll, Miss Brinda (shown here), Madame Sophia, and Cornelius. He also had a Boston Bull named Gigi, and a Belgian Shepard named Satan, plus an iguana of uncertain sex named Mr. Ava Gardner. (Richard Freeman Leavitt Collection.)

Tennessee’s home always said, “A free spirit lives here.” He himself said that his address was Bohemia.

That Sunday afternoon as we examined the material from his attic, his high good humor further elevated by a convivial bottle of Bardolino Bollo, I handed him the photos one at a time and he responded with obvious delight. Some of them he was seeing for the first time (unopened mail)! He kept finding surprises that pleased him. I noted his comments and digressions. He was like the young Tennessee from the mid-fifties, by turn rollicking and mock-serious as he delivered the most diverting observations, all of which struck me as deadly accurate. His sense of humor was robust and, as always, his sense of the ridiculous acute.

There were dozens of production stills, and he commented on each; his memory was sharp and he recalled the smallest detail. But it was the people-pictures that most amused him: a photo of Joan Crawford backstage at Orpheus Desc-

Tennessee and Anna Magnani in Key West c.1954. She was a dear close friend, and Tennessee often wondered how Italy’s greatest actress could lead such an unconventional life yet remain in conventional society. She won an Oscar for her role in The Rose Tattoo. (Richard Freeman Leavitt Collection.)

Tennessee and Diana Barrymore in Miami, c.1958. She made a concerted effort to play the lead role in the London production of Sweet Bird of Youth but Tennessee demurred, telling her that she was too much like the Princess and that her performance would hold no surprise. Following her tragic death in 1960, he was a little remorseful that he hadn’t given her the role. They had many merry times together. (UPI.)
Tennessee met Elvis Presley in 1962 when he was in Hollywood in connection with the filming of Summer and Smoke by Hal Wallis, starring Laurence Harvey and Geraldine Page. Tennessee admired Presley as an actor and would have loved for him to have played Val on the stage in Orpheus Descending. (Cinemabiana.)

Tennessee wrote an unpublished poem some few months before his death from a drug overdose in 1983. In part it runs: "My heart is in a tall clock tower/And keeps striking hours that say/Tim e for you to slide away."

(TWight Langley/Key West.)

Tennessee on the beach at Santa Monica. Tennessee loved the beach, and swimming was his favorite exercise. As soon as he could afford it, he invariably chose to stay in hotels with swimming pools. (The Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas, Austin.)

I am fifty-four years old now. The reason it is so incredible to me that I have reached this age is that each year is not a year to me but it is a play...my life seems to be chocked off not in years but in plays and pieces of work.

One of my favorite photographs of him was taken on the beach at Santa Monica during his suspension from MGM during the summer of 1943 when he was a zestful thirty-two years old. He was living on Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica, renting from a lusty landlady amid circumstances he would resurrect ten years hence in a short story called "The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore." Tennessee, by the way, always believed that Diana Barrymore had been murdered. Another photo showed him with Audrey Wood, his agent from 1940 until 1971. She seldom photographed well, but in this picture taken on the porch of Marion Black Vaccaro’s home, "Blackwood," on the opening night of Orpheus Descending at the Coconut Playhouse in 1957, she and Tennessee both looked wonderful. One would never suspect they would one day have such a tragic falling-out.

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And here Tennessee waiting with his cousin, Jane Lawrence Smith, elegant in a black beaded gown at an opening night party. Tennessee had officiated as witness when she married the late sculptor, Tony Smith.

Tennessee’s amusement stopped abruptly at a picture of Lilla Von Saher. “That Bitch cost me the No-bel Pri-ze.” Some years earlier, she had exploited him shamelessly in Stockholm, and he had received a terrible beating from the press.

Somewhere in the little parlor on Dumaine Street in New Orleans, a clock chimed in the background, and then we were looking at a photograph taken at the first meeting of the principals for a read-through of The Night of the Iguana. In the photo lovely Margaret Leighton, a Williams favorite, smiles demurely while the great Bette Davis smiles broadly at director Harold Clurman from beneath a wide-brimmed hat, as Tennessee and Patrick O’Neal look on. Tennessee

Tennessee on the beach at Santa Monica. Tennessee loved the beach, and swimming was his favorite exercise. As soon as he could afford it, he invariably chose to stay in hotels with swimming pools. (The Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas, Austin.)
It was about 8:00 p.m. on October the 28th of 1999, and I was sitting with my friends David Szewczyk and Cynthia Davis Buffington of Philadelphia Rare Books & Manuscripts at an Italian restaurant in downtown New York. In a minute two more of our party arrived, Selby Kiffer, who heads the rare book department at Sotheby's and Don Heald, one of the foremost illustrated book dealers in the country. I shook hands with Selby, and said, "I tried to get you to sell a Curtis for me several years ago (see the Review, 1991-92). He said, "Tennessee! You must be ..." but Don cut him off, saying, "Yes, and I bought it.... Twice. Once then, and again later in London." We all laughed, and he started his story.

He was hardly through when we were joined by our other two participants, Bailey Bishop, who had made sure that we got first choice at the numerous parts of the Francis Headman collection of Tennesseana when he worked at Goodspeed's Bookshop, then the premier dealer of Americana in the country, and Bill Reese, who has taken over that mantle, and who had that day spent some three million dollars of his own and other people's money at what many people think was one of the two most important sales of Americana to occur in the 20th century (the first was the Streeter sale in the late sixties, a benchmark against which Americana has been judged ever since). They sat down, and Bill, who had successfully bid for more than half of the 531 lots, and Selby, the auctioneer, began to recap a monumental day. As they talked, I drifted off...

We had gathered at Sotheby's that morning to take part in the second half of the auction of the Frank T. Siebert Library of the North American Indian and the American Frontier. Known in the trade as "the Indian man," Siebert, a pathologist, had become something of a legend in the collecting of Americana. For fifty years he had been documenting the American frontier as it moved westward. Thus his collection began with Canada, then moved on to encompass the Northeast, the South, Trans Appalachen, the Mississippi Valley, the Plains, the Rockies, the West, and the Southwest. He eventually divorced his wife, became estranged from the rest of his family, and, as Bailey Bishop describes in his introduction to the two volume catalog, ended up living instead with "rarities after rarity in remarkable condition, numbering about fifteen hundred books, pamphlets, broadsides, maps, manuscripts, prints, photographs, and newspapers, some famously elusive or the nicest copies in existence, crammed into a non-descript cottage in the middle of Maine...."

When Dr. Siebert died in 1998, the family decided to auction the collection through Sotheby's, and Bailey Bishop was engaged to write the catalogue de-
the Gilder Lehrman collection at the Pierpont Morgan Library will simply keep bidding no matter what. And that, indeed, is why I needed to be there in order to apply the brakes or the accelerator depending on how successful our bidding was. In other words, though you may identify items in which you’re interested and set bid limits, everything changes quickly when the auction begins. If your early bids fail, you may decide to increase the later ones, etc.

In the first auction a total of almost six million dollars changed hands, and the second came in slightly higher, for a grand total of $12,591,870. Of this, only a small part was from the University of Tennessee. I did not come close to spending the amount Aubrey had set aside, but we were able to purchase eight lots for what in the context I considered reasonable prices, six containing manuscript material and two printed pieces.

The manuscripts, sometimes single letters, sometimes lots of several, include pieces from some of the biggest names in the history of the Old Southwest. In one letter Benjamin Hawkins, for instance, who became Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1785, writes to Samuel Elbert, governor of Georgia, in June, 1785, concerning the part Georgia is to play in the Treaty of Hopewell which he was getting ready to negotiate in November (this is the first of numerous boundary treaties with the Cherokee). And Return J. Meigs, of whom I wrote in last year’s Review, writes from his agency at Hiwassee to John Strothers in Nashville in defense of the rights of the Cherokee and the Chickasaw to a saltpeter cave at the mouth of the Elk River in present day Alabama. Name recognition, however, need not always be present for research interest. One of the ancillary letters in lot 622, which really concerns Cyrus Byington, the missionary who published a Choctaw speller in 1825, is from Timothy Pickering, Secretary of War, to Samuel Hodgdon, Commissary of Military Stores in Philadelphia. In it, Pickering documents the rather tortuous route the obligatory presents to the Chickasaw and the Choctaw are to take, i.e., by water from Philadelphia to Richmond, “thence by land to Knoxville and thence in boats by the River Tennessee to the Chickasaw country.”

Of the printed pieces, my favorite, hands down, is Receipts for the Cure of Most Diseases Incident to the Human Family: By the Celebrated Indian Doctor, John Mackentosh of the Cherokee Nation: None of Which Have Ever Before Been Communicated to the World, which was published in New York in 1827. In it, one Seth Holderwell presents the folk remedies which he purports to have received from Mackentosh. Here are a few representative samples.

For Sprains: Take a spoonful of honey, the same quality of salt, and the white of an egg, beat the whole together, anoint the place sprained with this, keeping the part well rolled with a good bandage I have known this to enable persons with sprained ankles to walk in twenty-four hours entirely free from pain.

For Cramp and Stomach-Ache: First put the patient in a warm bed, then take as many spider’s webs as can be put in a thimble, and mix them with as much honey, half of this is a dose, to be given once in half an hour till the patient sweats freely, when the cramping will cease or the stomach will stop aching, and the patient fall to sleep.

For Rheumatism: Take some brimstone and powder it fine, pour it in a long narrow bag and tie it about the body. A spoonful may be taken internally on going to bed.

These are followed by a testimonial by Dr. J.W. Van Keuren of New York, the whole being available for the meager cost of twelve and a half cents. The thought of the spider webs caused me to sweat a little myself, and brought me back to reality. Bill Reese was saying “Yes, and it was the Champlain.... With the map!”
DR. KENNETH CURRY, 1910-1999
BY SUSAN M. LEONARD
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Dr. Kenneth Curry, as he appeared in the early 1970s. He came to the University in 1935 immediately after completing his Ph.D. at Yale and remained here until his retirement in 1978.

Long-time Library friend and Professor Emeritus Kenneth Curry, who taught English at the University of Tennessee for forty-three years, died at the age of 88 on Oct. 13, 1999. He came to the university in 1935 immediately after completing his Ph.D. at Yale and remained here until his retirement in 1978.

A highly respected specialist in the British romanticism of the 19th century, Dr. Curry wrote several books on the English poet Robert Southey and a study of Sir Walter Scott’s Edinburgh Annual Register. He also wrote a significant article, “The Knoxville of James Agee’s A Death in the Family,” which was published as the lead article in Tennessee Studies in Literature in 1969. Additionally, he wrote a history of the university English department—a good deal of which history he lived himself.

Dr. Curry was the English department’s liaison with the Library, ordering books requested by the faculty for more than twenty years. He established the Kenneth Curry Library Endowment Fund in 1966 for the purchase of library materials in the humanities, which he contributed to generously throughout the years and ultimately with a large bequest. “He was one of those rare faculty who had some independent means, so that doubtless for years he was able to withstand the vagaries in salary support in the state system, to travel for research and entertainment, to purchase books and art, and finally, to support in a serious way what he felt mattered most at the university—English and the Library,” said Dr. Allen Carroll, head of the English department. A benefactor also to the English department, Dr. Curry established a professorship which will bear his name.

Both Dr. Carroll and Dr. Allison Ensor—another English professor who worked with Dr. Curry, and even studied under him in the late 1950s—remember him as one productive in his specialty and responsible as a scholar above and beyond what universities expect of faculty. According to Dr. Carroll, Professor Curry was also one of those rare faculty who have no family or otherwise serious interest outside his university position. “He therefore gave his full attention to the Department of English, and for years and years he did so, without much in the way of recognition,” said Dr. Carroll.

Dr. Carroll remembers him having a distinctive personality, which included a form of expression, a voice, that amused faculty and friends, and for years was part of the department’s personality. Adds Dr. Ensor, “Long known as the department’s financial wizard, Professor Curry was always alert for items of news and gossip, though he was fond of saying with feigned complaint, ‘Nobody ever tells me anything.’” “He was a remarkable person,” said retired English Professor Bain Stewart, who taught with Dr. Curry for nearly forty years, “especially in dealing with students. He had many fine qualities as a teacher. They loved him.”

Dr. Curry was a long-time friend of Dr. John Hodges, head of the English Department for twenty-five years, and for whom the John C. Hodges Library is named. In an interview conducted for the 1993-94 issue of The Library Development Review, Dr. Curry had many fond memories of the Library and his frequent use of its materials. “The Library has always been essential to the proper conduct of any program in English studies and Dr. Hodges always kept the Library’s needs foremost in his planning,” Dr. Curry said. “The Library supplied the necessary materials needed to conduct research, and I have always enjoyed the time I spent in the Library, but I did come to realize that the Library in those days lacked the resources it needed.”

Dr. Curry then focused on helping to build up the collections during the years he was the English department’s library liaison. “We were able to buy hundreds of needed volumes for the Library,” he recalled, “some of which are virtually unobtainable now.” “Looking back, I have admiration for the many changes to the Library today as compared to the meager resources of a few decades ago,” he reflected in the 1994 interview. “The collection has grown tremendously, and it is wonderful to be able to get most of the materials you might need when conducting research.”

In regards to his ongoing philanthropy to the endowment which bears his name, Dr. Curry said, “I would encourage anyone who is thinking of contributing to a worthwhile educational cause to consider the UT Library. Such contributions will affect a great number of people—students, faculty, visiting scholars, and the individuals inside and outside of our community.” “The stronger our library is, the more people it can reach,” he continued. “This can only be done, however, with adequate resources. I have always found the library staff to be helpful and willing to go the extra mile to help with problems. I am pleased that I can give something back to a place that has given so much to me.”
Old newspapers are an incredibly rich source of historical information about a society and its people. From editorials and articles, to language styles and advertisements, illustrations, photographs, and even cartoons, a newspaper reflects the views and perspectives of its readership's culture. There is, for me, nothing quite as historically revealing as the experience of holding a newspaper that was printed two hundred years ago, reading its timeworn pages, and allowing myself to be immersed in the lives of its people.

When I first joined the Tennessee Newspaper Project (TNP), I accepted a student position inventorying the many papers of the Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection in Knoxville. Knowing little about the nature of the TNP, and only slightly more about Tennessee history, often caught myself reading with great excitement the articles that described the days of my Tennessee ancestors. The battered 19th and early 20th century papers are filled with dramatic, and often graphic, accounts of villains and heroes and narrow escapes from calamities: fires, floods, poisonings, railroad accidents, and explosions were commonplace. While I still find the content entertaining, it does not escape me that these were the important stories of the day in which they were written.

A favorite: two gun-toting butcher shop employees found a solution to an on-the-job dispute by “taking it outside” in the early 1870s. From memory: We went outside and he pulled his gun. I told him he should just put that thing up. Well he did, and when he did, well, I shot him. The survivor's candid account amazed me on many levels: he carried a gun to work; he and his fellow employee took their guns outside to settle an argument; he fired his gun even after his opponent reholstered his weapon; he told his story freely to the newspaper; and he was not going to jail for any of it! I read in another paper that a similar street duel was stopped before “the draw” and that the participants were fined $1.50 each for the public disruption.

The unforgettable mania caused by Orson Welles’s radio broadcast of H. G. Wells's The War of the Worlds was announced in bold headlines in 1938. The front-page article brought to mind the day that my neighbor, Gilbert Arnold, told me of his experience with the alleged alien invasion. Welles’s dramatic voice crackled over Gilbert’s radio while he worked in the stockroom of a Market Street (Knoxville) diner. He believed the invasion to be real, as did everyone else. Soon the regulars gathered in that stockroom, known for its backdoor beer distribution, to sit on boxes and sample the stock, while nervously discussing their alien-defense plans.

In 1881, President Garfield's near three-month struggle to recover from an assassin's bullet was drawn out with daily updates that were sorrowfully hopeless and surprisingly optimistic from one report to the next. His death was finally announced in The Knoxville Chronicle on September 21, two days after he actually died. Like most deaths of important public figures in those days, the newspaper honored his passing by printing thick black lines in the gutters between the columns.

Advertisements are one of the most revealing aspects of older papers as the products and services offered clearly reflect the needs, fears, and desires of the readership. Because even minor diseases were life threatening to those who lived before the middle of the twentieth century, many (mostly shady) entrepreneurs capitalized on the public's fear by developing alternative cures, which were commonly advertised in local newspapers. Numerous were ads for healing remedies such as Hinkle's Kidney and Bladder Capsules and Carboil, "The Great American Salve," which promised to "stop pain caused by boils and carbundles" (The Sunday Journal and Tribune [Knoxville], 1920).

Other remedies were much more ambitious in their claims. In the Knoxville Daily Whig, 1870, Dr. Lawrence’s Extract of Koskoo was promoted as a “blood purifier” that could cure “scrofula, syphilis, dyspepsia, rheumatism, neuralgia, nervous affections, eruptions of the skin, and
any blood-carried disease." These "remedies" were often little more than sugar and alcohol, although the addition of the occasional opiate was not uncommon. Other popular items offer insight into the daily lives of the readership. From corsets, cast iron stoves, plows, coal, garden seed, and baking powder, to clocks, jewelry, shoes, and books; the endless selection portrays the diverse lifestyles of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

And a final favorite: a news bulletin as published in the Daily Press & Herald, Knoxville, January 27, 1872:

A fashionable lady in Chicago, disgusted with her ugly nose.....has had a rubber one made after the Grecian style of architecture. It is beautifully tinted and so life like that with a prodigal use of toilet powder it would trouble a stranger to detect that it is a counterfeit bugle.

These stories were found on the crumbling paper of the late 1800s and early 1900s when it was common practice to print on highly acidic wood pulp newsprint. Because of the high acid content, the pages are deteriorating very rapidly, often falling apart at the slightest touch. As a result of their fragile condition, many of these original papers are no longer available to the public.

Fortunately, the delicate nature of the older papers caught the attention of the National Endowment for the Humanities who initiated the United States Newspaper Project (USNP) in 1982 for the purpose of forming state-based projects in order to locate, catalogue, and preserve newspapers before they are permanently lost to us. With the Library of Congress furnishing technical assistance, the USNP now includes all states, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Thirty-six projects have been completed, leaving sixteen in progress.

The TNP joined the USNP in 1994 with a one-year planning grant from the NEH. That funding allowed the TNP staff to locate over 11,000 newspaper titles across the state, an estimated 6,300 of which are unique. The information gathered from the survey process was compiled into a searchable database that was made accessible through the project's Web site. This database has proven a valuable resource for researchers as they attempt to locate particular papers or papers from a specific time period. To further strengthen the TNP, non-responding institutions will be contacted this year in an effort to include them in the project. Readers may access the TNP Web site at http://toltec.lib.utk.edu/~spec_coll/newspaper/tnphome.htm.

Staff of the TNP are currently inventorying papers in Knoxville and Nashville, the two Tennessee cities with the largest repositories. After working to create detailed and accurate records of reported holdings, papers can be brought together for microfilming during the preservation phase to form the most complete collection possible. The TNP will soon proceed to outlying areas in east and middle Tennessee, an effort made possible by the NEH through a $300,000 continuation grant that will sustain the project until 2002.

Due to advances in technology, there are now other ways in which newspaper access, and perhaps preservation, is possible. One may, for instance, scan a newspaper, perform optical character recognition (OCR), and make the paper's content searchable so that it can be accessed via the Internet by interested parties around the world. The Georgia Newspaper Project has accomplished some work in this area, and the TNP hopes to explore this option more fully within the next few years.
Library endowments recently enabled librarians to upgrade the university research capabilities by combining the purchasing power of several accounts towards a major retrospective acquisition, the Web of Science online database backfiles from 1970 through 1999. The backfiles complement a current subscription to the database that is supported by state funding. Despite its somewhat specialized name, Web of Science covers literature of the humanities and social sciences, as well as the sciences. It is comprised of three large databases: Science Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index, and Arts & Humanities Citation Index which contain references from over 8,000 peer-reviewed journals. A recent search gave results from a total of over 25 million records! Published by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI), Web of Science offers an unusual and unique approach to research. ISI's founder and president, Eugene Garfield, pursued an innovative idea in the late 1950s that launched a scientific publishing empire.

Garfield was fascinated by footnotes. He observed that while the references in articles take the reader back in time, footnotes could also enable a scholar to go forward in time. If an author could discover who cited a particular article once it was published, those citations could serve as links to further development of ideas and findings presented in the original publication. The concept of citation indexing was born. ISI is the only information provider in the world that captures and indexes cited references (the footnotes or bibliographies) published with every article included in the database. Information can be retrieved by author, subject term, journal title, and by cited reference. Each article entry provides full bibliographic details, an abstract, the author's affiliation and address, and a list of all the footnotes included in the article. Further, a button at the top of the screen offers links to "related records" that share footnotes in common, a virtual bibliographic bonanza.

An article about domesticated sunflowers in prehistoric middle Tennessee written by Gary Crites, a professor at the UT's McClung Museum, illustrates the power of Web of Science. Dr. Crites published an article in the journal American Antiquity in January 1993. A search of the Web of Science database reveals that the article included twenty three citations, and full bibliographic information is shown for all of them. Further, the database shows that since January 1993, the article was cited eight times, twice each year in 1995 and 1996, three times in 1997, and once in 1999. For each of the articles that cited Dr. Crites's work on sunflowers, the database includes an abstract and a list of all their references. A click of the "related records" button brings up an additional 10,167 items.

Web of Science spins for the researcher a web of discovery with the bibliographic citation at its center.

Particularly valuable for interdisciplinary research and an excellent source for locating book reviews, Web of Science databases are updated weekly. The university students, faculty, and staff, as well as any visitor at the University Library can connect by clicking on Web of Science in the multidisciplinary section of the library's databases menu http://www.lib.utk.edu/research/databases/. Electronic Services Coordinator Gayle Baker (gsbaker@utk.edu; 974-3519) will answer questions or provide training in the use of this important acquisition.

The following library endowments contributed to the purchase of Web of Science backfiles: Tutt S. and Elizabeth Bradford, Ira N. Chiles, Elizabeth and R.B. Davenport II, Natalie Deach and James A. Haslam II, John C. Hodges UT Alumni, Dwight McDonald, Harvey and Helen Meyer, B. Schiff Family and Betty J. Weathers, and Ronald H. Wolf.
THE CIVIL WAR IN THE WEST: MORMONS, INDIANS, CONFEDERATES, AND CALIFORNIANS

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This year Special Collections received a donation of the Civil War papers of Capt. Joseph C. Morrill. In 1861, Morrill, a transplanted New Englander, was teaching school in San Francisco. With the outbreak of war in the East, Morrill joined the Unionist 3rd California Infantry Regiment. Starting out a second lieutenant, Morrill eventually became a company captain and served in the Utah Territory. Most of the papers are quartermaster reports Morrill submitted to Washington.

As interesting as these reports are—in September of 1863, the unit’s twenty-five teamsters only used as much soap as the unit’s two civilian prisoners—they are just part of a much larger story and this is that story—the Civil War in the West.

When Abraham Lincoln issued his call to raise 75,000 troops to conquer the South, Unionists across the country responded. California’s Unionists were no exception, eventually raising a total of 16,000 troops to serve Lincoln. Gen. George Wright wrote Washington about Union sentiment in California, “The Union-loving people of the coast are vastly in the ascendant, their fiat has gone forth, and no secession doctrine can flourish here.”

Contrary to their wish, the Californians who enlisted were not sent east to suppress Southern independence. Instead Lincoln kept some in California, sent some into the Southwest, and sent others to the Utah Territory. There were two reasons behind Lincoln’s actions: the first was practical and the second political.

The practical reason was that, contrary to Gen. Wright’s assertion about California’s “Union-loving people,” the state was riven with factions disputing the proper destiny of the area. Clearly the dominant faction was the Unionist one. After all, they had all those troops. Their position was a simple one: Union and whatever force necessary to preserve it. Another faction was led by Governor John G. Downey, who despite issuing the proclamation calling for troops to be raised, opposed their use. His view was that the Union rested on voluntary agreement, not coercive force. Compromise, not war, was his policy. A third faction was pro-Southern and centered around Los Angeles, just as the state’s Unionist sentiment centered around San Francisco. Ex-Senator William M. Gwim and ex-Senator Joseph E. Lane were reputed to be its leaders. A fourth faction was made up of those Southern Californians who wanted to secede from California itself. Yet a last faction wanted California to be an independent nation.

With this in mind, Lincoln did not want to undermine loyalty to the Union by sending Californian troops to die on distant battlefields in the East. He wanted to keep them close to home to fight battles that would seem more in California’s immediate interest. Troops in the Southwest could be seen as preserving California’s lines of communication and commerce east through that territory. Troops in Utah could be seen as doing the same since the northern route to California passed through that region. So this is why, while some troops stayed in the state to keep control of it, others went to Arizona and others still to Utah.

The territory in the Southwest that comprised today’s Arizona and New Mexico principally derived its population from the South. In March of 1861,
people from the eastern portion of the territory held a convention at Mesilla and passed resolutions joining the Confederacy, inviting the people in the territory's western half to do the same. A convention was then held in Tucson that did just that. Provisional officers were elected and a government organized. Eventually Lt. Colonel John R. Baylor, a Texan, was appointed by Richmond to be the permanent governor. Even before he arrived with Confederate troops—the force consisted of some eight hundred Texans and two hundred Mexicans—the local militia, flying the Confederate flag, had engaged in battles with bands of local Indians.

It was to conquer this territory from the Confederacy that the California troops were sent into the Southwest. Dramatically out numbered, the Confederate forces eventually withdrew into Texas without significantly engaging the Union army.

With the exception of small Confederate bands, the Union army's main opponents in the territory were the now various Indian tribes. The Californians were sufficient in number to cow the Confederate population, but insufficient in number to adequately protect them from the Indians. This problem remained unresolved at war's end and the Californians' replacement with the regular army.

The troops from California that went into Utah also faced Indian problems, but more importantly faced problems with the local Mormon population. At the start of the war, the territory contained 42,214 whites, thirty free blacks, twenty-nine slaves, and some 20,000 Indians. The bulk of the whites were Mormons and hostile to the federal government.

The Mormon attitude was the product of the church's history. Almost from the first when Joseph Smith announced that the Angel Moroni had given him a revelation supplementing Scripture and authorizing polygamy, Smith and disciples were in open conflict with their neighbors. This conflict led to Smith's death in 1844, while on trial in Illinois for sedition, and to what came to be called the Mormon War in Missouri. Fleeting the enmity that they had experienced, the Mormons under Smith's successor Brigham Young went west into the Utah Territory. Here they had hoped to have a home away from the hostility that beset them in the East and in which they would be the rulers, only to find that federal authority had followed them west.

Within Utah there were in effect two governments. There was the de jure government of the territorial governor and other federal officials and the de facto government of Brigham Young and the Mormon Church. During the time Young was the appointed territorial governor, the two were essentially one. After his governorship, the relationship reverted back to suspicion livened by animosity and violence.

The Buchanan administration decided to send federal troops to the area to keep an eye on the Mormons. When the news reached them, Mormon distrust increased. At this moment a wagon train of emigrants passing west for California entered Utah. The wagon train's mounted contingent called "The Missouri Boys" succeeded in riling both Mormon and Indian alike. The local militia sent a message to Salt Lake City to find out what to do. Brigham Young ordered that they be allowed to pass in peace. Unfortunately the militia and Indians did not wait for his reply. Instead they massacred everyone in the wagon train except the 17 youngest children; 120 men, women, and children were killed.

When the federal troops arrived, Mormons expecting retaliation fled their homes and farms. After a time they gradually returned to discover to their surprise that the troops had refrained from burning them out. The commander of the troops, then Colonel Albert Sydney Johnson, who was later to be a Confederate general, did not engage in war with civilians. His moderation helped defuse the situation, which decreased to one of wariness on both sides.

This was the way events stood when things began to fall apart back east with the election of Lincoln. The Mormon attitude must have seemed schizophrenic if not downright deceitful. On one hand the Mormons held fervent 4th of July celebrations replete with claims of loyalty and petitioned to be admitted to the Union as a state. On the other hand Mormon speakers and newspapers seemed almost to revel in the break up of the Union. "There is no more a United States," said Brigham Young, "Can they amalgamate and form a government? No. Will they have the ability to form a government and continue? No, they will not...What will King Abraham do? I do not know, neither do I care." On another occasion he stated, referring to the Washington government,

They have left the paths of truth and virtue, they have joined themselves to falsehood, they have made lies a refuge...and justified the iniquitous doers. They have justified thieving and lying and every specie of debauchery; they have fostered those who have purloined money out of the public treasury...Shame, shame on the rulers of the nation! I feel myself disgraced to hail such men as my countrymen.

Any wonder that Lincoln and Washington did not believe Young's other statements that the Mormons should stay away from secession and rejected the Mormon request that he be appointed territorial governor again?

The arrival in late 1862 of the Californian troops under Col. Patrick Edward Connor did nothing to improve the situation. The Mormons ostracized the troops and the troops in their turn were hostile to the Mormons. Col. Connor
spoke for them and the federal officials of the Territory when he wrote in his initial report to Washington, "it will be impossible for me to describe what I saw and heard in Salt Lake, so as to make you realize the enormity of Mormonism; suffice it, that I found them a community of traitors, murderers, fanatics, and whores." Connor viewed his mission as that of an occupying army and overlooked no opportunity to intimidate the locals. As a show of force he marched his troops through the center of Salt Lake City and established his headquarters, Camp Douglas, just outside the city.

This mutual hatred between the Mormons and Washington almost broke into outright war in 1863. In a sermon on March 3rd, Brigham Young denounced territorial Governor Stephen S. Harding, a Lincoln appointee, as "a black-hearted abolitionist...a nigger worshipper" and demanded that the president remove him and two of the territory's federal judges. "Judges Drake and Waite are perfect fools and tools for the Government. If they could get power, as they want to do, to have an arrest warrant for Brigham Young for the commission of polygamy. Col. Connor offered troops to back up the warrant, but luckily Chief Judge J. F. Kinney rejected the offer. The 1,500 Mormon troops in Salt Lake City were already on alert and would have met force with force. Instead the marshall had to take a simple civil posse to serve the warrant. Young turned himself in and was released on bond. The local Mormon paper The Deseret News commented that preparations had been made at Camp Douglas for the purpose of making a descent with an armed force...It was vainly and foolishly supposed that he would resist the service of a writ...Persons desiring collision were anxious to make the pretext of an armed military force in executing the process as the excuse for.

As a show of good faith, Lincoln removed the unpopular Harding as governor and replaced him with James Duane Doty, who was liked among the Mormons.

If the Mormons eventually proved an inadequate source of conflict for the Californians, there were always the Indians. The major battle fought against them was the Battle of Bear River. In January of 1863, Indians killed some white miners near Lewiston, Utah. Col. Connor concluded that Chief Bear Hunter, an Indian even the Mormons feared, and his tribe were the culprits. Connor and his California troops tracked them down. The Indians were in an entrenched position on the north side of the Bear River and shouted to the troops, "Come on you California sons of bitches." And come on they did. Instead of holding them down with rifle fire and encircling, Connor called for a direct, frontal assault. The Indians probably could not believe their good fortune as cavalry units charged down the steep, icy riverbank into the freezing water. It was during these few moments that most of the army's seventy casualties—twenty killed and fifty wounded—occurred. Fortunately for the charging troopers, Captain Samuel Hoyt and a company of infantry had crossed the ravine west of the fighting and soon maneuvered into a position to give covering fire. The battle lasted four hours; 224 Indians were killed, including Bear Hunter. Local Mormons came out to the battlefield to tend the wounded and search for survivors. One of them described the carnage for the Deseret News, "Never will I forget the scene, dead bodies everywhere. I counted eight deep in one place, in several places they were three to five deep...."

For this victory Connor was promoted to brigadier general; his reputation as an Indian fighter assured. There were other skirmishes with the Indians, but soon Connor could report that he had established peace with the Shoshones. Other tribes followed suit. By the middle of 1863 Indian troubles in the Utah Ter-

The command...proceeded in a southerly direction towards Utah Lake. Owing to the high stage of the water in Provo River, rendering the ford impossible, the command was obliged to make a detour around the west side of the Lake, passing the extreme southern point near the town of Goshen, and travelling up the eastern shore as far as Springfield, which was our point of departure from the valley and settlements. From Springfield proceeding due east we entered what is known as Hobble Creek Canon, and marched a distance of six miles over a passable wood or lumber road to the "Forks." At this point our work commenced, and the command up to the present date constructed a good, substantial wagon road for fourteen miles to our present camp over a very rough and rocky canon, requiring numerous bridges and several miles of heavy "dugways."

This work had required thirty-seven days and Capt. Morrill estimated that the road would need at least another ninety days worth of labor before reaching Denver; the West did not give easy victories to those who challenged her. With the surrender of the last Confederate general, Cherokee Chief Stand Watie, on 23 June 1865, the war in the East ended. Not long thereafter the enlistments of the Californians began to expire. Gen. Connor unsuccessfully tried to get the troops discharged in Utah; his hope had been that, if returned to civilian life in Utah, many would stay and serve as a counterbalance to the Mormons in the territory. Only a few ended up settling in Utah with Gen. Connor. Most returned home to California. After years of isolation, danger, boredom, and hard labor, probably not many could recall with clarity the enthusiasm with which they answered Mr. Lincoln's call to war.
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Many of the generous library supporters profiled in this and previous issues of the Review are people just like you who have taken advantage of the benefits of including the university in their estate plans. Not only do they realize immediate and future benefits and accomplish some of their own financial goals, but they are also able to make significant future contributions with relatively modest current outlay. Most importantly, they have the satisfaction of knowing that the University of Tennessee will be a better place for generations to come. They’re changing lives through education.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INSIGNIFICANT EVENTS: RETURN J. MEIGS ON THE WEB

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARIAN

It's one of life's little ironies that events that don't seem important at the time turn out to be very significant in hindsight. Such a moment occurred in May of 1997 when I was attending the annual National Newspaper Meeting, which brings together the participants in the NEH funded United States Newspaper Program (see the article on p. 10) at the Library of Congress. I was innocently walking down the back steps of the library when my friend Bob Henneberger, who was running the Georgia Newspaper Project, turned to me and said, "I bet you have some Indian material in Tennessee, don't you?" I admitted that we did, and Bob asked if we might be willing to join in a grant proposal to digitize and mount some manuscripts. I agreed, not thinking too much about it, since one discusses possible projects all the time, and they almost never come to anything.

I had refused to get involved with the frenzy to digitize and mount which had been going on in the special collections world since about 1992 because I was relatively certain that without standards all the early digitized files would eventually be lost. By 1997, however, such standards seemed to be evolving, and I trusted Bob. Also, I suspected he knew what he was doing, since he had been running a digital production facility for several years, and this would not be his first project.

So I said yes, and that simple exchange has taken me in directions that I didn't at the time know existed. To make a long story short, we ended up applying for, and receiving, a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for $180,000 for what we are now calling the Native American Project. To be eligible, we had to recruit a museum partner, since one of the points of this program is to unite different kinds of cultural material and deliver it via the Web. So I enlisted the McClung Museum on campus, which has some very interesting images from the archaeological digs which were done because of TVA. And while I was at it, I also got permission to use some of the Cherokee Collection from the Tennessee State Library and Archives, since it is a sister to the Penelope Johnson Allen Collection from which we are mounting (see my article in last year's Review).

The idea behind the Native American Project is really quite simple. Those of us who should know chose the best material we could find from our collections to document the give and take which occurred between the Native Americans, the Europeans, and a surprisingly large black population in the Southeast between 1763 and 1842. Our target audience is K-12 and junior college teachers who might wish to use original documents to teach a section on the historical events which took place during those years. Grant staff at the libraries of both Georgia and Tennessee are presently working on providing access to this database, which will ultimately reside on GALILEO, Georgia's statewide online system, and be freely available to all. We hope that teachers will search the database, download the text and images that they find, and make their lesson plan accordingly (we know that many others will probably use it in their own ways, and we encourage that as well). So, we are choosing items from the Penelope Johnson Collection, mainly valuations from the 1833 and 1834 exoduses, and some of the records of Return J. Meigs's Indian Agency. Thanks to the generosity of Ed Gleaves, State Librarian, we borrowed and scanned items from the John Ross folders of the Cherokee Collection as well as more Return J. Meigs material. After we scan the documents, we make an archival copy on a CD and take the use copy through a process of transcription, SGML markup, watermarking, compression, and Dublin
Core cataloging. When we are finished, we send the documents to Georgia, where they are performing the same process on their material. The resulting image and text files then go through several other pieces of software in preparation for being mounted on GALILEO, where individuals will ultimately be able to search the transcriptions full text, view the images, and download what they like.

We have asked for another year of funding, since once such a database is up, one may add to it at will, but we will not know if we can continue until this year's Review is into production. At the present writing we have a test database up, and the programmers in Georgia are working on the presentation. By the end of October we should have the files ready to go, as promised in our proposal, and I'm curious to see how the project is received. I'm also curious to see what happens next, since I have a feeling that the repercussions from that idle chat in D.C. have just begun.
While others were looking to the future in the wake of the new millennium, humanities teaching faculty and librarians met in April 2000 to select items essential to campus research that represent human achievement over the past 2000+ years.

Through the generosity of Knoxvillian Lindsay Young, each year the libraries are able to purchase "special acquisitions that will make a qualitative different in the collections of the Libraries" in the humanities. The humanities faculty—representing art, classics, English, history, medieval studies, modern foreign languages, music, and theatre—requested a board range of material, including microfilm, videos, and sets of paper volumes, that would have been too expensive to purchase through regular library funds.

Since its inception in 1989, the Lindsay Young fund has aided the current research of dozens of humanities faculty and graduate students and provided a treasure trove for future researchers.

The Lindsay Young endowment in 2000 funded the purchase of an array of material. For history, the Library's Civil War holdings were augmented by the acquisition of microfilmed Confederate newspapers and the Braxton Bragg (Confederate general) papers. To support the Center for War and Society's efforts to study World War II soldiers, the Library purchased a complete run of Stars and Stripes, the armed forces newspaper. At the request of African and African American faculty, periodicals from black and third-world countries were selected. Moving further back in time, the acquisition of the complete works of both Martin Bucer and Huldreich Zwingli will enhance our holdings on the Protestant Reformation in Europe. The classics and history faculty requested a highly detailed and illustrated volume on the archaeological excavations of a roman villa and infant cemetery, selected volumes of a large research set on Rome, and back issues of journals covering the ancient near east.

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