



Passport to History



Researching Washington County

Washington County
1777

Jonesborough
1779

State of Franklin
1784-1788

Territory South of the River Ohio
(Southwest Territory)
1790 - 1796

Tennessee
1796

Locations

Washington County Library
200 Sabin Drive
Jonesborough, TN 37659
423-753-1800
Website: www.wclibrarytn.org



Washington County Archives
103 West Main Street
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Public Hours:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday,
8:00 a.m. - 12 noon;
Tuesday & Thursday,
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

423-753-1777
Website: wctnarchives.org



Heritage Alliance
212 East Sabin Drive
Jonesborough, TN 37659
423-753-9580
Email: info@heritageall.org
Website: www.heritageall.org

We invite you to visit both our museums, located in the Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center at 117 Boone Street and in the Chester Inn at 116 West Main Street.

Washington County Library

The Washington County Library Genealogy Collection holds multiple resources emphasizing local history and genealogy. In the collection, the following resources are available:

- Vertical files containing around 1,000 family files and around 600 location and subject files.
- Over 2,200 books, over 1,900 genealogical journals, and several scrapbooks.
- Various maps of the United States, Tennessee, this region, etc.
- Photographs of local historical places, individuals, etc.
- Microfilm historic newspapers, including the *Herald & Tribune*, which was established in 1869.
- Microfilm of Washington County records and church records.
- Access to genealogical web sites such as Ancestry.com, Family Search.org, and TnGenWeb.org, etc.



Washington County Library - Jonesborough

Heritage Alliance

The Heritage Alliance is dedicated to the preservation of the architectural, historical, and cultural heritage of our region and to providing educational experiences related to history and heritage for a wide-range of audiences.

We collect artifacts, documents, photographs and ephemera ranging in date from 1768 through present day. Featuring well over 6000 records, our collection includes:

- **An extensive photographic collection** spanning from 1850 through present day, including a number of photographs from early Jonesborough photographers L. W. Keen and O. L. Hensley.
- **Significant 19th century Jonesborough newspapers**, including most editions of the *Herald & Tribune*, Jonesborough's weekly paper since 1869.
- **Jonesborough Sanborn Fire Maps** from 1888, 1892, 1907, 1913, 1924 and 1939.



- **Business correspondence**, ledgers and other records pertaining to Washington County and Jonesborough businesses.
- **Family correspondence** and ephemera, as well as records from various Jonesborough social clubs.
- Records pertaining to the creation of the **Historic District and the Preservation movement** in Jonesborough.



Heritage Alliance Office

Washington County Archives

The archives preserves the oldest public records of Tennessee in the state's oldest town. The archives houses primary records for researching family, local, and regional history.



Washington County Archives Office

How to find records on our website:
www.wctnarchives.org

Collection Guides



Record Groups



Choose a collection



Click "ok" or "allow" if prompted

Among the records found in the archives that may help your research are:

- Chancery Court, 1773-2006 (includes case files, minute books, probate records, etc.)
- Circuit Court, 1804-2009 (includes case files, minute books, etc.)
- County Court, 1771-2005 (minutes, judicial records, etc.)
- Wills, 1773-1992
- Election records, 1832-1949
- Inventories of Estates, 1778-2006
- Justice of the Peace records, 1777-2002
- Maps, 1828-2013 (includes digital copies and area topographic maps)
- Marriages, 1781-1990
- Superior Court of Law and Equity, 1784-1835 (includes case files, minute books, etc.)
- Tax books & lists, 1778-2010

