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TENNESSEE ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY  
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1860-1939**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Tennessee Electric Power Company Collection gives the history of the electric industry in Tennessee, and more particularly the history of The Tennessee Electric Power Company for the years 1860 to 1939.

The material in this finding aid occupies .84 linear feet of shelf space. The collection was compiled and donated to the Tennessee State Library and Archives Manuscript Section by Arthur W. Crouch of Nashville, Tennessee.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in these papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consisting of 54 volumes and ca. 32 items, was assembled by Arthur W. Crouch to be used as a source for anyone interested in the history of the Tennessee Electric Power Company. The history of the electric industry in Tennessee is covered briefly, beginning with the street railways in 1860. Most of the material covers the period in which the company was operating from 1922 through August 15, 1939, at which time all properties were transferred to the Tennessee Valley Authority, municipalities and cooperatives. Tennessee Electric Power Company was a progressive company, interested in rural electrification and spending large sums of money in promoting the use of electric appliances. It laid the foundation on which the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the distributors have since built a strong industry.

Included are two volumes of the history of the Tennessee Power Company compiled by the donor, along with a volume of annual reports of the company from 1923 to 1938; a volume of electric light, power, and heat rates, 1936; and a generation data book, 1913-1939. Published by the Tennessee Electric Power Company is a volume on the organization, development, and forecasts for the future through the use of water power; *The Power of Water*, 1912 – facts, figures, and helpful ideas to encourage the use of electric power; and “Electric service for your farm” – promotional material of 1925.

There are five charts showing the output and peak loads of large electric power systems in North America, 1927-1938; a special issue of *Electrical World*, 1949, covering the past, present, and future of the electric power industry; and 24 issues of *Public Service Magazine*, 1914-1916, which are of interest in the controversy over public versus private ownership of public utilities.

There is a scrapbook of newspaper clippings from the August 1939 *Chattanooga Times* and *Chattanooga Free Press* which concern the transfer of the Tennessee Electric Power Company from private ownership to public.

Included is a booklet titled *The Unified Development of the Tennessee River System* which is a report to the United States congress by the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, March 1936.

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Box 1**

1. List of material – compiled and donated by Arthur W. Crouch
2. History – 1860-1939
3. History – 1912-1939
4. Annual reports – 1923-1937
5. *Public Service Magazine*, issues of December 1914 through December 1916
6. *The Electric Power Industry* – 1949  
– a special issue of *Electrical World* covering the past, present, and future of the industry

### **Box 2**

1. *The Tennessee Electric Power Company* – published 1925
2. *The Power of Water* - published by Tennessee Power Company in 1912 – facts, figures and helpful ideas to encourage the use of electric power
3. Annual reports, 1923, 1924, and 1926 through 1938
4. Rates – electric light, power and heat – 1936
5. Five charts – output and peak loads of large systems in North America, 1927-1938
6. Generation data book – 1913-1939
7. “Electric service for your farm” – promotional material, 1925
8. “Midnight, August 15, 1939 – The End” (newspaper clipping)
9. *The Unified Development of the Tennessee River System* – published by the Tennessee Valley authority in 1936

### **Box 3**

1. Glendale Park, Nashville, Tennessee
2. Tennessee Electric Power Company – map, transmission system and connections, 1938
3. Tennessee Electric Power Company – test department, organization and personnel, 1931-ca. 1940
4. Tennessee Electric Power Company – photographs
5. “Nashville had a Zoo”
6. “The Caney Fork of the Cumberland” and “Floods on the Caney Fork”
7. “Stream Flow Records” and “Bench Marks on the Caney Fork”