



State of Tennessee  
Department of State  
Tennessee State Library and Archives

**JAMES B. COLEMAN III  
PAPERS, 1858-1918**

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**COLLECTION SUMMARY**

**Creator:**

Coleman, James B., 1896-1982

**Inclusive Dates:**

1858-1918

**Scope & Content:**

Consists of photographs, photograph albums, genealogical data, correspondence, and a brief autobiography. The majority of the collection consists of photographs, most of which are unidentified and undated. The autobiography is an essay by Coleman titled "My Impressions and Memories of the South, 1899-1920." This essay covers life in the South after the Civil War, including manners and customs, proper attire, traditions, and holidays. Also of note is the correspondence, which contains a permission to Colonel Coleman to carry arms, 1866; a letter from J. Coleman to his children, 1866; and two letters dating 1918 to Sgt. James B. Coleman Jr. from his parents.

**Physical Description/Extent:**

3.5 cubic feet

**Accession/Record Group Number:**

1990-307

**Language:**

English

**Permanent Location:**

XII-G-Top; XII-G-4

**Repository:**

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee,  
37243-0312

**Administrative/Biographical History**

James B. Coleman III was born in 1896. He earned a degree in industrial engineering and enlisted in the army in 1917, receiving an honorable discharge with commission in June 1919. He was employed by Sift and Company for 50 years.

**Organization/Arrangement of Materials**

Collection arranged alphabetically by document type.

**Conditions of Access and Use****Restrictions on Access:**

No restrictions.

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**Index Terms****Personal/Family Names:**

Coleman family  
Coleman, James B., 1896-1982  
Preston family

**Geographic Names:**

Southern States -- History -- 19<sup>th</sup> century  
Southern States -- Social life and customs

**Document Types:**

Copy prints  
Correspondence  
Essays  
Genealogies (histories)  
Photographs  
Photograph albums

**Acquisition and Appraisal****Provenance and Acquisition:**

This collection was donated by F. Richard Hitt of St. Petersburg, Florida in 1982.

**Processing and Administrative Information****Preferred Citation:**

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**Processing Information:**

Collection was previously processed in 1990, but the finding aid was updated by Kimberly Mills Wires in July 2019.

## DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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### CONTAINER LIST

<b>Contents/Item Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Autobiography -- My Impressions and Memories of the South, 1899-1920	undated	1	1
Correspondence	1858-1918	1	2
Genealogical data -- Coleman and Preston Families	undated	1	3
Photographs -- unidentified (copy prints)	undated	1	4
Photographs	undated	1	5
Photograph album (Oversize)	undated	2	
Photographs album (Oversize)	undated	3	
Photographs (Oversize)	undated	4	
Photographs (Oversize)	undated	5	