LINDSLEY FAMILY PAPERS
ca. 1812 – [1840-1940] – 1953

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INTRODUCTION

The Lindsley Family Papers consist of the papers of a family well known in the educational, political, social, civic, and public health arenas of Nashville, Tennessee, from about 1820 to about 1930. The collection consists largely of diaries, letters, financial records, sketches, wills, and other documents. Individuals represented include Philip and Margaret Lawrence Lindsley, Adrian Van Sinderen Lindsley, John Berrien and Sallie McGavock Lindsley, William Walker, Luke and Percie Warner Lea, Louise Grundy Lindsley, Annie Lindsley Warden, and Margaret Lindsley Warden, the donor of these papers. Miss Warden had donated two diaries and brought other material for copying as early as the 1960s; the remaining papers were brought to the Tennessee State Library and Archives shortly before her death in 2007. The collection, first processed in 1969, was reprocessed in order to incorporate the new material, eliminate duplicates, and provide a more logical order.

Other papers relating to this family, and including 18 letters written by John Berrien Lindsley, may be found in the Margaret (Warner) White (1889-1981) Papers, ca. 1777-1962 (VIII-F3, microfilm #1239). The minute books of the State Board of Education during the period in which Lindsley was its secretary are also part of the TSLA collection.

The materials in this finding aid measure about 1 linear foot, and include two storage boxes and one oversize envelope. This collection has been microfilmed and the original documents have been maintained. There are no restrictions on the use of any of these materials.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Lindsley Family Papers, composed of documents belonging to a well-known Nashville family, span the period ca.1600-1943. The first of the Lindsley name to come to Tennessee was Philip Lindsley (1786-1855) who declined an offer to become President of Princeton College, New Jersey, in order to take the position of Chancellor of the University of Nashville, the first university in what was then considered the West as well as the South. Philip’s son, John Berrien Lindsley (1822-1897), succeeded him in this position in 1855, as well as establishing a very early medical school in Nashville.

The family papers consist of correspondence written by and to family members; personal, financial, and legal papers; genealogical data on the Lindsley and allied families of Berrien, Lawrence, Caldwell, Calhoun, McGavock, Grundy, Rodgers, Bass, and Warner, with biographical sketches, obituaries, clippings, documents and writings of members of these families; two volumes of diaries of John Berrien Lindsley, educator, geologist, physician, Presbyterian minister, and public health officer of Nashville, Tennessee; and an interesting journal, written by Philip Lindsley, which seems to consist of bits of other journals or writings that were particularly meaningful to him.

The documents in this collection span a wide range of years and individuals, but the principal figures represented in the papers themselves are John Berrien Lindsley and his daughter Louise Grundy Lindsley.

Correspondence has been arranged by date. The oldest letters, dating from 1816, are written by Kentucky Secretary of State Joseph Cabell Breckinridge to Philip Lindsley, secretary of the Princeton Board of Trustees, requesting Lindsley’s oversight of two young men who are planning to attend the university. An 1843 letter from Philip Lindsley’s wife asks a similar kindness from Philadelphia relatives as her son John Berrien prepares to attend medical school in that city.

Some of the most interesting letters in the collection involve correspondence to and from John Berrien Lindsley about his scientific interests and travels. A series of 1850 letters from various correspondents discuss the collecting and trading of fossils and shells; one of the most delightful documents in the collection is a witty narrative the 20-year-old Lindsley wrote to his brother about a series of adventures he and his friend William Walker (later to be known as the “grey-eyed man of destiny”) shared during a visit to New York; a detailed autobiography accompanies a receipt for membership in a British historical society. Although there are several career-related items, including copies of an article from the *Nashville Journal of Medicine and Surgery* about J.B. Lindsley’s appointment to the post of Chancellor of the University of Nashville, most of the pieces in the collection are exactly the type of informal, even folksy documents families are likely to hold on to. One interesting folder contains J.B. Lindsley’s class notes from his time at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

Much of the material involving Louise G. Lindsley is related to legal and financial matters: the transfer of cemetery lots and property from one family member to another; legal documents regarding the estates for Luke Lea’s children, for whom Louise Lindsley was bondsperson; deeds of gift; and other real estate items.

There are two hand-written wills in the collection, one from John Berrien Lindsley, and one from Louise. Two most intriguing items that may raise more questions than they answer are the letter from “Aunt Mary” expressing her distress at her nephew
C. C. Warden’s abandonment of his wife and child (Annie and Margaret Lindsley Warden), and the legal papers pertaining to Louise G. Lindsley’s adoption of her sister’s daughter Margaret (even though Margaret’s mother, Annie Lindsley Warden, was still living), apparently in order that Margaret could more easily inherit Louise’s estate.

Arguably the most historically valuable pieces in the collection are the two diaries of John Berrien Lindsley that encompass the dates 1846-1848, when Lindsley was exclusively a minister; 1850-1866, when he was with the Medical College of the University of Nashville (he was Chancellor of the Medical College, 1856-1870); 1855-1860, when he was on the Nashville Board of Education; and 1862, when he was Post Surgeon, C. S. A., for Nashville for a short time. The names of many individuals prominent in medical, church, educational, and political circles appear here. Lindsley records marriages, births, and deaths (including the death of his father, Philip Lindsley); meetings of medical, educational, and social associations which he attended; his own travels; and current events. Civil War historians will be particularly fascinated by the entries between 1861 and 1864, in which Lindsley comments on the University of Nashville hospitals, his efforts to secure the buildings and grounds of the university, the occupation of Nashville by Federal troops, the arrival of Federal gunboats, the Battle of Nashville, the illegal procurement of government stores by civilians, and the confusion and terror of the people.

In addition to the members of the Lindsley and McGavock families, names most frequently mentioned include Dr. George F. Blackie, Dr. William King Bowling, Dr. William Thompson Briggs, Samuel Crockett, the Reverend John Todd Edgar, Dr. Paul F. Eve, James Hoggatt, Dr. James Wood Hoyte, Gen. Bushrod Rust Johnson, Herman Kroeschell, Joseph B. Lapsley, Adrian Van Sinderen Lindsley, Philip Lindsley, John A. McEwen, Sarah (Sallie) McGavock, Col. Richard Owen, Joshua Fenton Pearl, Ebenezer Swift, Girard Troost, William Walker, Dr. Charles K. Winston, and Dr. Lunsford P. Yandell.

Included with these papers are biographical sketches for the following members of the family: Felix Grundy (1777-1840); his wife, Ann (Rodgers) Grundy (1779-1847); their grandson, John Meredith Bass (1845-1908); Philip Lindsley (1876-1855); and his son, John Berrien Lindsley (1822-1897); and Louise Grundy Lindsley (1858-1944). Obituaries for many members of the family are also included.

Literary sketches include the history of the University of Nashville and an affectionate description of the Jacob McGavock home in Nashville. (Son-in-law of Felix Grundy, Jacob McGavock was born at Max Meadows, Virginia, in 1790 and died in Nashville in 1878. He was a friend of Andrew Jackson and served with him in the War of 1812. McGavock’s daughter Sallie married John Berrien Lindsley.) This portrait of the family home is written by the McGavocks’ granddaughter, Louise Grundy Lindsley.
Margaret Lindsley Warden, the donor of this collection, was born January 11, 1904, in Battle Creek, Michigan, and was still living at the time these papers were donated in June 2007, but died later the same year, on November 24, 2007. She enjoyed a long career as a journalist, being particularly knowledgeable about horses and equestrian events, but also about cultural events and local history. The descendant of several influential Nashvillians (see genealogy chart below), she was able to contribute personal knowledge, as well as time, talent, and energy, to the Metropolitan [Nashville] Historical Commission, on which she served for many years.

Margaret’s father, Dr. Carl C. Warden, taught surgery at the University of Nashville for several years. Appointed supervisor of the Phelps Sanatorium (part of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg’s Battle Creek Sanatorium, featured in the novel and film The Road to Wellville), Warden moved the family to Michigan but soon deserted them and left for California with a patient with whom he had fallen in love. This event occasioned the letter from “Aunt Mary” Wheeler in Folder 12. Margaret and her mother, Annie Lindsley Warden, a former teacher, returned to Nashville, where they lived with various relatives for the next several years, eventually moving into their home on Belmont Circle, where they lived with Annie’s sister Louise, who eventually adopted Margaret, even though Annie was still living. (See Folders 19 and 47.)

Margaret L. Margaret Lindsley Warden’s illustrious family included the following:

- Felix Grundy (Folders 4, 8, and 9), Margaret’s great-great-grandfather, was a member of the Kentucky Constitutional Convention in 1799 and was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives the following year; chosen judge of the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1806, he became chief justice the following year. However, he soon resigned, moved to Tennessee, and practiced law until he was elected U.S. Representative and later Senator, serving to 1838, when President Van Buren appointed him Attorney General. Returning to the Senate in 1839, he served as a Senator until his death.

- Jacob McGavock (Folders 28 and 30), her maternal grandmother’s father, who was a close friend of Andrew Jackson, served as Jackson’s aide during the Creek War. He was a county, circuit, and U.S. circuit court clerk for fifty years.

- Philip Lindsley (Folders 7, 8, 10, 34, 35, and 40), her maternal grandfather’s father, was a classical scholar and a Presbyterian minister. He was acting president of Princeton University from 1822-1824, leaving there to found the University of Nashville, intending to make Nashville “the Athens of the Southwest,” and contributing a great deal to raising the level of education in the South. In later years he was a respected Biblical scholar, teaching at New Albany Theological Seminary.

- His son, John Berrien Lindsley (Folders 5, 14, 21-25, 38, 42, 43, 45, 46, and oversize folder), Margaret Lindsley Warden’s maternal grandfather, graduated from medical school at 21. Ordained as a Presbyterian minister, he taught chemistry and pharmacy at the University of Nashville, where he later became chancellor. He was superintendent of the Nashville City Schools; helped found the Tennessee
College of Pharmacy; and served on the State Board of Education, the State Board of Health, and State Teachers Association. He was post surgeon in Nashville during the Civil War, helping to protect and preserve many of the cultural and historical treasures of the university and the city, and later guided Nashville through the 1878 yellow fever epidemic. A founder of the Tennessee Historical Society, he authored *History of the Law School of Cumberland University at Lebanon*, 1876, and also edited and published the monumental *Military Annals of Tennessee: Confederate*, 1886.

- Sallie McGavock Lindsley (Folders 20, 37, and 42), John Berrien’s wife and Margaret’s grandmother, was a charter member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy when it was organized in Nashville in 1894. She also lobbied the Tennessee General Assembly to deed the Hermitage and twenty-five acres surrounding it to the Ladies' Hermitage Association, and served as regent of that Association until her death.

- Attorney Jacob McGavock Dickinson, her mother’s cousin, was president of both the Tennessee and the American Bar Associations; attorney for the Louisville & Nashville and the Illinois Central Railroads; special U.S. Assistant Attorney General in the 1913 prosecution of the U.S. Steel Corporation and other important labor cases; counsel for the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal, 1903; an organizer of the American Society of International Law; and Secretary of War under President Taft, 1909-1911.

- Louise Grundy Lindsley, Margaret’s aunt and adoptive parent (Folders 1, 6, 8, 16-20, 30, 39, 41, 42, 47), was one of the seven women who signed the charter for the Ladies Hermitage Association (the group that rescued and restored The Hermitage), serving as a director for nearly 40 years and overseeing renovations of the house and the purchase of the remainder of the property. She was an active campaigner for woman suffrage and organized the Tennessee Women’s Division of the Southern Commercial Congress. A popular speaker, she spearheaded many women’s activities in support of the war effort during World War I.

- Attorney Luke Lea (Folders 17 and 18), who was married at different times to two of Margaret’s cousins, was an ardent abolitionist and politician. He established the Nashville Tennessean in 1907, served a term as a U.S. Senator, and then distinguished himself in World War I, returning home to help found the American Legion, resume the leadership of his newspaper, and take an active role in the contentious Tennessee political scene. A series of financial and political reverses after the Depression led to his indictment on banking law violations, and he spent two years in prison before an independent audit proved his innocence and brought him a full pardon.
MARGARET LINDSLEY WARDEN: ABBREVIATED GENEALOGY

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Felix GRUNDY (1777-1840)
Ann Philips ROGERS (1779-1847)

| Louisa Caroline GRUNDY (1798-1878) |
| Jacob McGAVOCK (1790-1870) – Son of Hugh McGAVOCK & Nancy KENT |
| Anne Elizabeth McGAVOCK (1820-1868) |
| Henry DICKINSON (1806-1872) |
| Louisa Grundy DICKINSON (b 1848) m Philip LINDSAY (1842-1911) |
| Jacob McGavock DICKINSON (1851-1928) |
| Martha Maxwell OVERTON (1853-1917) granddaughter of Judge John OVERTON (1766-1833) |
| John Overton DICKINSON (1876-1911) m Helen TREHOLME (c 1880-1909) |
| Henry DICKINSON (1881-1957) m Ida Hamilton THOMPSON (1884-1963) |
| Jacob McGavoock DICKINSON (1889-1963) m Margaret Adams SMITH (1893-1987) |
| Margaret Jane McGAVOCK (1821-1822) |
| Felix Hugh McGAVOCK (1823-1824) |
| Randall William McGAVOCK (1826-1863) m Seraphine DEERY (1835-1918) |
| Edward Jacob McGAVOCK (1828-1880) m Elizabeth ESKRIDGE (1840-1903) |
| Sarah “Sallie” Malvina McGAVOCK (1830-1903) |
| John Berrien LINDSLEY (1822-1897) son of Philip LINDSLEY (1786-1855) |
| Louise Grundy LINDSLEY (1858-1944) |
| Jacob McGavock LINDSLEY (1860-1925) |
| Mary McGAVOCK LINDSLEY (b 1861) |
| Margaret Elizabeth LINDSLEY (1863-1936) |
| Percy WARNER (1861-1927) |
| Sadie Lindsley WARNER (1885-1974) |
| George Augustine FRAZER (b 1879) |
| Mary Louise WARNER (1886-1918) |
| Luke LEA (1879-1945) |
| Luke LEA, Jr. |
| Percy Warner LEA |
| Margaret Lindsley WARNER (1889-1920) |
| John WHITE (1885-1920) |
| Mary Thomas “Mary Tom” WARNER (b 1893) |
| William Thomas MALLISON (b 1885) |
| Percie WARNER (b 1896) |
| Luke LEA (1879-1945) |
| Mary Louise LEA |
| Laura LEA |
| Overton LEA |
| Annie Dickinson LINDSLEY (1864-aft 1944) |
| Carl Cleghorne WARDEN (1869-1918) |
| Margaret Lindsley WARDEN (1904-2007) |

[Note: Names in bold print are mentioned in documents in this collection.]
JOINT CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

Folder 1: Accounts, Bills, Checks, Notes, Receipts
- Cancelled check for $40.00 (Union Bank and Trust Co. of Nashville) to J.M. Lindsley from Louise G. Lindsley; endorsed on reverse by J.M. Lindsley and Mrs. J.M. Lindsley. July 5, 1907
- Cancelled check for $136.00 (Union Bank and Trust) to Dr. J.M. Lindsley from Louise G. Lindsley; endorsed on reverse by Dr. J.M. Lindsley. August 9, 1907
- Promissory note for $1,700.00 plus interest @ 6%, signed by Louise G. Lindsley to John T. Lindsley ("Real Estate – Money to Lend"); signed on reverse, "Borrowed to pay, J.M. Lindsley") February 16, 1916.
- Envelope with hand-written notes: on front, in pen, "J.M. Lindsley / $3,750.00 + quit claim to property"; near flap, in pencil, "136.00 + 40 = 176.00 J.M.L."
- Envelope with imprint of the Southern Commercial Congress and hand-written note about the contents.

Folder 2: Biographical Sketches – Bass, John Meredith, 1845-1908

Folder 3: Biographical Sketches – Grundy, Ann (Rodgers), 1779-1847
- "Organized First Sunday-School," newspaper article (no author listed) from The Nashville American, December 16, 1907. PHOTOCOPY
- Letter to Tennessean editor by John Lawrence, March 25, 1918. PHOTOCOPY
- "Ann Grundy, the Citizen," speech given by Louise G. Lindsley to the Ann Grundy Bible Class, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee, Citizenship Day [date unspecified], 1925. PHOTOCOPIES
- “Mrs. Grundy approved,” photocopy of original typed document by Margaret Lindsley Warden. Five pages. PHOTOCOPIES
- Typed notes for speech or article, two pages, numbered 5 and 6, with cross-outs and corrections. PHOTOCOPIES
Folder 4: Biographical Sketches – Grundy, Felix, 1777-1840

- Newspaper article by J. Douglas Anderson, Jr. – Nashville Banner, n.d., laminated – ORIGINAL
- “Recollections of Felix Grundy” by S. H. Laughlin. 4 pages. n.d. – PHOTOCOPIES of typescript;
- “Felix Grundy” by Ann Grundy Eakin Steger, March 1911. 8 pages – PHOTOCOPY OF SPEECH DELIVERED TO TENNESSEE WOMAN’S HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.
- “Tennessee Yesterdays: January 7—Felix Grundy Comes to Nashville,” newspaper article by William E. Beard in The Nashville Banner, January 8, 1933. PHOTOCOPY
- Brief biography of Felix Grundy that was read when his granddaughter, Ann Grundy Eakin Steger, presented a portrait of Grundy to the State Capitol Library in April of 1908. The artist was Washington Cooper, a well-known portrait painter of the period. PHOTOCOPY
- Two typed pages of miscellaneous biographical information on Felix Grundy – no author indicated (possibly Louise G. Lindsley). Includes a typed copy of an 1858 article from the Union & American. n.d. – PHOTOCOPIES

Folder 5: Biographical Sketches – Lindsley, John Berrien, 1822-1897

- Biography (probably autobiography) with genealogical information, John Berrien Lindsley. Four pages, typed. Original (may be carbon copy). Undated, but probably about 1893. A few corrections are made in ink, in Lindsley’s hand.
- “Fifty Years Ago,” biographical sketch by Louise G. Lindsley – PHOTOCOPY
- Two typed pages of miscellaneous biographical information on John Berrien Lindsley – no author indicated (possibly Louise G. Lindsley), n.d. – PHOTOCOPY
- Brief article, “Contribution to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church” – notation: “from J.E. Windrow’s Term Paper for Dr. Crabb at Peabody in Educ. 500” -- PHOTOCOPY

Folder 6: Biographical Sketches – Lindsley, Louise Grundy, 1858-1944

- News article, “Miss Louise Lindsley,” society page, Nashville Tennessean & American, n.d. – PHOTOCOPY
- Three pages of autobiographical material – PHOTOCOPIES of typed pages
- History of “Housewives League,” typed. January 11, 1940. PHOTOCOPY
Folder 7: Biographical Sketches – Lindsley, Philip, 1786-1855
- Newspaper article, “Stray Bits of History,” by Robt. H. White, Ph.D., Nashville Banner, August 20, 1933 PHOTOCOPY
- Portion of a speech about Philip Lindsley to “Mr. Chancellor and Chairman,” source, purpose, and date unidentified. Two pages. PHOTOCOPY
- “Philip Lindsley, Pioneer Educator,” 4-page essay by Margaret L. Warden – includes undated draft, PHOTOCOPIES, with corrections in ink
- Biographical essay, 20 pages with marked corrections; no author listed, n.d. – PHOTOCOPY of typescript.
- Biographical essay, 5 pages; no author listed, n.d. – PHOTOCOPY of typescript, originally typed on lined notebook paper.

Folder 8: Clippings
- Tennessean article about death of Nelson McGavock (“Passing of an Old-Time Darky,” March 23, 1908); undated clipping about a reception for the Robertson Association at the home of J. Berrien Lindsley PHOTOCOPY
- “Williams Recalls Old Nashville Days,” newspaper article by Douglas Anderson – includes brief article on Felix Grundy. December 11, 1910. PHOTOCOPY
- Two articles about an address by Louise G. Lindsley (Nashville Tennessean and Nashville American). One page. February 24, 1918. PHOTOCOPY
- Article from Peabody Alumni News about the dedication of a bronze memorial to Philip Lindsley at Peabody College. May 15, 1926. PHOTOCOPY
- Article from unidentified Nashville newspaper about dedication of bronze portrait of Philip Lindsley. Undated, but probably May 1926. PHOTOCOPY
- Nashville Banner article about 1877 meeting of Academy of Science. December 11, 1927. PHOTOCOPY
- Newspaper article about Andrew Jackson by Louise G. Lindsley. Unidentified source. March 19, 1932. PHOTOCOPY
- UDC Founder and Pioneer Officers (1934 – includes poor-quality photocopy of photographs), 2 pages. PHOTOCOPIES
- Newspaper sketch of Rockingham, Berrien Homestead in New Jersey. New York Sun, July 21, 1936. PHOTOCOPY
- Article about 1880s meeting of socialite Spruce Street Club. Two copies, both with notes. September 15, 1943. PHOTOCOPY
- Tennessean clipping on reception honoring 100th anniversary of University of Nashville building, then a children’s museum. April 12, 1953. PHOTOCOPY
Letter to *Tennessean* from John Lawrence about his memories of Randal McGavock and St. Patrick’s Day. March 16, 1912. PHOTOCOPY

“Open to Refugees,” article from *American* about Chamber of Commerce meeting in which Dr. J. M. Lindsley gave a report on yellow fever. n.d. PHOTOCOPY

“Widening of Eighth Avenue,” undated newspaper article; includes mention of Louise G. Lindsley’s role in the negotiations. PHOTOCOPY

Folder 9: Correspondence – Grundy, Felix, to his Constituents, 1812

Photocopy of page from unidentified newspaper. Letter from Washington, June 25, 1812, is headlined: “F. Grundy’s Letter to his Constituents,” and the greeting says, “Citizens of West Tennessee….“ Grundy is at this time a Democratic Republican serving in the U.S. Congress. He is exhorting Americans to fight courageously against Britain in the coming war. “This is no time for temporizing: he who is not for us, is against us.” PHOTOCOPY

Folder 10: Correspondence – Breckinridge, J. Cabell, to Philip Lindsley, 1816

Letter of introduction from J. [Joseph] Cabell Breckinridge (Speaker of KY House of Representatives; later KY Secretary of State; son of John Breckinridge, U.S. Senator and Attorney General under President Thomas Jefferson; father of John Cabell Breckinridge, U.S. Vice President and Confederate Secretary of War) to “The Revd Phillip Lindley” at Princeton, introducing a young “friend and relation Mr. Robert C. Harrison,” coming from Kentucky to attend Princeton University. The letter, dated October 9, 1816, asks that Lindsley look after Breckinridge’s young friend and relation, Robert C. Harrison, who will be a student at the College. Breckinridge was an 1810 Princeton graduate. ORIGINAL

In the second letter, dated October 26, 1816, Breckinridge asks Lindsley to look out for his brother Robert (1800-1871), who is about to become a student at Princeton, and to send occasional reports on his progress. [Robert apparently did well: he was later a prominent Presbyterian minister, a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and a delegate to the Kentucky Constitutional Conversation.] ORIGINAL

Folder 11: Correspondence – Overton, John W., to Col. R.E.W. Earle, Jan. 1838

Letter dated January 2, 1838, from John W. Overton to Col Ralph E. W. Earle at the Hermitage, asking about the whereabouts of a promised picture frame and sending good wishes to Andrew Jackson. ORIGINAL PLUS TRANSCRIPTION

Folder 12: Correspondence – Lafayette, George W., to Andrew Jackson, Aug. 1838

Letter dated August 7, 1838, from George Washington Lafayette to Andrew Jackson offering him the gift of a collection of the manuscripts of his father, the Marquis de Lafayette, who had died in 1834. The younger Lafayette (b. 1779) was himself a French soldier and politician of some renown. ORIGINAL

Also included in the folder are two photocopies of Jackson’s response (presently housed at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville) and a typed transcription.
Folder 13: Correspondence – Lindsley, Margaret E. (Mrs. Philip) to Mrs. Mary Montgomery, 1843
- Letter dated 15 February 1843 to Mrs. Mary Montgomery, Philadelphia, from her niece Margaret E. Lindsley, concerning the visit of Margaret’s son, John Berrien Lindsley, to Philadelphia. She mentions the death of Margaret, a beloved cousin, and requests genealogical information and family news. ORIGINAL
- Envelope with hand-written notation: “Old family letters / J Berrien Lindsly [sic] 1843 / Mrs. Philip Lindsly 1843” ORIGINAL

Folder 14: Correspondence – Yandell, Anthony, Haldeman, and Fenner to John Berrien Lindsley, 1850
- Letter dated 28 May 1850 to J. Berrien Lindsley, M.D., from Dr. Lunsford P. Yandell, Murfreesboro, concerning a trip the men were planning with a third doctor. ORIGINAL
- Letter dated 11 July 1850, to J. B. Lindsley M.D. from John G. Anthony, Cincinnati OH, who is looking for a correspondent with whom to exchange shells – he offers marine shells in exchange, as well as shells from France, Germany, or Ohio (he claims to have 160 species of Ohio shells). Notation on reverse of letter. ORIGINAL
- Letter dated 26 July 1850, to J. Berrien Lindsley M.D. from John G. Anthony, Cincinnati OH, who is working out details of an exchange of shells (land, fresh water, and marine), as well as planning a face-to-face meeting in Cincinnati. ORIGINAL
- Letter dated 20 September 1850 to Revd. J. Berrien Lindsley from scholar S. S. Haldeman, Columbia PA, concerning the death of Dr. Girard Troost, University of Nashville (Peabody) professor and first Tennessee State Geologist; the deaths of two of his children from scarlet fever; and a request for help in an entomology project. ORIGINAL
- Letter dated 26 September 1850 to Dr. J. Berrien Lindsley from E. D. Fenner, New Orleans, soliciting articles for an annual publication on the “Meteorology, Medical Topography, and diseases of the Southern States, to be entitled Southern Medical Reports.” Fenner thanks Lindsley for contributing and asks for his help in publicizing the journal. ORIGINAL

Folder 15: Correspondence – Wheeler, Mary, to Annie Lindsley Warden, ca. 1904
- Letter from “Aunt Mary” Wheeler referring to the abandonment of Annie and Margaret Lindsley Warden by C.C. Warden. Mary Wheeler, who lived in Michigan, was Warden’s aunt. Undated. ORIGINAL
- Typed transcription of Wheeler letter.

Folder 16: Correspondence – Lindsley, Louise G., 1935-1937
- Letter from Berrien M. Lindsley, Jr., Dallas Texas, to Louise Lindsley, discussing a historical novel about Andrew Jackson and the Peggy O’Neal affair, and sharing some genealogical information about Cornelius Jansen Berrien and his descendants. January 19, 1935 PHOTOCOPY
Letter from Louise G. Lindsley to Mt. Olivet Cemetery Co, Nashville, explaining the layout of the family burial site upon the removal of Philip Lindsley, his wife, and son from the City Cemetery to Mt. Olivet. Note, “The above statement is correct,” signed by Margaret Lindsley Warden and Mrs. Annie Lindsley Warden, March 30, 1937.  


Folder 17: Correspondence – Lindsley, Louise G., to J.G. Lackey, 1941  
- Letter dated June 25, 1941, to Louise G. Lindsley from attorney J.G. Lackey about the Chancery Court case concerning the estates of Luke Lea’s children, for which bond she had agreed to be surety.  
- Letter dated July 14, 1941, from Louise Lindsley to attorney J.G. Lackey, asking for additional information about the amount of the bond for one of the children, and requesting information about when she will be released from the bond.  

Folder 18: Court Records – Guardianship  
- Letter from Luke Lea to Louise G. Lindsley thanking her for her services as bondsperson for the guardianship of his children.  
- Copy of Davidson County Court Decree concerning guardianship of Mrs. Percie Warner Lea for her three minor children, Mary Louise, Laura, and Overton Lea.  

Folder 19: Court Records – Petition for Adoption  
- Carbon copy of Louise Grundy Lindsley’s petition for adoption of Margaret Lindsley Warden, then 18. Note at top of first page: “Recorded in Minute Book No. 28, Page no ___.” Note on outside of cover: “Adoption of Margaret L. Warden.” February 1922.  

Folder 20: Deed of Gift – Lindsley, Sallie McGavock  
- Hand-written deed of gift from Sallie McGavock Lindsley, giving all her “furniture silver and pictures and other household effects” to Louise Grundy Lindsley, “all of my other children being married and provided for.” July 5, 1898.
Certification of Sallie Lindsley’s writing and signature by R.S. Cowan. December 15, 1915. ORIGINAL
Envelope addressed to Louise G. Lindsley. ORIGINAL

Folder 21: Diary – Lindsley, John Berrien – 1849-1856
- Cover of Lindsley’s first diary has this note: “[1822-1850] Diary / 1849, Jan. 1. / 1856, Oct. 3.” Endsheet has the words of a prayer, and on the flyleaf he has written, “Volume 4.” On the first few pages he has written a brief biography, beginning October 24, 1822, with a note about his birth, and ending February 4, 1850, with the description of a journey. That is followed by a cryptic page of notations about exercise, listing, among other things, the number of miles he has walked or ridden each year. The journal-proper begins on page 17, with an entry for January 1, 1849, and ends with brief notes about his activities on October 1, 2, and 3, 1856. At several gaps in the history, Lindsley refers to journals specific to various trips and activities; the location of those journals is unknown. ORIGINAL

Folder 22: Diary – Lindsley, John Berrien – 1849-1856 – Annotated Transcription
- Typed transcription of the first Lindsley diary includes textual notes and explanations; final pages include passage from Alfred Leland Crabb about the University of Nashville Medical Department and its faculty. Produced by TSLA staff.

Folder 23: Diary – Lindsley, John Berrien – 1856-1866
- Lindsley’s second diary, which begins as a rather mundane record of meetings and social gatherings, becomes much more interesting when Lindsley, alone or with family members, travels around the United States and Europe. Perhaps the most fascinating section begins when the Union forces capture Fort Donelson and move south to occupy Nashville. Lindsley is asked to set up military hospitals on his campus and elsewhere, and then takes on the exhausting task of trying to preserve the University of Nashville from the inevitable damage caused by having entire armies camping on and moving through it. His acquaintances are a veritable Who’s Who of 19th century Nashville society, and he carefully records his meetings with various military personnel as well. This is an intimate glimpse into the life of one of the most noteworthy Tennesseans of any generation. ORIGINAL

Folder 24: Diary – Lindsley, John Berrien – 1856-1866 – Annotated Transcription
- Typed transcription of the second Lindsley diary includes a brief biography of Lindsley, as well as textual notes and explanations and a few photographs. Produced by TSLA staff.
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Folder 25: Diary – Lindsley, John Berrien – 1856-1866 – Family Transcription
- Typed transcription of the second Lindsley diary, probably copied by either Louise Grundy Lindsley or Margaret Lindsley Warden. There are many errors of transcription, and certain passages (most notably, Lindsley’s travel expense records) have been omitted.

Folder 26: Genealogical Data – Bass - Grundy
- BASS: one-page genealogy from family Bible of John M. Bass  PHOTOCOPY
- CALDWELL and CALHOUN, eight pages. PHOTOCOPIES
- CALDWELL, Memoir of the Rev. James, nine pages. PHOTOCOPIES
- GRUNDY family notes and stories (begins “When Felix Grundy married Ann Phillips Rodgers…”), nine pages. PHOTOCOPIES
- GRUNDY, genealogical information by generation, eleven pages. PHOTOCOPIES
- GRUNDY, typed articles, letters, and sketches, five pages. PHOTOCOPIES
- GRUNDY, Ancestor of American Family of, six pages, typed. PHOTOCOPIES

Folder 27: Genealogical Data – Lawrence
- LAWRENCE, Nathaniel: Descendants, obituaries – 43-page hand-written document  [Note: a few pages are missing (26) or out of order (38-41)] – PHOTOCOPIES

Folder 28: Genealogical Data – Lindsley - Warner
- LINDSLEY, Isaac (b 1764): Descendants, seven pages, typed. – PHOTOCOPIES
- LINDSLEY, John, of Branford CT and Francis LINDSLEY of Newark NJ  PHOTOCOPIES
- McGAVOCK, David (b 1763): Descendants PHOTOCOPIES
- McGAVOCK, Jacob (b 1790) PHOTOCOPIES
- ROGERS: one-page genealogy, typed.  PHOTOCOPY
- WARNER: Supplemental Claim from Sadie Lindsley Warner-Frazer (1885-1974, daughter of Percy Warner and Margaret Elizabeth Lindsley) to rights of membership in The Colonial Dames of the State of New York. Includes descent from Major Thomas Lawrence and from John Alden (1599-1678) PHOTOCOPIES

Folder 29: Historical Sketches – “The Famous Tenth Tennessee”
- Seven-page article by Pat Griffin from the Confederate Veteran magazine, pp. 553-560. Undated. Described as “Paper read by Pat Griffin at a meeting of Frank Cheatham Camp, Nashville.” Among many other tales in the article is a description of the death of Col. Randal W. McGavock in the Battle of Raymond. PHOTOCOPY
Folder 30: Historical Sketches – “The Home of My Grandparents,” ca. 1936
- Typed copy of sketch, “The Home of My Grandparents,” Louise G. Lindsley, with her signature on the first page and her corrections throughout. Some pages are typed originals; others are carbon copies. **ORIGINAL**
  - Description of Jacob McGavock’s house on 4th Ave. (Cherry) and Union, where the McGavock Building currently stands – pp. 1-6.
  - Description of a party given for Felix Grundy when he was elected to the US Senate (5A) – taken from *Old Days in Nashville* by Miss Jane Thomas.
  - “Customs in Housekeeping” – p. 6.
  - Miscellaneous notes about family members and servants – pp. 8-10.

Folder 31: Historical Sketches – Notes about “Polk Place,” undated
- Photocopied notes on 6” x 9” sheets of paper, evidently written by Margaret Lindsley Warden in preparation for a speech or an article; very rough general comments, lists, drawings; some pages are numbered.

Folder 32: Historical Sketches – “The University of Nashville”
- “The University of Nashville, Part I,” article by Nell Savage Mahoney that appeared in *The Nashville Tennessean Magazine* on December 2, 1951. Six pages, three pages copied twice in order to include the entire text of the large pages. A few photographs and a map, obscured by the poor **PHOTOCOPY**.
- “The University of Nashville, Part II,” article by Nell Savage Mahoney that appeared in *The Nashville Tennessean Magazine* on December 9, 1951. Two pages, three **PHOTOCOPIES**.
- “Old University of Nashville, Mother of Southern Schools; Her Influence from the Pioneer Days, through the Periods of Woodcraft, Warcraft and Statecraft, in Shaping the Peculiar civilization of Tennessee and the South—Illustrious Names in Her History,” article by Dixon L. Merritt that appeared in the *Nashville Banner*, Saturday evening, August 28, 1909. Five **PHOTOCOPIES** of what is probably a large one-page article.

Folder 33: Journal – Lindsley, Philip
- Journal written by Philip Lindsley about 1845. It consists of seemingly unrelated notes, which are perhaps meaningful entries rewritten from earlier journals in order to be available to him in one place. Entries in this journal include notes on the death of Andrew Jackson, thoughts on the deaths of friends and family members, lists of household hints and favorite scholars, and a rather lengthy account of a journey Lindsley took in 1810, when he was a young man of 23 or 24. **1810-1845 ORIGINAL**
Folder 34: Journal – Lindsley, Philip -- Transcription

Folder 35: Land Records, 1844-1849

- Record of land sale, November 11, 1840: Felix Grundy sells a parcel of land on Union Alley to John M. Bass for $3000. **PHOTOCOPY**, typed transcription, Davidson County, Book 8, page 164.

- Record of land sale, November 4, 1847: John M. Bass sells a parcel of land on Vine Street [Seventh Avenue] to James K. Polk for $6,000. **PHOTOCOPY**, typed transcription, Davidson County, Book 11, page 317.

- Transfer of property on Vine Street and Union Alley, May 26, 1849, via the Clerk & Master, from John M. Bass and Jacob McGavock, executors of the will of Felix Grundy, to James K. Polk. Property includes “the residence of the late Felix Grundy together with the grounds thereto attached, including an avenue 50 feet wide leading from Spring Street towards said mansion house.” Includes photocopy of plat map. **PHOTOCOPY**, typed transcription, Davidson County, Book 17, page 457.

Folder 36: Membership Document, U.D.C. – Lindsley, Sallie McGavock

- Petition of S. M. (Sarah/Sallie McGavock) Lindsley for membership in the Daughters of the Confederacy. Includes signatures of Mrs. Lindsley, Mrs. M.C. Goodlett, Mrs. W.T. Hardison, Mrs. R.H. Dudley, Mrs. G.H. Williams, Miss Kate Shields. (original) October 7, 1895.

Folder 37: Miscellaneous – Lindsley, John Berrien

- Receipt from The Royal Historical Society, London, to Dr. J. Berrien Lindsley for his subscription payment. Signed by the Treasurer; includes revenue stamp. **ORIGINAL**

- Envelope (with canceled 2½ p. British stamp) addressed to Dr. J. Berrien Lindsley, Nashville, Tenn, U.S.A. Date on postmark is January 31, 1885. Back of envelope refers to check for $10.50, written to R.H.S., 14 Feb 1885. **ORIGINAL**

- Dr. Lindsley’s “Miscellany” – two copies of a page from the *Nashville Medical Journal* describing the library of John Berrien Lindsley. Undated. **ORIGINAL**

- Envelope with return-address heading, “Mexican Meeting,/ Nov 29, 30, Dec, 1, 2, 1892,/ American Public Health Association / Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis / Railway Excursion, / Nov. 20, 26, 1892.” Notations in pencil: “14,” “J.R. 4 various,” 1894, Dr. Lindsley’s Miscellany etc., “Referrals.” **ORIGINAL**

- Receipt to Dr. J. Berrien Lindsley for his payment of two guineas for a subscription to the Royal Historical Society, Croydon, Surry, England. (original) May 15, 1895. **ORIGINAL**

- Envelope with pencil notation: “Notes on John Berrien Lindsley Life / Royal Historical Ass / Medical Dept University of Tenn in 1876.” **ORIGINAL**

- List of books read by John Berrien Lindsley, 1842-1863 – List is in Lindsley’s hand, beginning February 2, 1842, and ending August 22, 1863. On the last page is a note reading, “Books read by J. Berrien Lindsly [sic] / Louise G. Lindsley April 20 1935”) **PHOTOCOPY**.
Folder 38: Miscellaneous – Lindsley, Louise Grundy

- Blank membership card (19___) from The Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA); includes hand-written note following underlined phrase “Free admission to all properties of APTA,” saying “gives the impression that they own all the above” (arrow indicated a list of historic buildings, ranging from Allandale, Kingsport, to The Little Court House, Bolivar). ORIGINAL
- Two blank receipts from APTA, both signed by Mrs. Earle P. Calvin; one also by Mrs. Hal R. Swann, Jr. Undated. ORIGINAL
- A penny postal card (McKinley stamp) reminder: Ladies’ Hermitage Association meeting: Regent, Louise G. Lindsley; Secretary, Mary C. Dorris, undated. ORIGINAL
- First-day cover, Andrew Jackson Presidential Series, with a 7-cent Jackson stamp; envelope is addressed to Miss Louise G. Lindsley, 1806 Belmont Circle, Nashville, Tenn. August 4, 1938. ORIGINAL
- A pamphlet stating the amended by-laws of the Ladies’ Hermitage Association; includes minutes of the meeting in which the by-laws were adopted, signed by J.M. Dickinson, Secretary. undated. ORIGINAL
- Small sheet of notepaper: “Everything in this box belongs to Mrs. Annie L. Warden & Margaret L. Warden. Louise G. Lindsley. 1942-43” ORIGINAL
- Envelope with handwritten names: “Mrs. Warden, Margaret Warden” ORIGINAL

Folder 39: Miscellaneous – Lindsley, Philip

- Copy of notice entitled “First Chancellor of the University of Nashville” [notation at top of page says: “The following notice is copied from the April No. of the Nashville Journal of Medicine and Surgery – Edited by W.K. Bowling, M.D. and Paul F. Eve, M.D.”] Hand-written on back of one page is the following: “Slips printed from New Albany [Indiana] Ledger found among the papers of Philip Lindsley at New Albany.” The article itself is highly complimentary on Lindsley’s appointment. (original) ca. 1854 ORIGINAL
- Envelope with hand-written inscription: “J. Berrien Lindsley/ First Chancellor [sic] of University of Nashville/Slips printed from ‘New Albany ‘Ledger found among papers of Philip Lindsley at New Albany” ORIGINAL

Folder 40: Miscellaneous Photocopies

- Transcription of Banner article, June 8, 1895, about the death of Andrew Jackson PHOTOCOPY
- Louise G. Lindsley’s notes for articles and memoirs: Lafayette’s visit to Nashville; Randal McGavock’s organization of the Robertson Association; Customs in Housekeeping in the days of Jacob McGavock; a family slave named Nelson; memories of Annie Dickinson Lindsley; preservation of the Hermitage; the Protestant Orphan Asylum. PHOTOCOPIES
- Letter dated September 30, 1909, from John H. DeWitt to Governor Porter sending a copy of a letter from Valerius Winchester, a student at the University of Nashville. [The Winchester letter is not included.] PHOTOCOPY
Two pages of “University Center-Grams,” a newsletter from the University of Tennessee at Memphis. The first (page seven) contains four short articles relating to the Medical School; the second shows a photograph of the Campus of the Medical Units of the University of Tennessee, Memphis, listing the names of the buildings and explaining the departments operating out of each. Underlined is a reference to Lindsley Hall, named in honor of John Berrien Lindsley; see also Eve Hall, named for Dr. Paul F. Eve, another faculty member of the University of Nashville medical school. 


Folder 41: Obituaries

Photocopy of obituary of John Berrien Lindsley, Nashville Daily Sun. Headline reads: “Noble Life Has Ended / Dr J. Berrien Lindsley Succumbs to a Shock Received Saturday Night / His Death Was Unsuspected / He Was Gradually Improving and Expected to Be Out Soon / A History of His Noble Life / Took a Prominent Part in Educational and Medical Work, and was an Influential Citizen.” December 8, 1897.


Photocopy of obituary of Sarah “Sallie” McGavock Lindsley, Nashville American. Headline reads: “Mrs. Lindsley Dead / Passes Away Quietly after Brief Illness / Life of Influence Closed / Was One of the Ladies’ Hermitage Association’s Founders and Its Faithful, Progressive Director—Life of Rare Beauty.” July 6, 1903.

Photocopies of four obituaries, two editorials, and a death notice for Margaret Lindsley Warner, all from unidentified newspapers. Headlines read: “Death Claims Mrs. Warner, Social Leader”; “Warner Funeral to Be Saturday / Succumbed to Extended Illness at Royal Oaks Last Night”; “Warner Funeral to Be on Monday / Prominent Local Woman Died at Home Here Thursday Night”; “Mrs. Percy Warner Is Dead after Long Illness at Home.” July 24-25, 1936.

Obituary and funeral notice for Louise Grundy Lindsley; clippings from unidentified newspaper, taped to sheet of typing paper. Headline reads: “Lindsley Rites on Thursday.” July 19, 1944. ORIGINAL

Folder 42: Pamphlets – Lindsley, John Berrien
  (Hand-written notation following the title says “by John Berrien Lindsley.”) This piece was written in protest against a corrupt municipal government. It led to the ousting of the carpetbag government, the Alden Ring, and to the appointment of a receiver for the city government. Published in Nashville, Tennessee, November 14, 1868. ORIGINAL
- Photocopy of pamphlet (10 pages): “Address on State Medicine—The People and the Public Health Movement” by J. Berrien Lindsley, M.D., reprinted from the Journal of the American Medical Association, July 2, 1892.
- Photocopy of pamphlet (4 pages): “Practitioners of Medicine as Students of Science” by J. Berrien Lindsley, M.D., reprinted from the Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of Tennessee, April, 1887.

Folder 43: Pamphlets -- Miscellaneous

Folder 44: Speeches and Addresses
- Lindsley, John Berrien: Eulogy for Dr. Robert Massengill Porter, 1818-1856. Includes letter to Lindsley from a group of medical students requesting a copy of the speech, and Lindsley’s response. November 13-14, 1856. PHOTOCOPY

Folder 45: University Lecture Notes, Part 1 – Lindsley, John Berrien
- Photocopies of John Berrien Lindsley’s classroom notes. Penciled note on first page says: “John Berrien Lindsley received his M.D. from the Univ. of Pennsylvania in 1843.” [Lindsley entered the University in November 1842, after having apprenticed in the office of Dr. William Green Dickinson from June 4 to mid-October, 1841, and attended “Medical lectures at Louisville” from late October 1841 to late February 1842. He received the M.D. on March 31, 1843.]

Folder 46: University Lecture Notes, Part 2 – Lindsley, John Berrien
- Photocopies of lecture notes, continued from Folder 45, beginning with Lecture 25: The Circulation.
Folder 47: Will – Lindsley, John Berrien
- Handwritten will of John Berrien Lindsley, leaving his interest in the Medical Department, University of Tennessee-Nashville Medical College, to his daughters Louise G. and Annie L. Lindsley. Witnessed by Leon Trousdale Jr. and Jos. B. Babb. (original) July 19, 1893. ORIGINAL
- Envelope with hand-written list of contents: J. B Lindsley’s will; Receipt for diamonds; Letter from J.M. Lindsley; Check [from J.M. Lindsley] ORIGINAL

Folder 48: Will – Lindsley, Louise Grundy
- Hand-written will of Louise G. Lindsley, leaving half her estate to her niece Margaret Lindsley Warden, and half to her sister, Annie Lindsley Warden. Will includes a note about the location of the adoption papers for Margaret Lindsley Warden; the status of her estate in regard to a brother, Jacob McGavock Lindsley, and sister, Mary McGavock Lindsley Kent; and the location of several specific items. December 11, 1939. ORIGINAL
- Notes concerning the family lot at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Cut from larger sheet. January 3, 1942. ORIGINAL
- Envelope with return address of 1806 E. Belmont Circle, Nashville, Tenn.; addressed to “Louise G. Lindsley for Mrs. Warden & Margaret Lindsley Warden” ORIGINAL

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Correspondence – Lindsley, John Berrien
- Letter from 20-year-old John Berrien Lindsley to his brother, Adrian Van Sinderen Lindsley (1814-1885). John Berrien (1822-1897), who has just graduated from medical school in Philadelphia, describes his travels, speaks of time spent with his friend William Walker (“Grey-Eyed Man of Destiny”), and comments on lectures he has attended. (original) April 8, 1843.