



Two Rivers Mansion Collection, 1861-2008

Collection Summary:

Title: Two Rivers Mansion Collection

Summary: Documents and other materials relating to renovations and archaeological investigations of the Two Rivers property

Physical Description: 1.25 linear feet

Language: English

Stack Location: MSS-

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville & Davidson County, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN, 37219.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Two Rivers Mansion, built and owned by David McGavock and his wife, "Willie" Elizabeth Harding, sits on what was once plantation property belonging to William Harding. Construction of the home began in 1859, and it was completed in the 1870s. The mansion belonged to the McGavock family until the death of Mrs. Spence McGavock in 1965, and in 1966 the Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County purchased the mansion and the surrounding property. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the Two Rivers Mansion is now a site for special events and social affairs.

Scope and Content:

The Two Rivers Mansion Collection contains manuscripts documenting various records mostly relating to renovations and archaeological investigations of the home and property (1966-2008). However, the collection also contains some papers, photocopies, and abstracts relating to the McGavock family (1861-1907), and McGavock family genealogy information.

Other paper materials include brochures for events and history, financial/account records, land appraisals, statistical data, repairs and damages, and information about the Stones River Women's Club. These records are mostly from the 1980s and 1990s.

This collection also includes a small number of photographs of the exterior of the Two Rivers Mansion (dates unknown).

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