INTRODUCTION

The W. M. Adkins Account Books, 1909-1948, chronicle and reflect the operation of the general merchandise store of W. M. Adkins in Erin, Houston County, Tennessee. The collection was obtained through the agency of Miss Louise Davis, Children’s Museum, Nashville, Tennessee.

The collection occupies 2.1 linear feet of shelf space and number 150 items and 12 volumes. There are no restrictions on the materials and single photocopies of unpublished writings may be made for purposes of scholarly or individual research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection of accounts and account books is for the general merchandise store of William M. Adkins in Erin, Tennessee, for the dates 1909-1948. It is composed of twelve volumes of account books and approximately 150 items. The volumes contain inventory lists, daily accounts of sales, and payments received in cash and produce. The account books reflect that the store carried a great variety of merchandise, examples of which range from hardware to groceries, dry-goods, ready-to-wear, wire and cheese. There are some bills, notes, and receipts that include accounts for the schooling of Hubert Fulton Adkins at the John Locke School which later became the Morton Elliott Junior College located at Elkton, Kentucky. Hubert graduated at the Morton Elliott Junior College in 1922. He attended, for a short time, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tennessee. Some business and personal correspondence for the years 1915-1962 make up the remainder of the collection.
CONTAINER LIST

**Box 1**
1. Account Book-- January, 1909- December 1910
2. Account Book-- January, 1911- September, 1912
5. Account Book-- October, 1917- June, 1920
6. Account Book-- March, 1923- January, 1929

**Box 2**
1. Account Book-- December, 1929- February, 1938
3. Accounts-- Inventory book-- February, 1909- December, 1912
4. Accounts-- Loose pages-- 1906-1948
5. Accounts-- School statements for Hubert Adkins-- 1921-1922
6. Correspondence-- Incoming-- A-Z (inclusive)

**Separately Wrapped**
1. Account Book-- February, 1907- March, 1909
3. Account Book-- March, 1910- February, 1936
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This is a name for the correspondence in the Adkins Account Books together with the dates of the letters and information regarding their accounts. The numbers in parentheses immediately following the name denote the number of letters, if more than one. All the correspondence is to be found in Box 2, folder 6 of the collection.

Bland, M.A., 1929, re: opening account with First National Bank of Clarksville
Crawford, T.W., 1940, re: rental property
Flanigen, P.J., 1935, re: business
Fulton, Myrtle (Mrs. C.H.), 1962, re: family
Hereford, B.B. (3), 1918-1922, re: family
Hobbs, J.C., 1915, re: lawsuit
Lyon, A.P., 1922, re: school accounts for Hubert
Lyon, Scott C., 1922, re: Hubert’s schooling
Miles, P.S., 1919-1922, re: business
Neuhoff, Henry, 1930, re: accounts
Nicholas, Mrs. J.W., 1962, re: family news
Parker, C.N., (3), 1922-1926, re: insurance accounts
Power, R.E., 1935, re: accounts
Richardson Brothers Shoe Company, 1909, re: merchandise
White (8), 1921-1922, re: accounts with John Locke School changed to Morton Elliott Junior College, Elkton, Kentucky; grade and comments on Hubert’s ability.