COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:
Boles, J. Durelle

Inclusive Dates:
1811-1873

Scope & Content:
The collection is composed of 42 historical broadsides collected by J. Durelle Boles. The bulk of the collection dates between 1811 and 1873. While the majority comes from Tennessee, there is one Kentucky broadside (item 32). The Kentucky imprint dates from around 1862 and is a proclamation from John Hunt Morgan. At the time, Morgan was serving as a colonel in the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, Confederate States of America.

One item of specific consequence is the Prospectus of the “ROUGH & READY” (item 21). The April 2, 1847, broadside was published by W. F. Bang & Co. in Nashville. It advertises a weekly “Whig campaign paper” to be sold for 25 cents. The imprint features a crude drawing of a uniformed man on horseback that one can only assume was meant to represent Zachary Taylor. Zachary Taylor was a Whig, 12th President of the United States (1849-1850), and was known by the nickname “Old Rough and Ready.” Some of the print’s text is especially interesting:

In view of the political contest just opening in Tennessee, and the magnitude of the questions at issue between the two great political parties of the day--at no period in our history, has there been a more imperative call upon the Whigs, as a party, to sustain the press in its efforts to diffuse light in regard to the great measures which agitate the public mind.

Other notable items include: an 1852 annual communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee Free and Accepted Masons (item 25); an 1811 report on cases “ruled and adjudged in the Superior Courts of Law and Equity” presented by Judge John Overton (item 1); an invitation to Andrew
Jackson’s funeral at the Hermitage (item 17); and an 1857 plea to the voters of the Second Judicial Circuit of Tennessee by J. M. Welcker (item 29). According to Goodspeed’s History of Monroe County (published in 1887), J. M. Welcker served as judge of the Second Judicial Circuit for the years 1857-1858.

One other item of particular interest is an announcement of a “Mass Convention of those who desire to see the State of Tennessee restored to her pristine and proper position of equality and influence in the Union” (item 37). The broadside is dated February 6, 1866. The occasion was to be a celebration of George Washington’s birthday and took place on February 22, 1866, at the Tennessee State Capitol. The announcement was issued by “The Friends of the Union, and of the Administration of His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, Our Present Worthy Chief Executive.” This event was publicized in newspapers across Tennessee, most notably in the February 14, 1866, issue of Brownlow’s Knoxville Whig. The Knoxville Whig article requested that every county send a full delegation to this meeting.

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Administrative/Biographical History

J. Durelle Boles is an attorney and avid collector of historic southern imprints. He is the son of James Durelle Boles (1911-2007) and Chlorine Dorrough Boles (1909-1991). Mr. Boles and his wife, Janice, reside in Atlanta, Georgia.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

The arrangement of the collection is chronological.
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Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:
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Staub’s Opera House (Knoxville, Tenn.)
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   Broadsides (notices)
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<td>Having been Presented by Judge Overton, with the cases heretofore…Proposals for Publishing by Subscription, TENNESSEE REPORTS, or Cases, ruled and adjudged in the Superior Courts of Law and Equity, and Federal Courts for the State of Tennessee…Knoxville: G. Wilson, Printer</td>
<td>May 24, 1811</td>
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<td>State of Tennessee, in General Assembly…Resolved, That the Executive of this State, be requested to write to the Senators and Representatives in Congress…Knoxville, signed by Willie Blount</td>
<td>November 27, 1811</td>
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<td>CIRCULAR. Nashville. DEAR SIR, HAVING learnt that you are elected a member of the next General Assembly. Nearly two years ago I was honored with the appointment of Printer to the State…Should you think my services and pretensions entitle me to your support…I hope you will honor me with a call…T. G. BRADFORD</td>
<td>August 10, 1815</td>
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<td>The Courier…Extra. Murfreesborough, T. Wednesday, September 17, 1823. On Monday last, both branches of the General Assembly convened…Wm. Carroll. Executive Office</td>
<td>September 16, 1823</td>
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<td>CIRCULAR LETTER. TO THE PEOPLE OF SULLIVAN &amp; HAWKINS COUNTIES. Murfreesborough…George Gammon</td>
<td>November 29, 1823</td>
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<td>FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER. The recent arrival among us of the Steam-Boat Knoxville…WE, whose names are hereunto annexed, do severally deposit the sums affixed to our respective names, with the KNOXVILLE STEAM-BOAT COMPANY</td>
<td>[1831]</td>
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<td>[BLAIR, JOHN]. To the Freemen of the</td>
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<td>Counties of Carter, Sullivan, Washington, Green, and Hawkins.</td>
<td>September 16, 1833</td>
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<td>Fellow-citizens of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives…Wm. Carroll. Executive Office.</td>
<td>1833</td>
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<td>TO THE CITIZENS OF KNOX COUNTY. Having stated that, if elected, I would serve as a member of the Convention…Your fellow-citizen, CHARLES McCLUNG</td>
<td>December 27, 1833</td>
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<td>CIRCULAR LETTER. To the Citizens of the Conventional District composed of the Counties of Lawrence, Wayne and Hickman…B. Gordon [Murfreesborough]</td>
<td>[1834]</td>
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<td>PROSPECTUS FOR THE EAST-TENNESSEAN…Jacob P. Chase, F. F. Bunker…New-Market</td>
<td>September 1835</td>
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<td>GENERAL STATE OF THE UNION BANK OF TENNESSEE AND BRANCHES…Most Respectfully, JOHN SOMMERVILLE, Cashier. [Nashville]</td>
<td>January 2, 1837</td>
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<td>THE CHILHOWEE Spinning and Manufacturing Company…CAPITAL, 200,000 Dollars….Knoxville: Register Print</td>
<td>[1840s]</td>
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<td>Sentinel—Extra. Jonesboro’, Tenn., VICTORY!</td>
<td>October 19, 1844</td>
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<td>“Behold! How brightly breaks the morning!” SENTINEL---Extra. Landon C. Haynes, Editor Jonesborough</td>
<td>November 12, 1844</td>
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<td>The friends and acquaintance of GEN. ANDREW JACKSON are invited to attend his Funeral at the Hermitage, on to-morrow (Tuesday) morning at 11 o’clock. Divine service by the Rev. Dr. Edgar. His death took place last evening at 6 o’clock.</td>
<td>June 9, 1845</td>
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<td>To the Citizens of the counties of Campbell, Anderson, Morgan and Roane… E. GERRY SEVIER</td>
<td>July 26, 1845</td>
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<td>List of Members of the House of Representatives of the Tennessee Legislature, Elected for two years, from the 7th August, 1845.—Convened at Nashville on the 1st Monday of October, 1845. Nashville: Printed at the “Nashville Whig” Office</td>
<td>1845</td>
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<td>LIST OF SENATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE Convened at Nashville on the first</td>
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<td>Monday in October. 1847...PREPARED BY M. VAN BUREN HAILE, FOR THE MEMBERS. Nashville: The Nash. Whig Job Office</td>
<td>April 2, 1847</td>
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<td>PROSPECTUS OF “THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER.”….Trenton, Tenn.</td>
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<td>List of Senators of the General Assembly, of the State of Tennessee, Convened at Nashville on the first Monday in October, 1849—whose Election extends for two Years from the Second day of August, 1849. Prepared by Ramond B. Sloan, for the Members. Nashville, Tenn.: True Whig Office</td>
<td>January 1, 1852</td>
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<td>To the Patrons of the Journal &amp; Visitor, and the Washington County Democrat. [Jonesboro]</td>
<td>October 9, 1852</td>
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<td>GRAND SECRETARY’S OFFICE, NASHVILLE…At the Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee, held in the City of Nashville, on the first Monday in October, A.D. 1852, A.L. 5852, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted</td>
<td>April 10, 1855</td>
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<td>Nashville, April 10, 1855. To the Officers and Members of Council, No. 6</td>
<td>November 21, 1855</td>
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<td>To the Members of the Grand Assembly of Tennessee…Samuel W. Adkisson. Nashville</td>
<td>August 4, 1857</td>
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<td>LAND FOR SALE!...I will sell, in the Town of Denmark…ONE TRACT OF LAND…I. C. A. SKILLERN, Exe’r of Clem. Fitz dec’d. [Paris]: “West Tennessee Whig” Print</td>
<td>[1855]</td>
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<td>To the Voters of the Second Judicial Circuit of Tennessee… J. M. WELCKER…Knoxville</td>
<td>July 23, 1859</td>
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<td>Chancery Sale of LAND! In pursuance of a decree…Robertson county [sic], at the June Term 1859…MILES S. DRAUGHON, C. &amp; M. Springfield: “Fire-Fly” Print</td>
<td>1861</td>
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<td>AN ACT Providing for a Convention of the People of Tennessee…W. C. WHITTHORNE, Speaker of the House of Representatives. TAZ W. NEWMAN, Speaker of the Senate. Passed January 19, 1861. [Nashville]</td>
<td>August 22, 1862</td>
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<td>PROCLAMATION. To the Inhabitants of Kentucky! Fellow Countrymen -- I have Kept My Promise. At the head of my old companions in arms…John H. Morgan, Col. -Commanding Brigade, C.S.A. [Hartsville]: Morgan’s Press</td>
<td>August 22, 1862</td>
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<td>Home Entertainment. For the benefit of sufferers in East Tennessee. Keller Hall, Wednesday Eve., Aug. 3, ’64 By 80 Ladies and Gentlemen…. [Bristol, Tennessee or Virginia]</td>
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<td>Nashville Union. EXTRA. Special Dispatch to the Nashville Union….Grant’s Total Loss Thirty-four Thousand</td>
<td>May 17, [1864]</td>
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<td>AUCTION…Saturday, August 26, 1865…SITES &amp; FRASER. Knoxville. Brownlow, Haws &amp; Co., Printers</td>
<td>August 23, 1865</td>
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<td>Dear Sir: The friends of the Union, and of the Administration of His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, our present worthy Chief Executive, propose to celebrate the approaching anniversary of the Birth-Day of the “Father of his Country,” by holding in the Capitol of the State, a Mass Convention of those who desire to see the State of Tennessee restored to her pristine and proper position of equality and influence in the Union…..Nashville, Tenn.</td>
<td>February 6, 1866</td>
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<td>East Tennessee Female Institute Exhibition. Staub’s Opera House, Programme…. [Knoxville]</td>
<td>January 28, 1873</td>
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<td>JAS. McDOWELL, GENERAL INSURANCE AND Real Estate Agent. Representing the Largest and Best Fire Insurance Companies, Also the Connecticut Mutual Life, of Hartford, Conn. Personal Attention Given to the Property of Non-Residents, Selling, Renting, Collecting, Etc. Harriman, Tenn.</td>
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<td>LOYAL UNION STATE TICKET. For Governor, Wm. G. Brownlow….</td>
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<td>SAVED! All the tedious and tiresome labor of BURRING &amp; PICKING YOUR WOOL BY HAND…My Machine is located 6 miles East of Knoxville…Give me a trial and be convinced for yourself: ROBERT ARMSTRONG. [Knoxville]: Press and Herald Print</td>
<td>undated</td>
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<td>TO THE VOTERS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY. Fellow-Citizens---I find that there is still in circulation a report that I have declined being a candidate for Clerk of the County Court. The report is false…B. D. Smith.</td>
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