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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid covers the papers of Albert Sidney Britt (1888-1964), lawyer, trust officer, real estate broker and public official with the Home Owners Loan Corporation, and spans the years 1897-1944. The Albert Sidney Britt Papers were a gift of Albert S. Britt, Jr., Savannah, Georgia. The collection occupies .84 linear feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 325 items.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Albert Sidney Britt Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Albert Sidney Britt

1888  Born October 22, Britt's Landing, Perry County, Tennessee; son of William Obed Britt and Bettie Catherine (Maxwell) Huddleston Britt.

1897  Britt family moved to Nashville, Tennessee; attended Bowens Boy's School and Sevier Military Academy.

1907  Graduated from Cumberland Law School, Lebanon, Tennessee.

1907  Formed law partnership with T. J. MacMurrough, Nashville, Tennessee.

1907  July 17, married Anne Elizabeth Dennedy of Nashville, Tennessee.

1912  Became trust officer of the Union Bank and Trust Company, Nashville, Tennessee.


1936  Appointed Assistant Regional Manager in charge of Property Management, Home Owners Loan Association, Memphis, Tennessee.

1942  Promoted to Deputy Assistant Regional Manager, Home Owners Loan Corporation.

1944  Home Owners Loan Corporation dissolved; Britt returned to Nashville and became real estate broker for the Nashville Electric Service.

1963  Retired from the Nashville Electric Service.

1964  July 20, died in Nashville, Tennessee; buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Albert Sidney Britt Papers, containing approximately three hundred twenty-five items, span the years 1897-1944. The collection consists of accounts, announcements, cards, correspondence, financial documents, genealogical data, invitations, notes, passes, photographs, programs, reports and school records.

The collection consists primarily of Britt’s business correspondence while he was a public official with the Home Owners Loan Corporation, 1933-1944. A genealogical chart, with supporting documentation concerning the Britt and Howard families, is included.

The Britt Papers also contain a copy of the 1904 class "Prophecy" of St. Cecelia Academy, Nashville, Tennessee written by Ann Elizabeth Denney [Britt], and financial documents in the late nineteenth century pertaining to D. E. Denney of Nashville, Tennessee.

The historical value of this collection for the researcher is to be found in the letters and memoranda written to and from Britt during his tenure with the Home Owners Loan Corporation. The correspondence during the period 1933-1936 relates to the lending phase of the Corporation. Subsequent correspondence deals primarily with disposal of properties and attempts to recover the costs of loans.

Reading these letters gives the researcher an insight into the inner-workings of a loan business venture at a time when the nation was recovering from a deep economic depression and was facing a worldwide war. The letters reflect the spirit of the times. The correspondence relates to the affairs of the business as it was carried out in the region of the Home Owners Loan Corporation in the states of Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, and Ohio.
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