

Historical Resources on Microfilm:  
*Carroll County, Tennessee*

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In mid October 1818, Andrew Jackson and Isaac Shelby successfully strong-armed Chickasaw Indians into ceding lands in the tribe's cultural region lying east of the Mississippi River. Land south of the Ohio River and north of the Kentucky-Tennessee border became the Jackson Purchase; land within Tennessee became the Western District. The next year, R. E. C. Dougherty was appointed to register land claims in the area around Surveyor's Post No.2, which became Christmasville. The earliest registration is for David Gillespie and dates to 1820 Dec 20. The legislature passed an act to organize the region into new counties on November 7, 1821 (*Acts of Tennessee* 1821, p.39). Four months later, on March 11, 1822 Carroll County, Tennessee was organized, one of four established by the act (the others were Henry, Hardin and McNairy), and named for Tennessee's then-current governor William Carroll. Seventeen counties were established for the region between the Mississippi and Tennessee rivers. Huntingdon was chosen as the county seat.

The county currently bounds approximately 607 square miles.

In the federal census of 1920 Carroll County's population was fixed at 24,361 individuals. Eighty years later the 2000 census recorded a population of 29,475.

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684	1890 census, Union veterans and widows schedules
688	1900 census
736	1910 census
775	1920 census
819	1930 census

### Newspapers

Those seeking to find things in early local newspapers face several challenges. First, almost all newspapers were issued weekly, not daily, so the likelihood that a report of an event was made near the time it happened is not high. Second, until the twentieth century there were no reporters so an event appeared only if the editor was notified, and then only if there was space to print a notice *and* if the editor chose to do so. Finally, though newspapers began being published in McKenzie as early as 1839, only a few scattered issues and incomplete runs have survived before 1936; with one exception there are no complete files extant.

Newspaper titles and issues are listed below in the order they appear on the film. If a sequential run is available, then the range of dates is given by noting the first and last issues using an en dash rather than listing each individually. In the accompanying lists, the newspaper masthead (title) is given first, followed by the volume and issue number separated by a colon, as “1:24,” and then the date.

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61	<i>Huntingdon Advertiser</i>
	1:1 1839 Jul 5
	1:24 1840 Feb 19
	3:30 1842 Mar 16

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<sup>1</sup> County boundaries changed dramatically between nineteenth census enumerations. Researchers can follow changes graphically in William Thorndale and William Dollarhide’s *Map Guide to the U. S. Federal Censuses, 1790–1920* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1987).

3:42 1842 Jun 8

*Carroll Patriot*, 1:48 1859 Jan 20 only

*West Tennessean*

1:18 1868 Aug 27

1:25 1868 Oct 15

1:29 1868 Nov 12 – 1:31 1868 Nov 26

1:41 1869 Feb 4 – 1:42 1869 Feb 11

2:1 1869 Apr 29 – 2:31 1869 Nov 25 (scattered issues)

*Huntingdon Courier*

2:12 1871 Feb 9

2:14 1871 Feb 23

*People's Paper*, 1:23 1874 Sep 1 – 1:24 1874 Sep 8

*Huntingdon Times*, 5:5 1875 Jan 13 only

*Vindicator (Huntingdon, Tenn.)*

1:24 1877 Sep 13

2:34 1878 Nov 22

2:40 1879 Jan 3

2:43 1879 Jan 24

*Tennessee Republican (Huntingdon, Tenn.)*

2:4 1871 Apr 7

3:52 1873 Mar 7

5:27 1874 Sep 11

7:11 1876 May 19

20:17 1889 Aug 2

20:27 ?

? 1894 Jan 26

33:30 1901 Jul 26

33:37 1901 Sep 13

34:11 1902 Mar 14

34:21 1902 May 23

39:23 1907 Jun 7

50:5 1918 Feb 1

63:1 1929 Jan 4 – 64:50 1930 Dec 19

49 *Tri-County News (McKenzie, Tenn.)*

3:2 1884 Dec 12

3:14 1885 Mar 13

3:51 1885 Dec 24

4:5 1886 Jan 22

8:14 1890 Feb 21 – 8:15 1890 Feb 28

*Weekly Enterprise (McKenzie, Tenn.)*

3:8 1890 Apr 25

3:10 1890 May 9

*McKenzie Herald*

3:26 1894 Jul 19 – 4:29 1895 Aug 16

8:28 1899 Jul 28

9:30 1900 Aug 17

9:38 1900 Oct 12  
13:1 1904 Jan 15  
*Tri-County Sun (McKenzie, Tenn.)*, 1:1 1937 Jan 21 only  
*McKenzie Banner*  
5:41 1909 Oct 16  
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14:38 1917 Sep 21  
24:47 1926 Feb  
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*The Banner (McKenzie, Tenn.)*  
30: 48 1934 Feb 16  
33:11 1936 Jun 5 – 54 [sic]:41 1937 Dec 31

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*Church Records*

195            Hollow Rock Primitive Baptist Church (Carroll County, Tenn.) records,  
                  1823–1885  
196            Mt. Nebo Baptist Church (Buena Vista, Tenn.) records, 1898–1972  
197            Mud Creek Primitive Baptist Church (Carroll County, Tenn.) records,  
                  1825–1968  
198            Concord Baptist Church (Christmasville, Tenn.) records, 1858–1878  
212            Westport Missionary Baptist Church (Westport, Tenn.) records, 1896–  
                  1972  
216            First Methodist Church (Huntingdon, Tenn.) records, 1916–1972  
217-219        First United Methodist Church (McKenzie, Tenn.) records, 1868–1968  
227–232        Cumberland Presbyterian Church (McKenzie, Tenn.) records, 1867–1970

*Other Manuscripts*

352, item 1    Wylie Covington account book, 1834–1836  
352, item 2    Enoch Morgan account book, 1836–1893  
353, item 1    G. B. Dalton general store ledger, 1851–1852  
353, item 2    J. M. Dalton ginning records, 1875–1881  
354            Millie Grizzard scrapbook, 1869–1920

Maps

405            Sanborn Fire Insurance maps (Huntingdon)  
408            Sanborn Fire Insurance maps (McKenzie)

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