

**NEIL, ALBERT BRAMLETT, SR.
(1873-1966)
PAPERS, 1917-1966**

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INTRODUCTION

The Albert B. Neil, Sr. (1873-1966) Papers, 1917-1966 contain the personal papers of A.B. Neil, Sr., noted citizen of Davidson County, Tennessee, former State Representative, and jurist of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The collection was donated to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by the family of Justice A.B. Neil, Sr.

The collection occupies 4.0 cubic feet of shelf space, in seven boxes, and includes approximately 2,500 items. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Albert Bramlett Neil, Sr. Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research. This collection has been microfilmed and is available through inter-library loan.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Albert Bramlett Neil, Sr.

- 1873 Born in Lewisburg, Tennessee, son of Dr. James Benton Neil and Talitha Jane (McCord) Neil
- ca. 1880's Attended common schools of Marshall County, Tennessee
- 1892-94 Attended Terrell College, Winchester Normal College, Franklin County, Tennessee
- 1896 Received LL.B Degree from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee; awarded LL.D Degree in 1935 from same university.
- 1896 Admitted to the Bar Association.
- 1899-1901 Served as Tennessee State Representative, 51st General Assembly representing Marshall County, Tennessee
- 1896-1902 Practiced law in Lewisburg, Tennessee; removed to Nashville, Tennessee in 1902
- 1900 Presidential Elector on Democratic ticket of William Jennings Bryan and Adlai E. Stevenson
- 1901 Unsuccessful candidate for Democratic nomination to U.S. Congress
- 1911 Married to the former Josephine Pendleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Pendleton; three children--Jane Lindsay, Josephine, and Albert Bramlett, Jr.
- 1910-1918 Judge of Criminal Court, 10th Judicial District (Nashville)
- 1935-1940 Dean of College of Law, Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee
- 1918-1942 Judge of Circuit Court, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1942-1947 Associate Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court
- 1947-1960 Chief Justice, Tennessee Supreme Court

Biographical data, continued:

- 1958 Presiding Justice, Raulston Schoolfield impeachment trial,
Nashville, Tennessee
- 1966 Died at home in Nashville, Tennessee; buried in Woodlawn
Memorial Park, Nashville, Tennessee

Organizations

Chairman, Tennessee Code Commission
Chairman, Judicial Council of Tennessee
American Judicature Society
American Bar Association
Tennessee Bar Association
Nashville Bar Association
Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
Sigma Delta Kappa Legal Fraternity
Order of the Coif
Barristers Club, Cumberland University
Counsellors Honorary Legal Fraternity
Member, Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn.
National Association of Chief Justices

CONTAINER LIST

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<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	Financial documents--correspondence	1942-1960
2	Land Records--Deed--Neil properties	1926
3	Correspondence--Neil, A.B.	1917
4	Correspondence--Pendleton, Ellen	1927
5	Correspondence--Neil, A.B.	1930's
6	Correspondence--Neil, A.B.	1940's
7	Correspondence--Neil, A.B.	1950's

Box Number 2

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	Correspondence--Neil, A.B.	1960
2	Correspondence--Neil, A.B.	1961
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4	Correspondence--Neil, A.B.	1963
5	Correspondence--Neil, A.B.	1964
6	Correspondence--Neil, A.B.	1965
7	Correspondence--Neil, A.B.	1966
8	Correspondence--miscellaneous	n.d.

Box Number 3

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	Writings-- <u>MY GREAT WORLD OF FIFTY YEARS ON THE BENCH</u>	c. 1964
2	Writings-- <u>MY GREAT WORLD OF FIFTY YEARS ON THE BENCH</u> (draft)	c. 1964
3	Notes--memoirs	c. 1964
4	Clippings, newspaper	
5	Clippings, newspaper--Neil retirement from the Tennessee Supreme Court	1959

Box Number 4

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	Programs--inaugural of Governor Jim Nance McCord	1947
2	Programs--inaugural of Governor Gordon Browning	1951
3	Programs--inaugural of Governor Frank G. Clement	1955
4	Programs--memorial service for Justice Nathan Green	1919
5	Programs--Knoxville Bar Association dinner	n.d.
6	Newsletter--Cumberland University Alumni	1948
7	Newsletter--Campaign Leadership Directory (fund raising effort for Cumberland University)	n.d.
8	Programs--dinner for the President of Brazil	1949
9	Programs--memorial for Seth Walker	1951
10	Programs--special patriotic prayer service, "The Evangel"	1953
11	Programs--special patriotic prayer service	1957
12	Programs--50th State Council, Daughters of 1812	n.d.
13	Programs--Cumberland University Law Day festivities	1959
14	Programs--dinner for National Association of Attorney Generals	n.d.
15	Programs--memorial service, 66th Annual Elk Lodge	1966
16	Clippings--"Spotlight Gallery" story on Justice Neil	1947
17	Drawings--pencil sketch by Josephine Neil	n.d.
18	Announcements--wedding of A.B. Neil, Sr. and Josephine Pendleton 1911	
19	Announcements--wedding of A.B. Neil, Jr. and Laddie Harton	1952
20	Poetry-- <u>Just For You</u>	n.d.
21	Printed Materials--Statement--endorsement letter for Neil's Supreme Court candidacy	n.d.
22	Printed Materials--Bulletin--Immanuel Baptist Church	1966
23	Invitations--graduation of Ellen Jackson	1960
24	Invitations--graduation of Josephine Neil Jackson	1965

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25	Invitations--dinner with Governor Frank G. Clement	1963
26	Cards--miscellaneous subjects	n.d.
27	Speeches, Addresses, etc.--resignation of A.B. Neil, Sr. as Dean of Law School, Cumberland University 1941	
28	Genealogical data--Buchanan, Lindsay, and Pendleton families	n.d.
29	Writings--Josephine Neil's theme papers	n.d.
30	Genealogical data--Neil family	n.d.

Box Number 5

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	Speeches, Addresses, etc.--Justice Neil at Judicial Conference 1960	
2	Speeches, Addresses, etc.--graduating class at Cumberland University 1937	
3	Speeches, Addresses, etc.--cornerstone ceremony, Knoxville Supreme Court Building	n.d.
4	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--"The Law in the Beginning or the Struggle For Law"	n.d.
5	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--Address to the Nashville Bar Association on the life of Justice Grafton Green of Tennessee.	n.d.
6	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--Address to the Law Graduates of Cumberland University	1935
7	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--"Justice in a Democracy, A Greek City-State"	n.d.
8	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--"Evidence of Christ's Resurrection" n.d.	
9	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--miscellaneous speech notes	n.d.
10	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--Address at the dedication ceremony, Davidson County, Tenn. Court House	n.d.
11	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--Address made at the Admission of Justice Neil into the <u>Order of the Coif</u> , Vanderbilt University	n.d.
12	Printed Materials--Booklet, Dedication Ceremonies of the Knoxville Supreme Court Building	n.d.
13	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--"Advancing to a New	

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14	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--"The Future of the United Nations"	n.d.
15	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--"Use and Abuse of Dissenting Opinions" n.d.	n.d.
16	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--"Natural Law as a Living Force in the Stream of Human History"	n.d.
17	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--untitled speech	n.d.
18	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--Remarks before the Conference of Judges n.d.	n.d.
19	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--Remarks by former Governor Jim Nance McCord on Justice Neil	1964
20	Speeches, Addresses, Etc.--Remarks by former Judge Byrd Douglas on Justice Neil	1964
21	Certificates--Resolutions, Citations, etc.	n.d.
22	Scrapbooks	n.d.
23	Miscellaneous-- 1. Automobile registrations, Neil family. 2. Correspondence--Josephine Neil to Mrs. Neil on birth of Albert, Jr. 3. Napkins from the fiftieth anniversary party of the Neils. 4. Election results from Supreme Court election of 1958. 5. Cards--appreciation from Tennessee State Library and Archives. 6. Invitations--Graduation ceremonies of Peyton Ligon, III from West Point Military Academy.	

Box Number 6

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
	Photographs, drawings, etc.--miscellaneous photographs	

Box Number 7

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	Clippings--newspaper articles, including subject of Schoolfield Impeachment trials.	n.d.
2	Photographs, drawings, etc.--miscellaneous photographs	
3	Miscellaneous--conference name ribbons	

