

REQUESTING INFORMATION

Specific look-ups can be done for items such as census records, marriage records, wills, settlements, inventories, court minutes, deeds, death certificates, birth records, obituaries, tombstone records, and brief excerpts from articles or books.

The Cox Library is currently unable to respond to requests for genealogical or historical research, but is pleased to honor specific, targeted requests for public records and other well-indexed information.

At the present time, we can accept requests in person, by mail or through our website. Pre-payment (check or money order) must accompany the request by mail. Fees are non-refundable. We can accommodate up to five items per request.

Rates are \$10.00 for the first item, \$6.00 for each additional item.

When sending requests, please provide complete contact information, including phone number and email address.



The steam engine "Greenville"

HOURS & LOCATION



T. Elmer Cox Genealogical & Historical Library

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Sunday: Closed
Monday: Closed
* Tuesday: 10:00 - 2:00
Wednesday: 10:00 - 4:00
Thursday: 10:00 - 4:00
Friday: 10:00 - 2:00
Saturday:

* No walk-ins; phone and email inquiries only



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As an archive of Greene County history and heritage, the Cox Library welcomes donations both material and monetary. Monetary contributions are tax-deductible and are only used for the direct support of the library.

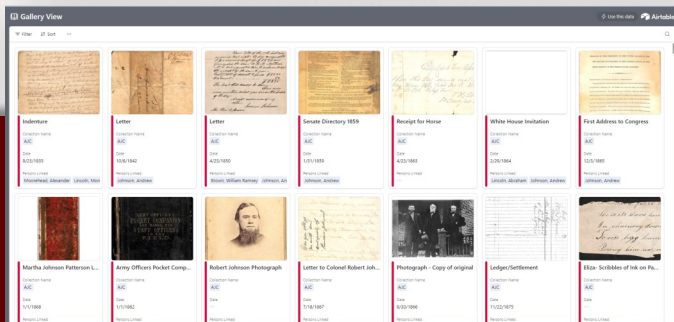
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YEARS

ABOUT THE LIBRARY & T. ELMER COX

The T. Elmer Cox Genealogical & Historical Library is one of Tennessee's preeminent archives for local history, providing public access to over 20,000 on-site materials. The Cox Library features approximately 5,000 square feet of space to house the array of free resources and technology needed to research your family history.

The Cox Library, a branch of the Greeneville/Greene County Public Library, opened November 14, 2000. It houses materials collected by T. Elmer Cox over his lifetime, as well as materials previously located in the Tennessee Room of the Main Library. The Cox Library also serves as a repository for records from the Greene County Courthouse. Amongst its many attributes, the Cox Library has an expansive, uncirculated collection. Digital microfilm reader-printers, scanning, and a significant database allow researchers to use current technology to assist investigations. As of 2018, an online digital archive has been available to the public with free access to over twenty-five thousand images of marriage records, wills, executor bonds, letters testamentary, and cemetery records available for viewing and download.



Cox online digital archives



Historian & Benefactor: T. Elmer Cox

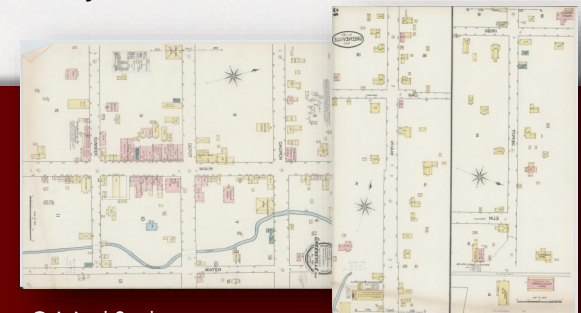
Mr. Cox was a noted historian and businessman in Greeneville. His generous bequests made the T. Elmer Cox Library possible. Through his gifts, the Greeneville/Greene County Public Library was able to purchase and renovate the historic building that now houses his collection. An architect by profession, Cox's interests included not only historical buildings, but the daily lives of the early pioneers of Greeneville and Greene County, and the times in which they lived. Little did Mr. Cox realize that his small collection of books and personal notes would be the beginning of a distinguished archive which today draws researchers and historians from all over the world.

ITEMS ARCHIVED & PRESERVED AT THE COX LIBRARY

Marriage Records (1780-1987)
Wills (1780-1986)
Estate Settlements (1802-1950)
Estate Inventories (1802-1817, -1828-1952)
Land Deeds (1785- May1986)
Trust Deeds (1841-1947)
Tax Lists (various dates, 1783-1913)
Guardian Records (1872-1960)
County Court Minutes (1783-1954)
Chancery Court Minutes (1825-1973)
Circuit Court (civil) Minutes (1809-1950)
Circuit Court (criminal) Minutes (1815-1900's)
Loose County Court Records (1851-1900's)
Loose Circuit Court Records (1809-1900)
Loose Chancery Court Records (1825-c.-1950)

Other items include:

Maps, Local Newspapers (Various dates from 1805—Present) Death Certificates, Birth Records, City Directories, Phone Directories, School Yearbooks, Photograph Scrapbooks, Ephemerals, Census Records, Cemetery Records, Land Grants, Family Files & Local History Files.



Original Sanborn maps