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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 208 GRIFFIN, Samuel Allen, 1892-1979

½ box. 3 folders. 5 items. 1971-1974. Original, typescripts and photocopy.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Samuel Allen Griffin was born in Sumner County, Tennessee on 18 March 1892, the youngest child of George Washington Owen Griffin and his second wife Alice Burk (Rutledge) Griffin. In 1910 he moved to Nashville, Tennessee and secured a job as a station agent with the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company. He retired from the railroad after 50 years, having worked as telegraph operator, ticket seller, clerk, traveling accountant, and system accountant in many of the cities served by the line. In 1912 he was working as a telegraph operator in Franklin, Kentucky when he met his future wife Bess Cecil Bennett. They retired to her hometown in 1960 where he died on 15 December 1979.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists primarily of two memoirs written by Samuel Allen Griffin. In “My 50 Years Service with The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, or, From October 1, 1910 to September 30, 1960” he comments on the varied railroad jobs that took him from sending Morse code as a young telegrapher to eventually utilizing International Business Machines (IBM) as a system accountant . “A Country Boy” describes his childhood on a farm in rural Sumner County, Tennessee and the family and friends that influenced him. Includes an article about Griffin’s 50-year service published in the June 1974 issue of *Railway Employees Journal*.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	GRIFFIN, Samuel Allen	1971-1974	5 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item

Folder 2	<i>My 50 Years Service With The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, or, From October 1, 1910 to September 30, 1960</i> written by Griffin, and article from <i>Railway Employees Journal</i> about Griffin	1971-1974	2 items
Folder 3	<i>A Country Boy</i> , written by Griffin and letter from Griffin to three friends	1972	2 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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Sumner County, Tennessee – Social life and customs, 1892-1910 F3

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