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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, MURFREESBORO, TN**

UNCLE DAVE MACON DAYS COLLECTION

21-016

Creator:

Doubler, Michael D. (1955-)

Type of Material:

Manuscript Materials, Button, Fans

Physical Description:

1 linear foot of manuscript materials housed in 3 boxes

Dates:

1969-2019

RESTRICTIONS:

All materials in this collection are subject to standard national and international copyright laws. Center staff are also able to assist with copyright questions for this material.

Provenance and Acquisition Information:

Michael D. Doubler of Murfreesboro donated this collection in 2021. Mr. Doubler is the great-grandson of Dave Macon. Archivists Rachel Morris and Olivia Beaudry gathered the collection at his house from May through October 2021.

Arrangement:

The original arrangement scheme for the collection was maintained during processing where possible. Some items were organized and moved for ease of access where no apparent organization was available.

Subject/Index Terms:

Dave Macon

Uncle Dave Macon Days (U.D.M)

Banjo
 Festival
 Bluegrass
 Roots Music
 Old-time music
 Americana music
 Community Event
 Country Music
 Event Promotion

Agency History/Biographical Sketch:

Uncle Dave Macon Days was established in 1978, and it started out as a banjo-picking contest. Originally, it was held on the lawn of the Courthouse in Murfreesboro, TN, but by 1989 it moved to Cannonsburgh Village as the large crowds had outgrown the town square. It was named after Dave Macon, one of the early Grand Ole Opry stars, and resident of Rutherford County. The founder of the festival was Jesse Messick. The annual event has banjo contests, clogging, buckdancing, and other dance contests, as well as performances and award ceremonies. As of 2022, the festival continues annually in Murfreesboro.

Scope and Content:

Michael D. Doubler and his family collected these items relating to the Uncle Dave Macon Festival since the festival's creation. The collection includes manuscript materials ranging from newspaper articles, promotional materials, and event planning documents. It also contains a few artifacts, such as a button and promotional fans. Some items have notes written on them, while other items have other pen/pencil marks, underlining, and circling throughout.

Collection Contents (Folder/Box List):

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
Box 1		
	Folder 1	U.D.M. Days Miscellaneous Programs/Pamphlets/Handbills The History of Uncle Dave Macon Days (2) The Uncle Dave Macon Heritage Driving Tour (2) <i>This Week Key</i> July 7, 1997 Travel Guide <i>This Week Key</i> July 6, 1998 Travel Guide Undated Promotional Handbill
	Folder 2	1979-1993 Programs/Pamphlets/Handbills 1979 2 nd Annual Uncle Dave Macon Banjo Picking

Contest (2- one with handwritten notes on the inside)

1980 3rd Annual Uncle Dave Macon Banjo Picking Contest

1981 4th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Banjo Picking Contest (2- one with things underlined on the inside)

1982 5th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days Program (2)

1983 6th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days Pamphlet (2)

1983 6th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2- one with prize list and drawing insert)

1984 7th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2-one with notes on inside)

1985 8th Annual U.D.M. Days Handbill (2)

1985 8th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2)

1985 8th Annual U.D.M. Days Promotional Handbill (2)

1985 8th Annual U.D.M. Days Promotional Flyer (2)

1986 9th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2)

1987 10th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet

1990 13th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet

1991 14th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet (2)

1992 15th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet (2)

1992 15th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2)

1993 16th Annual U.D.M. Days Handbill

1993 16th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2- one with some handwritten marks on inside)

Folder 3 1994-2000 Programs/Pamphlets/Handbills

1994 17th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet (2-one with some pen marks and things circled on front)

1994 17th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2)

1995 18th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet (with notes on back)

1995 18th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2)

1996 19th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet (2-one with "1997" written on front)

1996 19th Annual U.D.M. Days Advertising Pamphlet (2)

1997 20th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet (2-one with

- notes on back)
- 1997 20th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2-one with notes on back)
- 1998 21st Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet
- 1998 21st Annual U.D.M. Days Program
- 1999 22nd Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet with insert about Gospel Showcase
- 1999 22nd Annual U.D.M. Days Program (some pen marks and notes)
- 2000 23rd Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet (2)
- 2000 23rd Annual U.D.M. Days Program (notes and pen marks on inside)

- Folder 4 2001-2005 Programs/Pamphlets/Handbills
 - 2001 24th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet
 - 2002 25th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet (2)
 - 2002 25th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2-one with damage to back cover)
 - 2003 26th Annual U.D.M. Days Program
 - 2004 27th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet (2)
 - 2004 27th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (some corrections written inside)
 - 2005 28th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet
 - 2005 28th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2)

- Folder 5 2006-2019 Programs/Pamphlets/Handbills
 - 2006 29th Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet
 - 2006 29th Annual U.D.M. Days Program
 - 2007 30th Annual U.D.M. Days Program (2- one with "Paul D. Doubler" written on front cover)
 - 2008 31st Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet
 - 2008 31st Annual U.D.M. Days Program
 - 2009 32nd Annual U.D.M. Days Program
 - 2010 33rd Annual U.D.M. Days Pamphlet (2)
 - 2010 33rd Annual U.D.M. Days Program
 - 2019 U.D.M. Days Promotional Handbill

- Folder 6 Uncle Dave Macon Days 2010 Planning and Information Rutherford County Emergency Management 201 Incident Briefing for 2010 Uncle Dave Macon Days Event (2-one with handwritten notes throughout)

Map of Layout of U.D.M. Event
Email from Michael Doubler to Kevin McNulty and David Yoest about coordination meeting with response from Kevin McNulty
Rutherford County Government U.D.M. 2010 Overview and Plan for Agency Observation (2-one with notes)
Incident Radio Communications Plan "UDMD Event"
Incident Radio Communications Plan "Uncle Dave Macon Days"
Email from Gloria Christy to Michael Doubler to answer his questions about U.D.M. Planning
Email from Gloria Christy about Volunteer Workshop
Minutes from Uncle Dave Macon Days Planning Committee Meeting June 7, 2010
Uncle Dave Macon Days Final Schedule July 9-11, 2010 (5)
Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency "Planning Considerations" and Maps of Routes for different events
Uncle Dave Macon Days Committee Meeting May 13, 2010 Agenda (handwritten notes throughout)

Box 2

Folder 1 Uncle Dave Macon Days Scrapbook
 The Daily News Journal July 8, 2011 "Uncle Dave Macon Days – At a Glance"
 34th Annual UDM Days Program with flyer insert 2011
 The Daily News Journal "Uncle Dave Macon Days – At a Glance" 2012
 "Daughters of Delmore Bros. accept Trailblazer Award"
 "Fans flock from near, far to old-time music festival" 2012
 "Music" (Continuation from "Fans flock from near..." article)
 "Young players get things started at annual old-time music festival"
 "Dave" (Continuation from "Young players get things..." article)

The Daily News Journal July 8, 2011 "Old-time gospel music to fill festival with spirit"

The Daily News Journal "Old hymns hum as 35th Uncle Dave Days wraps up" (3)

"Dave" (Continuation from "Old hymns hum..." article)
(2)

Folder 2 Undated Newspaper Articles

News Journal "Uncle Dave Days makes 'Top 20'"
"AI"

Article about Kelsey Wells and Lauren Bryant receiving Macon-Doubler Fellowship

"Uncle Dave Macon Days Festival Set for Next Weekend"

The Daily News Journal "Volunteers celebrated for tireless efforts"

News Journal "County to host checkers, Uncle Dave Macon Day"

"Uncle Dave Days coolest yet"

"Wagonmaster assembles 'largest ever' parade" (2)

"Tipton to lead 'Uncle Dave Parade'"

"Macon Days' crowd grows to over 30k"

"Uncle Dave Days due for new twist" (2)

Photocopy of "Uncle Dave Days due for new twist"

The Daily News Journal "Macon Days well worth attending"

"'Uncle Dave Macon Days' to offer more hours of fun in Murfreesboro"

"John Hartford to lead 'Macon Days' parade"

Folder 3 Newspaper Articles 1969-1982

Music City Oct. 12, 1969 (pgs. 13-16 missing)

Accent March 26, 1978

The Tennessean April 26, 1979

The Press April 26, 1979

The Courier May 3, 1979

Accent July 1, 1979

Tennessean July 1, 1980 "Paschal Picked Macon Parade Wagon Master" (2-one with notes in red pen)

News Journal June 15, 1980

News Journal June 15, 1980 Photocopy of Article

Murfreesboro Press July 10, 1980
News Journal July 13, 1980
The Murfreesboro Press July 17, 1980 (2)
The Nashville Banner July 22, 1980
TV Listings July 5-11, 1981 Ad for UDM Days (?)
"Preparations begin for "Uncle Dave Days" Feb. 21,
1982
The Tennessean Showcase June 13, 1982
The Morning Press July 10, 1982
"Days' has growing pains" July 15, 1982
Uncle Dave Macon Days 1982 Educational Exhibit
Room Identification Sheet (2)

Folder 4 Newspaper Articles 1983-1989
News Journal Accent July 3, 1983
The Tennessean July 8, 1983
"Opry's Uncle Dave Macon" 1984
News Journal July 11, 1984
Nashville Banner July 12, 1984
The Daily News Journal Jul7 13, 1984
News Journal Accent July 7, 1985 (3)
Southern Standard July 10, 1985
Nashville Banner Julyv10, 1985
Rutherford Courier July 11, 1985
Nashville Banner July 11, 1985
The Daily News Journal July 11, 1985 (2)
The Daily News Journal July 12, 1985
The Daily News Journal July 13, 1985
The Daily News Journal July 15, 1985
"Event Deserves Support" Aug. 12, 1985 (2)
"Uncle Dave winners announced" July 14, 1986
"Mr. Clarence Blankenship" Dec. 5, 1986
"Nationally recognized, Uncle Dave Days begin" 1986
Nashville Banner July 5, 1987
The Daily News Journal July 8, 1987
Sunday News Journal July 12, 1987
The Merchants' Advocate July 6, 1988 (3)
The Daily News Journal July 6, 1988
"Decision time for Uncle Dave" 1988
The Daily News Journal July 10, 1988
The Tennessean June 14, 1989 ("Thought perhaps

you might like to read this" written in pen on front)

"Clogging opens Dave Macon Days" July 8, 1989
Supplement to *The Merchants' Advocate* July 5, 1989
(2)

Folder 5 Newspaper Articles 1990-1999
The Daily News Journal July 4, 1990
Sunday News Journal July 8, 1990
The Tennessean July 11, 1990 (2)
Supplement Sponsored by *The Merchants' Advocate*
1990 (2)
"Traditional talents, arts shown at Macon Days" July
15, 1990
Supplement Sponsored by *The Daily News Journal*
July 7, 1991 (2)
Nashville Banner July 11, 1991
Nashville Banner July 8, 1992
"Uncle Dave Days crowds outgrow Cannonsburgh"
July 13, 1992
The Daily News Journal July 7, 1993
Nashville Banner July 7, 1993
"Uncle Dave Days has 30,000 visitors despite heat,
rain" July 12, 1993
Close-Up July 5, 1995
The Daily News Journal July 8, 1995
"Old-time Music" 1995 (pen marks and comments)
"Quiet before banjo storm" July 11, 1996
The Daily News Journal July 12, 1996 (2)
The Daily News Journal July 15, 1996
Seba Breakdown September 1996
The Daily News Journal June 9, 1997
TV Extra July 5-11, 1997
SUNDAY July 6, 1997 (2)
The Daily News Journal July 6, 1997
The Daily News Journal June 21, 1998
Murfreesboro Sun July 8, 1998
The Middle Tennessee Times July 11, 1998 (2)
Daily News Journal July 13, 1998
Daily News Journal April 6, 1999
Daily News Journal June 24, 1999

Uncle Dave Macon Days July 8, 1999
The Daily News Journal July 11, 1999
650 WSM *Inside WSM* Third Quarter, 1999

Folder 6 Newspaper Articles 2000-2008
The Daily News Journal online article March 22, 2000
(pen markings throughout)
Murfreesboro Sun July 5, 2000 (2-one missing quite a
few pages, other not missing any)
Daily News Journal August 10, 2000
Rutherford County Reader July 5-11, 2001
Rutherford County Reader July 12-18, 2001
The Daily News Journal July 13-15, 2001
The Daily News Journal July 15, 2001
The Daily News Journal 2001
The Daily News Journal July 7, 2002
Rutherford County Reader July 11-17, 2002
The Tennessean July 13, 2002
The Daily News Journal July 14, 2002 (2- one just
article, other rest of newspaper)
The Daily News Journal July 15, 2002
The Daily News Journal July 6, 2003
The Daily News Journal July 7, 2003
The Daily News Journal July 9, 2003
The Daily News Journal July 10, 2003
The Tennessean Online Article July 9, 2004
Rutherford County Reader July 7-13, 2005
The Daily News Journal July 7, 2005
The Daily News Journal July 2, 2006
The Daily News Journal July 5, 2006 (2- one with
printed copy of rest of article)
The Daily News Journal July 7, 2006
The Daily News Journal 2006
The Daily News Journal July 13 and 14, 2007
The Daily News Journal July 23, 2007
The Tennessean July 6, 2008 (2-one with comment
written in pen on top)
The Daily News Journal July 14, 2008

Folder 7 Newspaper Articles 2010-2017
Local July 12, 2010

The Daily News Journal March 27, 2012
The Daily News Journal July 15, 2012
"Old-time music, clogging focus of Uncle Dave Macon
Fest" July 2012
Murfreesboro Post July 8-9, 2016 (2)
Murfreesboro Pulse July 2016
The Daily News Journal July 10, 2016
Murfreesboro Post July 11, 2016
Murfreesboro Post July 11, 2016
Daily News Journal April 28, 2017
USA Today Network – Tennessee November 12,
2017

Box 3

- Envelope 1 Uncle Dave Macon Days Button
- Folder 1 Uncle Dave Macon Days Fans
Ninth Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days Fan
650 WSM Fan with Personalized Autographs on Back
- Folder 2 Miscellaneous Articles/Summaries
Information Packet on 1983 Uncle Dave Macon Days
(some handwritten notes)
July 11, 2000 Udmacon Article (some sections
penciled out)
Uncle Dave Macon Days Website Articles "The Days
of Uncle Dave Macon", "Macon-Doubler
Fellowship Uncle Dave Macon Days, Inc. is
pleased to announce the creation of the
Macon-Doubler Fellowship", "2010 Schedule"
"The Days of Uncle Dave Macon" Info Sheet (2)
"Overview of Uncle Dave Macon Days 'Roots'" July
2007 (2)
1981 Articles "Uncle Dave Macon contest now
includes fiddle, guitar", "Music, Motorless
Parade Highlight 'Uncle Dave Days'", "Macon
Days' Group Slates Benefit Show"
1981 Articles "Uncle Dave Days delight in
Rutherford", "Texan Winner of Picking Contest
in Murfreesboro"
1979 Articles "Gore Asks Bold Energy Effort", "Dave
Macon Day Saturday in Murfreesboro", Banjo

Reigns Saturday on 'Uncle Dave Day'"

1951 Uncle Dave Macon Biography (2)

Article "Uncle Dave was 'one of a kind'"

Articles from Various Years "Marker to Honor Uncle Dave" (Aug. 8, 1973), "3 Farm Boys 'Pick' to Fame" (Oct. 22, 1966), "Uncle Dave Honored By Monument" (Apr. 8, 1955), "'Uncle Dave Macon Day' Planned" (Apr. 26, 1979)

- Folder 3 Flyers/Guides/Award
- Blank 1st Place Award Certificate
 - Uncle Dave Macon Days dancers' Information Guide (3)
 - Uncle Dave Macon Days Musician's Information Guide (2)
 - Uncle Dave Macon Days 1982 Flyers (3)
 - 6th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days 1983 Flyers (3)
 - 7th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days 1984 Flyer
 - 8th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days 1985 Flyers (3)
 - 10th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days 1987 Flyers (3-one with handwritten notes on back)
 - 12th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days 1989 Flyers (2)
 - Saturday Schedule
 - Saturday Finals
- Folder 4 Letters/Press Releases
- Congressional Record June 24, 1986 "Uncle Dave Macon Days" (4)
 - Congressional record Extension of Remarks June 24, 1986 "Uncle Dave Macon Days"
 - 1987 Uncle Dave Macon Days Information Inquiry Response (3)
 - 10th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days Press Release "Dear UDM Ensemble" Letter from Bill Knowlton July 13, 1989
 - Kittrell Elementary School Note to Mr. Knowlton September 11, 1989
 - Letter to Bill Knowlton from MTSU Economics and Finance Department July 16, 1991
 - Letter to Bill Knowlton from Patsy Weiler June 10, 1991
 - Press Release 1991 "Ramona Jones is selected as

the 1991 Uncle Dave Macon Days Heritage
Award Winner.”

Press Release May 1992

Press Release February 1993

Press Release 17th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days

“Dear Media Friend” 17th Annual UDM Days
Information

“Dear Media Friend” 17th Annual UDM Days
Information Packet

Uncle Dave Macon Days, INC “Dear Committee
Members and Friends” Letter (handwritten
note on bottom to Bill)

“Dear Media Friends” 19th Annual UDM Days
Information Packet

Press Release 1996 19th Annual UDM Days
Information Packet

Email February 27, 1997 about historical corrections
and copy of “Uncle Dave Macon Days ‘Roots’”

‘Dear Media Friend” 1998 21st Annual UDM Days
Information Packet

“Dear Media Friend” 23rd Annual UDM Days
Information Packet with Wendy Bryant
Business Card

Corrections to Uncle Dave Macon “The Dixie
Dewdrop” appearing in the Rutherford County
Reader June 28-July 4, 2001

Folder 5 Stephen Wade

Klezmer Corp Business Card (“Stephen Wade”
written on it)

The Daily News Journal July 10, 1981 Stephen Wade
article (3)

Ralph P. Martin Photo with note on back

The Tennessean July 10, 1981 “Dixie Dewdrop”
Article

Washington Post June 27, 1981 “Theater Notes”
Article (2)

June 25, 1979 Newspaper Article About Stephen
Wade

Flyer for Stephen Wade’s *Banjo Dancing* (signed
“Love, Stephen”)

July 14, 1982 Letter to Bill Ivey from David and Edna
Macon on Fax Paper
Photocopy of July 14, 1982 Letter to Bill Ivey from
David and Edna Macon
February 2, 1980 Letter to Shelly Wright from Dave
Macon III
February 2, 1980 Letter to Shelly Wright from Dave
Macon III on Fax paper
Photocopy of February 2, 1980 Letter to Shelly Wright
from Dave Macon III
January 22, 1980 Letter to Charles Wolfe from Shelly
Wright
July 14, 1986 "Uncle Dave Info" contact information
and brief description of Ralph P. Martin and
Stephen Wade (2)
Jul 15, 1981 Handwritten Letter to Stephen and Diane
from the Macons
July 15, 1981 Handwritten Letter to Milton Kramer
from Edna and Ramsey
The Oxford American "Uncle Dave Macon" Article

Folder 6 Legacy Awards

Sunday News Journal July 8, 1990 Newspaper with
Articles on Uncle Dave Macon Days and 1990
Heritage Award Winner Bashful Brother
Oswald
The Merchants' Advocate July 11, 1990 with Article
on Uncle Dave Macon Heritage Award Winner
Bashful Brother Oswald
Sunday News Journal July 7, 1991 Article about
Uncle Dave Macon Heritage Award Winner
Ramona Jones
The Daily News Journal July 4, 1993 Article with
Image of Bill Monroe, the 1993 Heritage Award
Winner
The Daily News Journal July 6, 1997 Articles about
Uncle Dave Macon Days and the 1997
Heritage Award Winner Charlie Louvin (2)
The Daily News Journal July 9, 1998 Articles about
Uncle Dave Macon Days, Including one about
Mac Wiseman being awarded the Heritage

Award

The Daily News Journal July 5, 1998 "Mac Wiseman Heritage Award Winner" Article

June 16, 1999 Article "Volunteers Relax Before Big Day Arrives"

July 4, 1999 "Banjo Picker Tapped for Heritage Award" Article

Daily News Journal July 5, 1999 Article about LeRoy Troy being the 1999 Heritage Award Winner

Sing Out! Fall 2004 Article about Mike Seeger being honored with the 2004 Heritage Award

The Daily News Journal July 15, 2007 Newspaper with Article "Macon Music Makin' Memories" and photo of 2007 Heritage Award Winner Jesse McReynolds

The Daily News Journal July 8, 2007 "Uncle Dave Macon Fest Honors Contributors to Art of Old-Time Music" Article

The Daily News Journal July 14, 2012 Article about Uncle Dave Macon Days

The Daily News Journal July 15, 2012 Mike Snider photo and Article about Uncle Dave Macon Days

The Daily News Journal July 14, 2012 Uncle Dave Macon Days Articles

"Grandpa Remembers Uncle Dave" Article by Tom Wood about Grandpa Jones

Newspaper Photo of Uncle Dave Macon Days performance by John Hartford

Newspaper Article "Mac Wiseman to be Honored at Uncle Dave Macon Days"

News Journal Articles about Uncle Dave Macon Days

Newspaper Article about 19th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days Heritage Winner John McEuen

Materials Catalogued Separately:

No items from this collection are catalogued separately.

Location:

All manuscript materials are located in the special collections storage area filed by accession number.

Related Materials:

Special collection sheet music, performance documents, trade catalogs, photographs, sound recordings, rare books, and reading room materials related to the subjects of this collection are also held by the Center and searchable through the CPM website database or MTSU Walker Library catalog.

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