

Search Notes for Union Provost Marshal Database

This database has been prepared by staff and volunteers at the Tennessee State Library and Archives by reading through the pages of the National Archives microfilm publication titled *Union Provost Marshals' File of Papers Relating to Two or More Civilians* (M416). The project involves scanning each document, identifying whether it was created in Tennessee or was about events in Tennessee, and abstracting certain details.

This is a work in progress, as the publication fills 94 reels of microfilm. As we continue to add to this index/abstract, please keep in mind the following facts about this data:

1. The keyword search field may be used to search any term in any field. For example, if you are looking for Anderson County, you may search the word Anderson as a keyword. If you are looking for John Anderson, you would search the surname field for Anderson.
2. Handwritten documents are often difficult to read, and transcription is difficult. No doubt, some errors have crept into this work. Please advise us if you see one by emailing reference.tsla@tn.gov
3. Every effort has been made to retain the spelling in the original documents. Therefore, some names and terms may be spelled in different ways, such as "colored" or "coloured", "Wilkerson" and "Wilkinson".
4. Where the document bears a heading identifying where it was written, we have included that information. In other cases this has been left blank.
5. Documents often contain additional names and details beyond what is abstracted here. Our purpose was to provide new points of access for these records, not to index every name and topic.
6. It is our intention to add a scanned image of each file. We are mounting this information on our web site in its incomplete state in order to provide access to the data currently compiled. Please check back as it continues to grow.

If you are interested in helping to abstract information from these records, we would welcome your assistance. We can send you a group of files electronically so that you can view them on your home computer and enter the data via internet. Please contact reference.tsla@tn.gov for more information.