

UTOPIAN COMMUNITIES AND PLANNED TOWNS
IN TENNESSEE



Among the myriad interesting features of civic life in Tennessee are the stories of the utopian communities that have been formed in the state, both during the nineteenth and the twentieth centuries, as well as its planned cities and towns.

Contemporary examples like the well-known commune, the Farm, at Summertown, Tennessee, and the new urbanist communities of Harbor Town and Schilling Farms, at Memphis, Tennessee, have not yet generated enough of a document, whether in manuscript or in published form, to permit their inclusion, here. And earlier utopias, the Bohemian Cooperative Farming Company, Nashoba, and Priber's "Kingdom of Paradise" are not documented in any significant way in the collections. That said, both Rugby and the Ruskin Colony are. In addition, the ambitious land company towns of the nineteenth century and the remarkable, progressive modern planned towns of the mid-twentieth century are documented in a variety of interesting ways; so here we seek to present a listing of materials that provide description and other information regarding some of these very intriguing places.

Books that are held in both the Main (Hodges) Library's circulating collections and in the Rare Books Collection of the Special Collections Library are omitted. Entries are listed alphabetically within each category.

This research guide is dedicated to the memory of Marian S. Moffett.

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Utopian Communities

Rugby, Tennessee:

Maps

Cook, Rufus. *Plateau. Morgan, Scott & Fentress Counties, Tenn.* London; and Boston, Mass.: Board of Aid to Land Ownershiip, Ltd., [1880?].
Maps Rugby 1880c ["Plateau" = Rugby.]

Rugby, Tenn. [Engraved by] J.H.. Bogart. Cincinnati, [1880?]
Maps Rugby 1880

Printed Ephemera

Rugby Commissary. *One Share, The Rugby Commissary. Organized October, 1880* ... [10 lines]. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co., Prs., [1880?].
Printed Ephemera Eph. 1880r

Historic Rugby, Inc. *Historic Rugby, English Village in the Tennessee Cumberlands.* [Rugby, Tenn.: Historic Rugby, Inc.], 199-?
Printed Ephemera Eph. 1990

Manuscripts

The O.P. Temple Papers, 1832-
Manuscripts MS-21 [Includes much correspondence with Rugby residents.]

Rugby (Tennessee) Colony Photograph, Circa 1880s.
Manuscripts MS-2721 [Colony members at a summer outing]

Tappert, Tara L., Comp. *Newspapers and Periodicals in the Hughes Public Library, Rugby, Tennessee.* [Rugby], 1983.
Manuscripts MS-1201

Walraven, Otho N. *Rugby, Tennessee, and the Hughes Public Library.*
Manuscripts MS-145 [Typescript]

Books

Brachey, Doug. *Rugby: Tennessee's Victorian Village.* Brentwood, TN: JM Productions, c1987.
Rare Books F444 .R9B73 1987

Brooks, Nelly Lender. *Sketches of Rugby.* [Rugby Tenn., 1941].
Rare Books F444 .R9B7

A Guide to the Historic Rugby Archive[s] & Research Centre. Prepared by Pearl Cantrell [et al.]. Rugby, Tenn.: Historic Rugby, Inc., 1992.
Rare Books CD3529 .R83C36 1992

Hamer, Marguerite Bartlett. *Thomas Hughes and His American Rugby.* Raleigh, N.C.: North Carolina Historical Commission, [1928].
Rare Books F444 .R9H2

Hughes, Emmy. *Dissipations at Uffington House: the Letters of Emmy Hughes, Rugby, Morgan County, Tennessee, July 5, 1881 – July 15, 1887.* Introduction and notes, John R. Debruyn, Lambuth College. (MVC Bulletin; no. 8). Memphis, Tenn.: Memphis State University, 1975.
Rare Books F351 .T4 v.8 1975

Hughes, Thomas. *The Correspondence of Thomas Hughes Concerning His Tennessee Rugby.* Edited by Marguerite B. Hamer. [In North Carolina Historical Review, Vol. 21, no. 3 (July 1944)].
Rare Books F444 .R9H75 1944

Hughes, Thomas. *Rugby, Tennessee: Being Some Account of the Settlement Founded on the Cumberland Plateau by the Board of Aid to Land Ownership, Limited. A Company Incorporated in England, and Authorised to Hold and Deal in Land by Act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee.* (Seaside Library, Vol. 51, No. 1041). New York: George Munro, 1881.
Rare Books F444 .R9H82

Lasswell, Lynda. *Rugby: a Brave Failure, a Brave Success.* Rugby, Tenn.: Rugby Restoration Press, 1975.
Rare Books F444 .R9L38 1975

Miller, Ernest Ivan. *The English Settlement at Rugby, Tennessee.* (Rural Research Series, Monograph No. 128). [Knoxville, Tenn.: University of Tennessee, 1941].
Rare Books F444 .R9M5

The Rugbeian. Semiannual (irregular). Rugby, Tenn.: Rugby Restoration Association, 1967-
Rare Books F444 .R9R92

Rugby, Morgan County, Tennessee, Settlement Founded October 5th, 1880, by the Board of Aid to Land Ownership (Limited), of London, England. Thomas Hughes ... President. Cincinnati: R. Clarke & Co., Print., 1880.

Rare Books F444 .R9R9

Stott, Kathleen Brock. *Rugby, Tennessee: an Attempted Utopia.* Nashville, Tenn.: Historical Records Survey, 1939.

Rare Books F444 .R9S8 1939

"Trip of the Month" Rugby, Tennessee, July 6 & 7, 1968. [Knoxville?, 1968].

Rare Books F444 .R9K56

Newspapers

Plateau Gazette and East Tennessee News. Vol. 3, No. 1 (Mar. 24, 1883) – Vol. 4, No. 29 (July 24, 1884) = Whole No. 79 – Whole No. 147. Rugby, Tenn.: Thomas Fardon, 1883-1884.

Newspaper Collection [Library has: Vol. 2, no. 56-57; vol. 3, no. 2-7, 9, 11-19, 22-23, 25-36, 39; vol. 4, no. 1-2, 5-10, 12.]

The Rugby Gazette and East Tennessee News. Vol. 4, No. 30 (Aug. 16, 1884)-. Rugby, Morgan Co., Tenn.: Rugby Pub. Co., 1884-

Newspaper Collection [Library has: Vol. 5, no. 50.]

Prints

The New Settlement of Rugby, Tennessee, U.S.A. [London: The Graphic], 1881.

Prints Print Rugby 1881

Sketches of Mr. Thomas Hughes's Settlement, New Rugby, Tennessee, U.S.A. [S.l.: s.n., n.d.]

Prints Print Rugby n.d.

Ruskin Colony, Tennessee:

Manuscripts

Butler, Francelia, Collector. *Ruskin Papers, 1893-1901.*

Manuscripts MS-1014

The Charles W. Clarke Diary (copy), 1897-1902.

Manuscripts MS-2194

The Jan Bakker and Francelia Butler Papers on Ruskin, Tennessee, 1776-2003.
Manuscripts MS-2842

The Jan Bakker/Ruskin Commune Papers, 1992-1993.
Manuscripts MS-2360

Murray, J. B. *By-Ways, Highways and Ways.*
Manuscripts MS-376

Partin, J. C. *Photographs, 1912-1913.*
Manuscripts MS-1639

Ruskin Cave College (Ruskin, Tenn.). *Miscellaneous Collection.*
Manuscripts MS-335

The Ruskin Cave College Collection, 1912-1965.
Manuscripts MS-2268

The Ruskin College Collection, 1931-1959.
Manuscripts MS-2357

Ruskin Co-Operative Association. *Records, 1894-99.*
Manuscripts MS-23

Books

Brome, Isaac. *The Last Days of the Ruskin Co-Operative Association.* Chicago: C. H. Kerr & Company, 1902.
Rare Books HX656 .R9B8

Johnson, Yvonne Belanger. *The Ruskin Colony: a Paradox in the Communitarian Movement.* [Thesis (Ph. D.)—University of Oklahoma, 1992.] Ann Arbor, Mich.: UMI, 1994.
Rare Books HX656 .R9J63 1994

Land Company Towns

Embreeville, Tennessee:

Maps

Embreeville, Washington Co., Tennessee. [S.l.: Embreeville Town Company, c1890]
Maps Embr. 1890

Manuscripts

The Fink and Dulaney Papers.
Manuscripts MS-2018 [Includes "Embreeville (?) Account Ledger, 1854."]

Books

Johnson, Guy R. *Embreeville Special Iron.* [S.l.: s.n.], 1897.
Rare Books TS229.5 .U6J64

Harriman, Tennessee:

Maps

Map of Harriman, Roane Co. Tenn. J.P. Suverkrop, Chf. Engr., Feby. 1891. [S.l.: s.n.], 1891.
Maps Harriman 1891

Map of Harriman, Roan Co., Tenn. J.P. Suverkrop Chf. Engr., E. T. Land Co.,
March, 1892. Philadelphia: D.A. Partridge Photo-Lith., [1892].
Maps Harriman 1892

Manuscripts

Baldwin, Henry. *Papers, 1892-1893.*
Manuscripts MS-1227

Books

Centennial: Harriman Schools, 1890-1990. Editor, Bobbie Ruth Mee. [Harriman,
Tenn.]: Harriman City Schools' Alumni Association; Dallas, Tex.: Taylor Pub.
Co., 1991.
Rare Books F444 .H3C45 1991

City Directory of Harriman, Tennessee, Volume 1. Chattanooga: G.M. Connelly,
Publisher, 1892.
Rare Books F444 .H3C5

Davis, Louise. *Town Built for Teetotalers*. Nashville: The Tennessean, 1972.
Rare Books F444 .H3D3

East Tennessee Land Company. *Prospectus of the East Tennessee Land Company: Chartered May 25, 1889, by the State of Tennessee*. 4th ed. New York: South Pub. Co., 1890.
Rare Books F444 .H3E3 1890

Jones, Naoma V. *The First Presbyterian Church, Harriman, Tennessee, 1891-1991*. Harriman, Tenn. (P.O. Box 263, Harriman, TN 37748): Centennial Committee, The Church, [1991].
Rare Books BX9211 .H37F57 1991

One Year of Harriman, Tennessee: Established by the East Tennessee Land Company, February 26, 1890. New York: South Pub. Co., [1891?].
Rare books F444 .H42E28 1891

South Publishing Co., New York. *Two Years of Harriman, Tennessee; Established by the East Tennessee Land Company, February 26, 1890*. New York: South Publishing Co., [1892?].
Rare Books F444 .H3S6

South Publishing Co., New York. *Two Years of Harriman, Tennessee; Established by the East Tennessee Land Company, February 26, 1890*. New York: South Publishing Co., [1892?].
Rare Books F444 .H3S6 1892 [Larger edition]

Prints

Norris, George E. *Harriman, Tenn., 1892. Feb. 1890, 1 Farm House; Feb. 1892, 4,000 Population*. Troy, N.Y.: T____rleigh Lith. Co., [1892].
Prints Print Harr. 1892

Kimball, Tennessee:

Maps

Kimball Town Company (New York, N.Y.). *Kimball, Marion County, Tennessee*. Nathan F. Barrett, Landscape Engr. New York: N. Y. Engraving & Printing Co., [1890?].
Maps Kimb. 1890

Books

Christening Sale at Kimball. [S.l.: s.n., 1890?]
Rare Books F444 .K38C47 1890

Modern Planned Towns

Kingsport, Tennessee:

Maps

United States. Army. Corps of Engineers. *Topographic Map of Holston River Valley: Made from Plane Table Survey and Aerial Photographs, under the Direction of Major Harold C. Fiske, District Engineer.* [S.l.: s.n.], 1926.
Maps Holston R. 1926 [Shows street plan of Kingsport.]

Bennett & Edwards, Inc. *Map of Kingsport, Tennessee.* Prepared by King Engineering Co. [Kingsport, Tenn.]: Bennett & Edwards, Inc., c1948.
Maps Kingsport 1948

Spoden, Muriel Clark. *Kingsport, Tennessee, Historical Map of Long Island of the Holston.* Cartographer H.T. Spoden, Illustrator Bob Hensley. [Kingsport]: Netherland Inn Association, 1969.
Maps Kingsport 1969

Manuscripts

The William H. Jesse Collection, 1947-1966.
Manuscripts MS-1013 [Includes "Statement of Program and Plan Review, Kingsport Public Library, Kingsport, Tennessee. 1958."]

Books

Charter and Ordinances of the City of Kingsport: As Amended to June 30, 1939.
Compiled and Edited by Hal H. Carr. Kingsport, Tenn.: Printed by Kingsport Press, 1939.
Rare Books JS990 .K56A4 1939

Cook, Carolyn Pierson. *The Greater Tri-Cities: a Portrait of Progress.* Corporate Profiles by Brian McMillan; Featuring the Photography of Tom Raymond; Contributing Photographer, Peter Montanti. 1st ed. Montgomery, Ala.: Community Communications, 2001.
Rare Books F444 .B8C66 2001

Dr. Elery A. Lay, a Remembrance: a Collection of Essays Contributed by His Friends and Colleagues. Kingsport, Tenn.: Archives of the City of Kingsport, c1998.
Rare Books PS3562 .A924Z5 1998

Egan, Martha Avaleen. *Kingsport.* (Images of America). Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia, c1998.
Rare Books F444 .K4E53 1998

Greater Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce. Public Relations Committee. *Directory of Kingsport Manufacturers, 1955 ...* [Kingsport, 1955].
Rare Books F444 .K4K52 1955

Kingsport, Tennessee, the Model Industrial City. [Kingsport]: Kiwanis International, [1928?].

Rare Books F444 .K4K54

Lay, Elery A. *An Industrial and Commercial History of the Tri-Cities in Tennessee-Virginia.* Kingsport, Tenn.: Lay Publications, c1982.

Rare Books HC107 .T2L3 1982

Long, Howard. *Kingsport; a Romance of Industry.* Kingsport, Tenn.: The Sevier Press, 1928.

Rare Books T22.5 .K5L6

Nolen, John. *New Towns for Old; Achievements in Civic Improvement in Some American Small Towns and Neighborhoods.* Intro. by Albert Shaw. Boston, Mass.: Marshall Jones Company, [c1927].

Rare Books NA9105 .N6

Preston, Thomas Wilson. *Historical Sketches of the Holston Valleys.* (Holston Historical Library) Kingsport, Tenn.: Kingsport Press, 1926.

Rare Books F443 .H7P8

Rhea, Rolien Ashland. *A Comparison of Living Conditions of Selected Farm, Farm-Industrial and Industrial Families Near Kingsport and Bristol, Tennessee.* [Thesis (M.S.)—University of Tennessee, 1938]. 1938.

U. T. Archives Thesis .R469

Spoden, Muriel Clark. *Kingsport Heritage: the Early Years, 1700 to 1900.*

[Kingsport, TN]: M.M.C. Spoden, 1991 (Johnson City, Tenn.: Overmountain Press).

Rare Books F444 .K4S66 1991

The Tri-City Pictorial Magazine. Nine issues yearly. Vol. 1, no. 1 (Jan. 1970)-
Johnson City, Tenn.: Tri-City Pictorial Pub. Co., 1970-
Rare Books F442.1 .T76 [Lib. has: January, 1970.]

Norris, Tennessee:

Manuscripts

The Aelred "Flash" Gray Papers, 1933-1993.

Manuscripts MS-2681 [Series II is "Norris, Tennessee, 1933-1992"; Series VI includes maps, plats and statistics for Norris.]

The Charles I. Barber Papers.

Manuscripts MS-2006 [Includes plans for houses at Norris, as well as Norris zone map.]

The Tennessee Valley Authority Pamphlet Collection.

Manuscripts MS-631 [Includes 11 pamphlets about Norris.]

Books

Norris (Tenn.). *Norris, the Story of a City's First Year – 1949-1950.* [Norris, Tenn.: City of Norris, 1950].

Rare Books F444 .N6N6

Norris, TN 1933-1983: Norris Kaleidoscope: a Not-Quite-Complete Report of Events, Activities, People in a Not-Quite-Typical Tennessee Town During Its First Half Century. [Clinton, Tenn.: Courier-News, 1983].

Rare Books F444 .N6N67 1983

Tennessee Valley Authority. Division of Land Planning and Housing. *Norris House Drawings.* [Knoxville, 1936?].

Rare Books NA7238 .N6T4

Oak Ridge, Tennessee:

Maps

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. *Street Names: Town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.*

Chicago, New York: Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill, Architect-Engineer, 1944.

Maps Oak Ridge 1944ski

Associated Engineers, Comp. *Map of Oak Ridge, Atomic Capitol of the World.*
Oak Ridge: Compiled by Associated Engineers, [1945].
Maps Oak Ridge 1945

Printed Ephemera

This Is Oak Ridge. [S.l.: s.n., 1950?].
Printed Ephemera Eph. 1950t [Promotional brochure]

Manuscripts

The June N. Adamson Papers, 1870-2003.
Manuscripts MS-2739

The Eugene L. Joyce Papers, 1847-2003.
Manuscripts MS-2552

Books

Jackson, Charles O. *The Urbane Frontier: the Army and the Community of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1942-1947.* [In *Military Affairs*, Vol. 61, no. 1 (February 1977)].
Rare Books F444 .O3J33 1977

Krause, Carolyn. *A History of First Presbyterian Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1945-1995.* [Oak Ridge, Tenn.: s.n., 1995?].
Rare Books BX8949 .O24K70 1995

Moneymaker, Dorathy S. *We'll Call It Wheat.* Oak Ridge, Tenn.: Adroit Printing Co., 1979.
Rare Books F444 .W45M66

Oak Ridge Community Facilities Plan. Oak Ridge, Tenn.: Planning Dept., City of Oak Ridge, [1970].
Rare Books HT168 .O34O34 1970

The Oak Ridge Community: 25th Anniversary Commemorative Publication: Evolution from Near Wilderness to the Birthplace of Atomic Energy and "the Youngest World City."
John Michael Hoffey, Editor; Frederick M. O'Hara, Associate Editor. [Oak Ridge, Tenn.: The Community, 1967]
Rare Books F444 .O3H3 1967

Oak Ridge: the City That Changed the World. Knoxville, Tenn.: Delmar Co., c1976.
Rare Books F444 .O3O34



THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, SHELBY AND CENTER STREETS
On the left are the city offices; on the right the city court room and police headquarters.

Taken from Howard Long's *Kingsport; a Romance of Industry*, published in Kingsport, by the Sevier Press, 1928.

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