

LUCY GUMP DONATES MICROFILM COLLECTION

The department's microfilm collection was inaugurated on September 10th, 2019 when Lucy Gump of Johnson City donated a microfilm reader and 23 reels of microfilm. The microfilm includes important North Carolina land grants made in Tennessee in the 18th century, as well as film of the Wataugah Purchase book (deeds); indices to early deeds for Washington County (1783-1900) and Sullivan County (1781-1930); early Washington County deeds (1782-1836), Carter County deeds (1796-1843), and Sullivan County deeds (1775-1796); and early loose Washington County records for the period 1774-1881.

Gump used the microfilmed records in her historical research, especially for her 1989 ETSU history thesis "Possessions and Patterns of Living in Washington County: the 20 Years Before Tennessee Statehood, 1777-1796." By general consensus, this is one of the best pieces of historical scholarship produced at the university.

The addition of microfilmed records expands the department's opportunities and resources for researchers. Go to the following url to find the collection guide:
<https://wctnarchives.org/microfilm-collection/>