A preliminary agricultural map of Tennessee based on the distribution of geological formations [1896]

The testimony of a refugee from east Tennessee / Bokum, Hermann, 1807-1878 [1863] Courtesy of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Henry Whitehead Place, Townsend vicinity, Blount County, TN [n.d.]
Left: (under “drawings”). Right: 2. EXTERIOR, NORTH CORNER VIEW OF BOTH CABINS HABS TENN,5-CADCO.V,1-2

Topographical sketch of the environs of Nashville, Tennessee / surveyed in the months of March, September and December, 1862 for the information of the Armies of the Ohio and Cumberland, under the direction of Capt. N. Michler... [1862; detail]
Bear Spring Furnace, Dover vicinity, Stewart County, TN [n.d.]


Unloading cotton, Memphis, Tenn. [between 1900 and 1915]

Colonel McNeal House, Union & Bills Streets, Bolivar, Hardeman County, TN [n.d.]


Reynolds's political map of the United States, designed to exhibit the comparative area of the free and slave states and the territory open to slavery or freedom by the repeal of the Missouri Compromise [1856]
Family record. Before the war and since the war / Krebs Lithographing Company, Cincinnati, [c. 1880]

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The Rev. J.W. Loguen, as a slave and as a free-man : a narrative of real life / Loguen, Jermain Wesley, [1859]

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The Dred Scott decision : opinion of Chief Justice Taney, with an introduction / [1856]
Senator Isham G. Harris from Tenn. [between 1865 and 1880]

Douglas Schottisch. 1860  Courtesy of Duke University Library.

National Democratic ticket. For President, John C. Breckinridge of Kentucky. [Ohio Campaign ticket] [c. 1860]

Maryland state ticket. Election, Tuesday November 6th, 1860 ... For President of the United States John Bell of Tennessee. For Vice President of the United States, Edward Everett of Massachusetts. ... [n. p. 1860].

It appears to me very singular that we three should strike "foul" and be "put out" while old Abe made such a "good lick." [c. 1860]

Storming the castle, "Old Abe" on guard. [1860]

Andrew Johnson, half-length portrait, seated, facing left [1860]

Andrew Johnson, residence in Greeneville, Tennessee. House from southwest. [1961]

Isham G. Harris to Abraham Lincoln, Monday, April 29, 1861 (Seizure of ship on Mississippi)  
Note: Transcription available.

Abraham Lincoln to Isham G. Harris, May 11, 1861 (Seizure of C. E. Hillman)  
Note: Transcription available.
Hon. Abraham Lincoln [1860]

Freemen! of Tennessee! The Yankee war is now being waged for "beauty and booty." ... To arms! and let us meet the enemy on the border ... All those who desire to join with us in serving our common country, will report themselves immediately J.B. [1861]

Secession exploded [1861]


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