

Physical description:

5 items.

Dates:

1977. 1980.

Provenance:

These newspapers were transferred from several Center acquisitions in June 1992.

Agency history/Biographical sketch:

Elvis Presley (b. 1935), "a pivotal figure in the history of rock music... (who) defined rock-and-roll as a musical style and established it as a youth culture and the symbol of teen-age rebellion," died at his home in Memphis TN on 16 August 1977. The cause of his death has remained the subject of controversy and continuing journalistic speculation.

John Lennon (b. 1940), "rock-and-roll singer, songwriter, guitarist and pianist, a member of the Beatles from its formation in 1957....with Paul McCartney was primarily responsible for the unprecedented international influence the group exercised over popular music from 1962. ... After the Beatles disbanded in 1970 he worked almost exclusively in...the USA." He was assassinated outside his New York apartment on 8 December 1980.

Quotations above from New Grove Dictionary of American Music, vol. III.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of complete front sections of the Nashville Tennessean 17 and 21 August 1977 and 9 December 1980 and the Nashville Banner 17 August 1977 and 9 December 1980 covering the deaths of Elvis Presley and John Lennon. They are arranged by date.

Location:

This collection is filed by accession number with other manuscript groups.