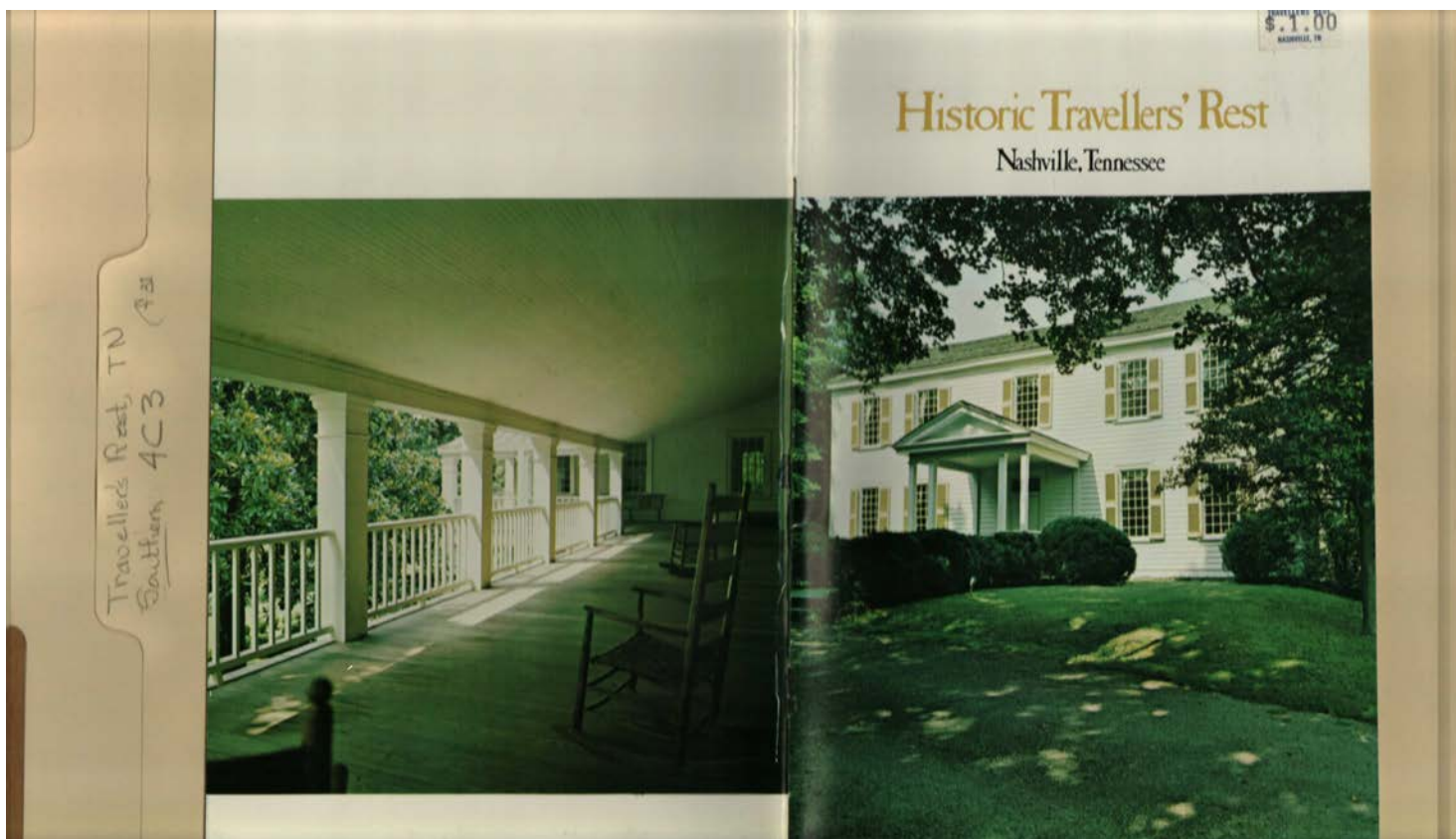


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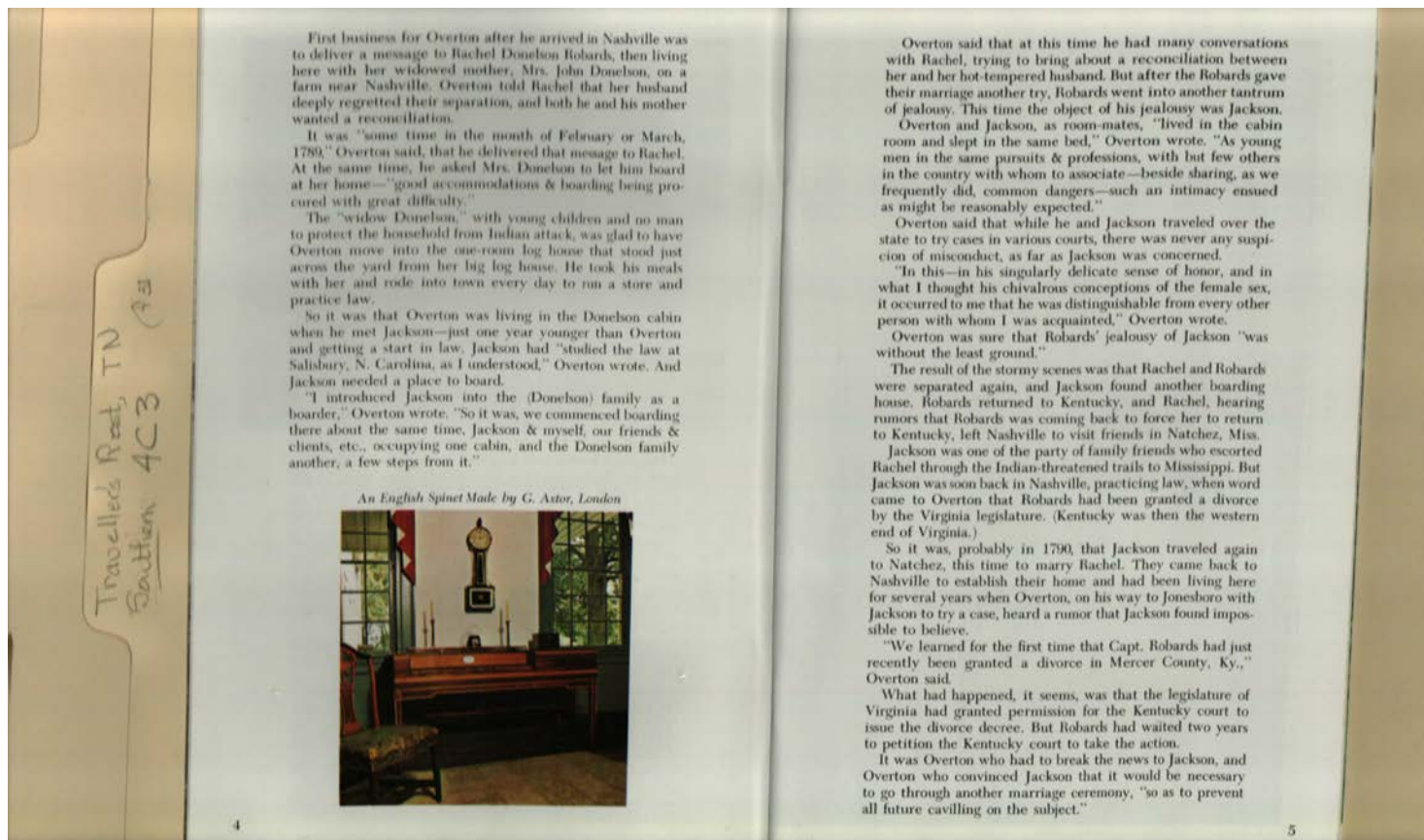
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Names:

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Overton, John

Winchester, James,
General

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Jackson,

Middle Cumberland
Graves
Overton,

Pinkley, Frederick
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Winchester, Marcus

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Traveller's Rest, TN
Section 4C3 (73)

Last of full bed shown in eye
Right and gone support over
the bed. (see page 10)
see photo



Remnants of John Overton,
the builder



When Overton discovered the Indian graves, he gave the place its first name, "Caligaha," which means "a burial place" or "grave." But the name hardly fitted the lively activities whose happily won it the name "Traveller's Rest." Overton began calling it by the latter name about 1815, and from that date, his letters to Jackson—whether he was serving as governor of Florida, or general in New Orleans, or President in Washington—were dated from "Traveller's Rest."

When Jackson was in Philadelphia in 1796, as the first senator from the newly created state of Tennessee, he received a letter from Overton with a shopping list of things for the house he was planning. Or so it for the small house he owned in what is now downtown Nashville, on Church Street, near the Overton's "bar" of some few articles which I can't do without" included:

- 1 set of curtains for bed
- 2 rose blankets
- 2 counterpanes or coverlets
- 2 coarse muslin for 2 pv. sheets
- Curtain calicoe for 4 windows, 18 lights, 8 by 10 each"

OVERTON-JACKSON PARTNERSHIP

Like brothers, the two men consulted each other—handling each other's financial obligations when one of them was away on business; handling land deals and the threat of law suits for each other as they acquired property.

When Jackson was weary of political life, Overton urged him to stay with it. Overton, sitting at his fireside to ponder the nation's problems, must have often responded on his theories—from the Eastern politicians' perspective, as his and West, to that of the Southern planter. Overton's advice was to stay in the South, to stay in the South, to stay in the South, to stay in the South. Overton feared that would one day split the nation. Jackson must stay in politics—and help knit the competing parts of the nation into one.

On January 22, 1796, a disillusioned Jackson—just 31 years old then—wrote from Philadelphia to say that if he continued "in a political life one more session—perhaps more," it would be because of the "hopes of fortune—that not my wife's."

In that same letter to Overton, Jackson wrote:

"I have experienced more disquietude in a political life than all the advantages derived from it can compensate for, and I assure you that my political life will be a short one."

That was exactly 31 years before Jackson was to run for President.

Thirteen years before Jackson resigned as U.S. senator and came home to accept appointment as judge on the State Superior

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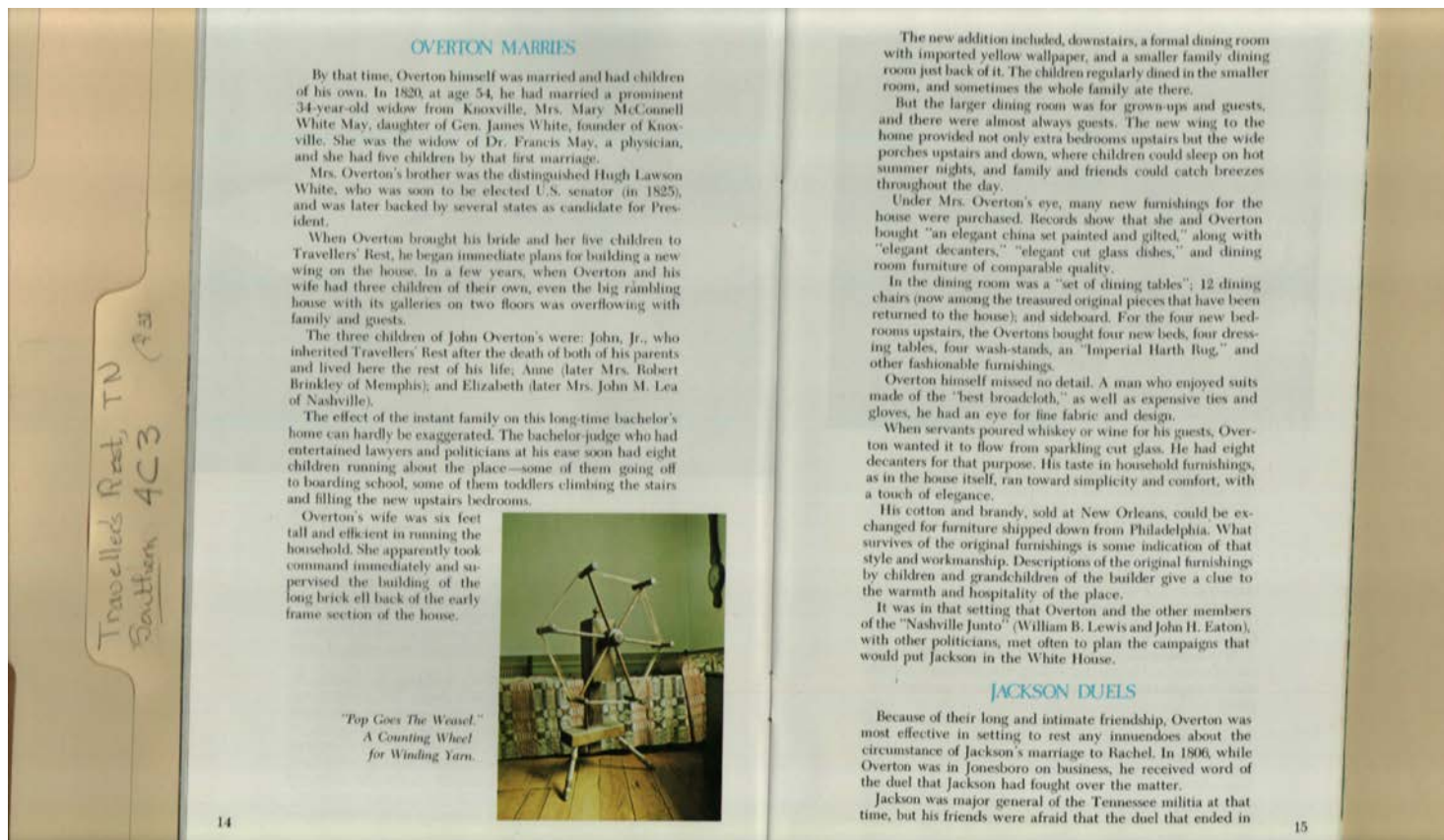
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O'Neale, Peggy

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Maxwell House

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General
Cheatham, Benjamin
F., General

Forrest, Nathan
Bedford, General
Hood, John B.,
General

Jackson, W. M.,
General
Lee, Stephen D.,
General

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Overton, Mrs.
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Names:

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McGavock
Hood, General

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Overton, John, Jr.
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Overton, Mrs.
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*The Weaving House and
The Smoke House.
Original dependencies*



Uncle Claiborne by Howard Weeden

son of old Judge John Overton, sold the house to a Nashville physician, Dr. John B. Youmans. It was Youmans who sold the property to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad in 1951.

COLONIAL DAMES RESTORE TRAVELLERS REST

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Tennessee made valiant effort to have the historic property preserved, and in 1954, the L&N Railroad gave the house and the three acres where it stands to the Colonial Dames. About 10 years later, the L&N added a gift of the field in front of the house, where the driveway to the house could be restored to something like its appearance in Judge Overton's day.

Travellers' Rest was in poor physical condition when the Colonial Dames began their preservation and restoration program. They labored to set out new trees where the old ones had fallen, to call in experts to guide them in authentic restoration of the house to its appearance when Judge Overton lived here.

Fortunately Judge Overton had kept minute records of all transactions—from the purchase of each tract of land and the pay for the carpenters to the cost of cut glass and window panes. A research committee studied those records, consulted architects and experts in historic preservation. Charles Peterson, of the National Park Service, and Henry E. Judd, also of the National Park Service, examined all structural features of the house and advised on the way stairways, partitions, doorways must be removed to peel the house back to the way it looked in Judge Overton's day.

They examined layers of wallpaper to find the original, and, in the dining room, found that that was handsome enough to justify having it copied for the room today. Francis B. Warfield, Charles W. Warterfield and Clinton E. Brush, III Nashville architects, were consultants on much of the work. Experts in interior decoration advised the Colonial Dames on authentic furniture, silver and landscaping of the 1820-1830 era.

Though comparatively few of the furnishings in Overton's home are the same ones there during his lifetime, all of the pieces here are of that era and are of the style used in Nashville.

Because of the unique Indian civilization on this site hundreds of years ago, the Colonial Dames, in 1964, opened a small museum of Indian relics found on the place. In one of the small brick buildings at the back of the home, the museum shows something of the way of life of what archeologists now call the Middle Cumberland Culture, dating as far back as 1300.

of the brick buildings at the back of the home, the museum

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Colonial Dames of
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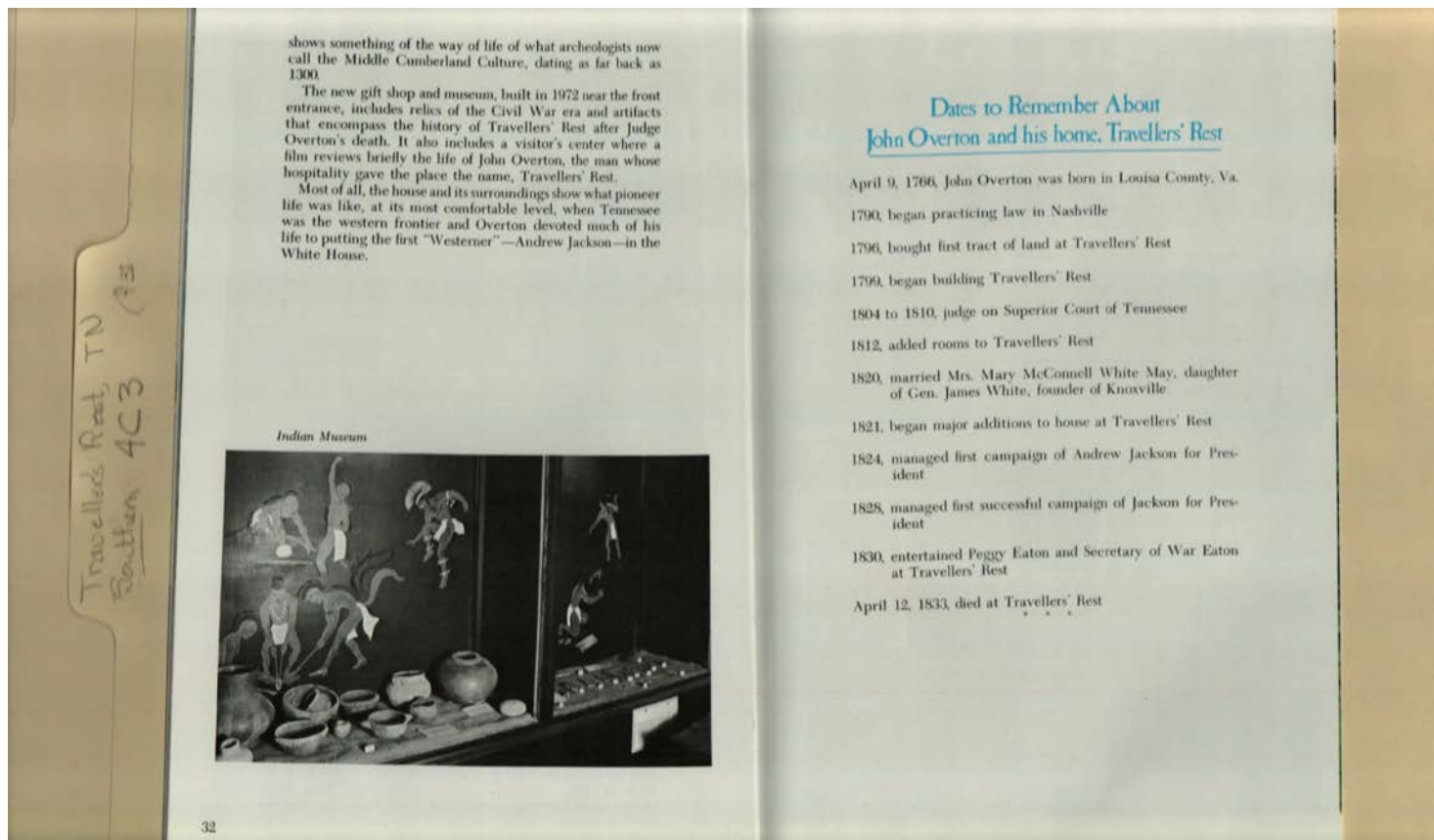
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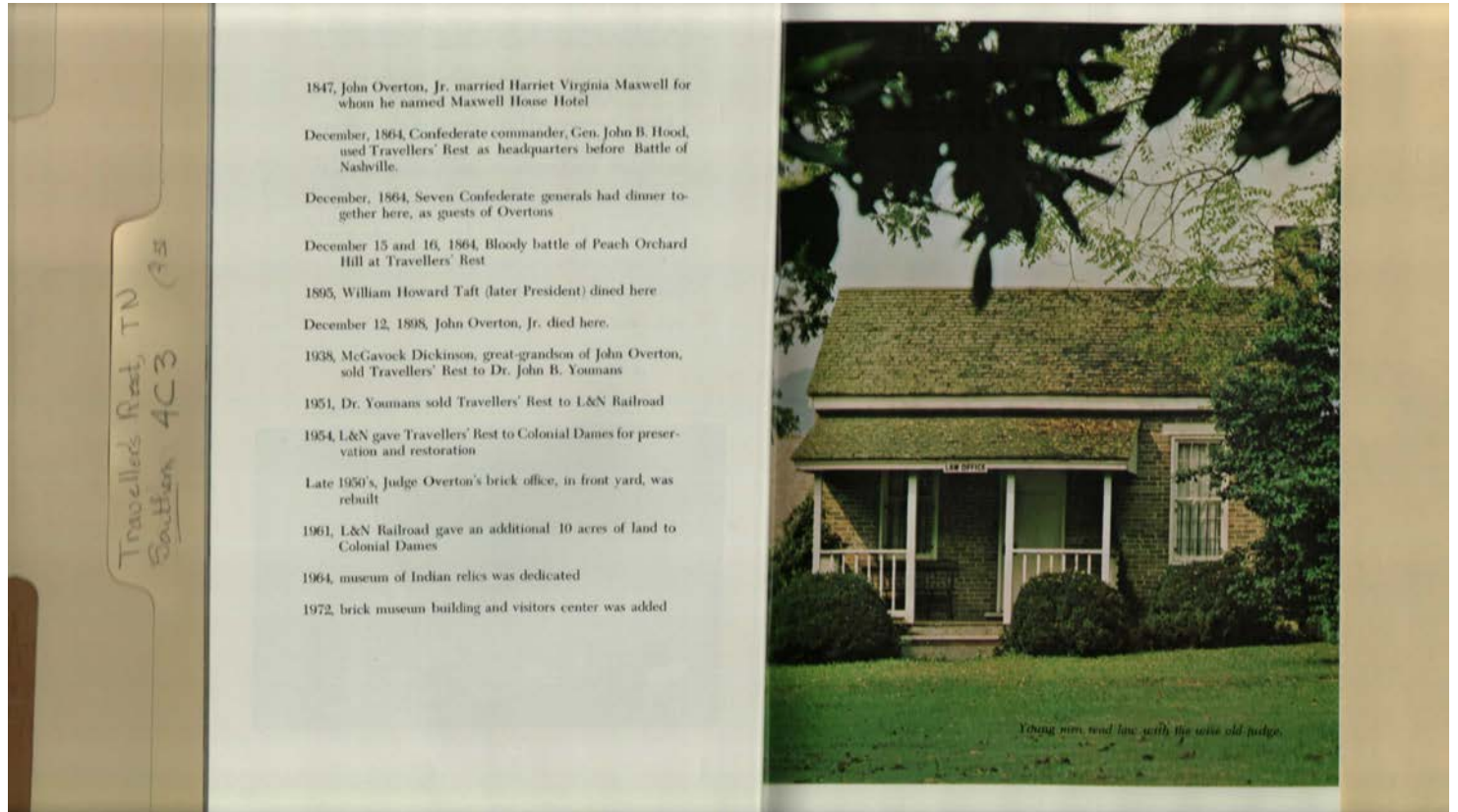
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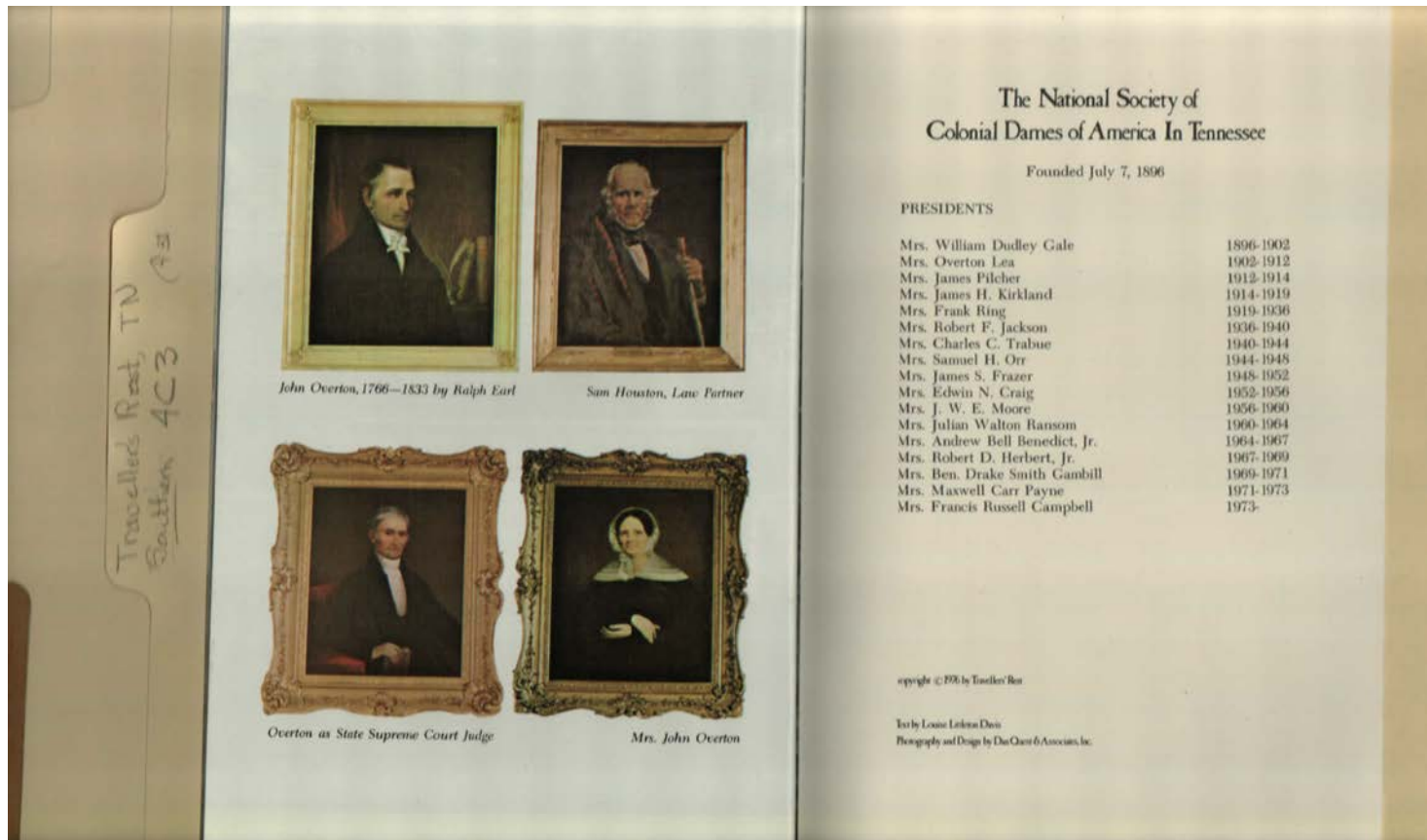
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