

Resources for Researching Tourism in Savannah

General City History

- [Annual Reports of the Mayors of Savannah](#), 1855-1923 (5600MY-50)
- [City Code Books](#), 1854-1945 (www.savannahga.gov/digitalcollections)
- [Mayor Malcolm Maclean Speech Books](#), 1960-1966 (5600MY-20)
- [A History of the City Government of Savannah, Ga., from 1790 to 1901](#), compiled from Official Records by Thomas Gamble, Jr., 1900
- [Savannah Area Local Government Documents Collection](#), bulk 1970s-present (RS 1121-027)*
 - Includes: City Annual Reports 1955-present, some gaps
 - City of Savannah Budget Books, circa 1958-present
 - Downtown Savannah Master Plan, Tourism Master Plans
 - Documents related to the Visitors Center and Savannah History Museum
- [City Council Meeting Minutes](#), 1790-present (RS 0115-001) (original hardcopy volumes in Clerk of Council's Office; microfilm of volumes thru 1900 available at the Bull Street Library; [volumes thru 1900 available online thru Ancestry.com](#))
- [Savannah Area Local Reference Files](#), circa 1979 – present
- Municipal Archives Library Collection of Savannah-area books (non-circulating, available in Reading Room)

City Manager Files

- City Manager Subject files, 1954-present (RS 0120-001)* (provide a list of keywords for Archivist to search in file names)

Engineering Maps (keyword searchable using ctrl + f)

- [Engineering Department Major Subdivision Maps](#) (Record Series 3121-020), 1871-1972, no date [Select Digitized Records](#)
- [Engineering Department Retrospective Maps Collection - East / West Maps](#) (Record Series 3121-008), 1799-1927, no date
- [Engineering Department Retrospective Maps Collection - General Maps](#) (Record Series 3121-007), 1752-1971, no date [Select Digitized Records](#)
- [Engineering Department Retrospective Maps Collection - Property Maps](#) (Record Series 3121-009), 1853-1982, no date
- [Engineering Department Retrospective Plans and Designs Collection](#) (Record Series 3121-010), 1902-2015, no date
- [Cadastral Survey, Savannah - Ward Survey Maps](#) [Record Series 3121-019], 1939-1940 [252 sheets (1.5 cubic feet)] [Collection Fully Digitized](#)



Visual Materials

- [V. & J. Duncan Postcard Collection](#) (Record Series 1121-057), circa 1870s-circa 2000s, no date [Select Digitized Records](#)
- [Artwork of Savannah](#) (Record Series 1121-041), 1902
- [Photographs, Public Information Office](#) (Record Series 0123-045), 1948-1949, 1974-2000, no date [Select Digitized Records](#)
- [Palumbo collection of photographs and tourism materials](#) (Record Series 1121-070), circa 1870s-1953, no date [Select Digitized Records](#)
- Additional digitized collections can be found online:
www.savannahga.gov/digitalcollections

The W. W. Law Collection

- [W. W. Law Photograph Collection](#), 1968-2002, no date (RS 1121-100) [Select Digitized Records](#)
- [W. W. Law Reference Collection](#) (RS 1121-106)
- [W.W. Law ASALH and Related Cultural Organizations Collection](#) (RS 1121-109)
- See [W. W. Law Collection](#) page (www.savannahga.gov/wwlaw) for full list of available collections

Collection Finding Aids

- All finding aids (except *) are available online at <http://www.savannahga.gov/collections>. **For more information or to set up a research appointment, contact the Archivist at (912) 651-4212 or kzacovic@savannahga.gov.**

Outside Sources

- [Bull Street Public Library Kaye Kole Genealogy Reading Room](#)
 - City Directories
 - Vertical Subject Files
 - Local Area newspaper indexes
- [Digital Library of Georgia](#)
 - [Georgia Historic Newspapers](#)
 - [Sanborn Maps](#)
- [Digital Public Library of America](#)
- [Visit Savannah](#)
- [Office of Film, Special Events and Tourism – Tourism Advisory Committee](#)
- [Georgia Historical Society](#)