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Records of interest to researchers of Captive Labor are cross-referenced in other subject matter guides, including the [Genealogy](#), [Photographs](#), and [African American History](#) research guides. A complete list of all available Research Guides is available online at www.savannahga.gov/ResearchGuides.

Sample Entry:

- Hyperlink to Collection Finding Aid/Inventory, inclusive dates (Record Series #)
 - Hyperlink to available digitized content*
 - Additional description, as needed

General City History and Research Projects

- [A History of the City Government of Savannah, Ga., from 1790 to 1901](#), compiled from Official Records by Thomas Gamble, Jr., 1900
- [Municipal Slavery Project](#)
 - Explores and documents the City of Savannah's use of enslaved labor in municipal work.

General Municipal Archives Collections

- [City Code Books](#), 1854-2003
- [City Council Meeting Minutes](#), 1791-present (RS 5600CL-005)
 - [Select Records available on Ancestry.com](#)
 - Physical copies of the Minute Books are housed in the [Clerk of Council's Office](#).
- [Mayor's Office Records](#), 1817-1879 (RG 5600MY)
 - Select Digitized Records:* [Mayor's Annual Reports](#), 1855-1923 (RS 5600MY-50)
- [City Treasurer Records](#) (RG 5600CT)
 - Cash books, 1806-1913 (RS 5600CT-400, 5600CT-410, 5600CT-540) record financial transactions related to use of forced labor for City work. (See Municipal Slavery Project)
 - Tax Digests, 1809-1954 (RS 5600CT-070) show enslaved individuals recorded as property, with their value and enslaver (no enslaved names recorded)
- [Chatham County Commission scrapbook](#), 1859, 1906-1960 (RS 1121-087)
 - [Subject Index; Collection Fully Digitized](#)
 - Scrapbook contains news clippings about convict camps, the convict farm, and the convict leasing system in Chatham County
- [Minutes of the Park and Tree Commission](#), 1896-1972 (RS 5600PC-010)
 - Select Digitized Records:* [1896-1929](#), [1916-1972](#)
- [Interment Report Books](#), 1852-1903 (RS 5600CL-90)
 - Prior to 1866, shows burials of enslaved individuals, including name, nativity, residence, and enslaver
- [Olaf Otto, Sr. photograph collection](#), 1922-1960, no date (RS 1121-072)
 - Select Digitized Records:* [Savannah River Bridge scrapbook, 1922-1929](#)
- [Minis collection of glass plate negatives, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P.](#) no date (Record Series 1121-071)
 - [Select Digitized Records](#)

Police and Court Collections

Records reflect arrest and court proceedings administered by the City of Savannah, including sentencing to the Chatham County Convict Labor Camp, also known as Brown's Farm. Records of activities at the Convict Camp are administered by the Chatham County Commission and are not held by the Municipal Archives.

- [Police Department Records](#) (RG 5600PL)
 - [Select Records available on Ancestry.com](#)
 - Jail Registers, 1808-1815, 1855-1879, 1959-1968 (RS 5600PL-10, 5600PL-40)
Pre-1865 volumes include names of enslaved people held at the City jail for safe-keeping or criminal offenses.
 - Jail Record Books, 1903-1965 (5600PL-040)
- [Recorder's Court](#) (RG 5600RC)
 - [Select Records available on Ancestry.com](#)
 - Police Court Docket Books and Indexes, 1865-1971 (5600RC-030)
- [City Court](#) (RG 5600CC)
 - [Select Records available on Ancestry.com](#)
 - Criminal Minute Books, 1874-1934 (RS 5600CC-055)
 - Sentence Books, 1884-1898 (RS 5600CC-070)

W. W. Law Collection See [W. W. Law Collection page \(www.savannahga.gov/wwlaw\)](#) for full list of available collections.

- [Bills of Sale for Enslaved People](#), 1826-1863, no date (RS 1121-126)
- [New Orleans jail release receipts and chain gang vouchers](#), 1846 (RS 1121-127)
- [Trapped in Georgia, My Life](#), no date (RS 1121-128)
 - *Item Fully Digitized*
 - Handwritten unfinished manuscript recounting the life of a prisoner held in the Chatham County prison system, including his time sentenced to work on a chain gang.
- [W. W. Law Reference Files](#) (RS 1121-106)