

Record Series #: 5100-039
Name: Savannah Council No. 1 Order of American Firefighters records
Dates: 1919-1957, 1971-1990, no date
Extent/Size: 2 document cases, 1 oversized box (1.5 cubic feet)

Organizational History:

Savannah Council No. 1 Order of American Firefighters was founded on July 15, 1895, to provide social and beneficial membership for Savannah firefighters. The activities of the organization included fundraising events and council meetings. Members were provided with loans, and if a member died or became sick, benefits were paid from the organizations' endowment fund. The officers included a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Seargent-at-Arms, and Directors, one from each company and personnel office of the Fire Department. All these officers made up the Board of Directors.

Scope and Content:

Record Series 5100-039, Savannah Council No. 1 Order of American Firefighters records contains financial, membership, and meeting minutes of this organization. The records include meeting minute books, receipts of payments, expenses, constitution booklets, and membership certificates. The meeting minutes give insight into how this organization was run, resolutions passed, revisions to bylaws and the constitution, special meetings held, and reports from the treasurer.

System of Arrangement and Ordering:

Record Series 5100-039, Savannah Council No. 1 Order of American Firefighters records, is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Conditions Governing Access:

Employees' Social Security numbers, home addresses and home telephone numbers restricted by Official Code of Georgia [O.C.G.A. 50-18-72(a)21]. Records will be reviewed and redacted, if necessary, before access is granted to researchers.

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Inventory:

Subject

Location

Item description, date(s) [archivist notes]

Meeting Minutes

Box 5100-039-01

Minute book 1, March 28, 1919-March 26, 1943 [handle with care, loose spine; various interleaved documents]

Box 5100-039-02

Minute book 2, December 23, 1942-January 28, 1955 [overlapping minutes from Volume 1, various interleaved documents]

Financials

Box 5100-039-03 Folder 9

RESTRICTED Checkbook with stubs, 1973-1990 [Restricted due to bank account information]

Box 5100-039-02

RESTRICTED Membership payment ledger arranged by last name, 1974-1989 [Restricted due to Employees' Social Security numbers, home addresses and home telephone numbers; corresponds with receipt books in Box 5100-039-03, Folders 2-6]

Box 5100-039-03 Folder 1

Receipt book, November 26, 1973- May 18, 1982

Box 5100-039-03 Folder 2

Receipt books, November 23, 1973- March 24, 1975

Box 5100-039-03 Folder 3

Receipt books, March 31, 1975- May 27, 1977

Box 5100-039-03 Folder 4

Receipt books, June 2, 1977- October 14, 1979

Box 5100-039-03 Folder 5

Receipt books, October 31, 1980- February 11, 1982

Box 5100-039-02

Receipt ledger, 1971-1980

Membership

Box 5100-039-03 Folder 6

Constitution and Bylaws, circa 1957

Box 5100-039-03 Folder 7

Membership certificates, blank, no date

Box 5100-039-03 Folder 8

Postcard reminders of payments due, no date