

Record Series #: 1121-064.13
Name: Cann Park Community Collection
Dates: circa 1945-2024, no date
Extent/Size: 1 folder, 29 digital files (0.1 cubic feet; 4.75 GB storage)
Language: English

Neighborhood History:

The boundaries of the Cann Park neighborhood are: Victory Drive to the north, Montgomery Street to the east, Orchard Street between Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Florance Street and 47th Lane between Florance Street and Hopkins Street to the south, and Hopkins Street to the west. The neighborhood came into the Savannah City limits in 1901. City Council laid out and named Cann Ward on February 3, 1904, naming it for Senator James Ferris Cann (Georgia State Senator 1900-1902, Member of Georgia Legislature 1902-1905). The neighborhood was partially developed by the Twelfth Street Land Company in 1910. The neighborhood includes the recreational Cann Park in the center, bounded by 45th Street on the north, Bulloch Street on the east, 46th Street on the south, and Stevens Street on the west. Recreational facilities in the park include a playground, ballfield, basketball court, picnic shelter and tables, and a walking trail. Notable residents include: Alderman Robert “Robbie” Robinson, Rev. Matthew Southall Brown, and Virginia Edwards Maynard.

Scope and Content:

The Cann Park Community Collection was created through the Savannah Community Memory Project District Five collecting event in early 2024. The collection contains digital reproductions of photographs, one funeral program, as well as two oral history interviews. There is one folder of written reflection prompt cards from area residents.

System of Arrangement and Ordering:

Files are both physical and digital in format. Digital files are arranged according to donor or interviewee. Physical files are arranged by donor and subject.

Conditions Governing Access:

None

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Digital Access:

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Access Points:

Neighborhoods – Cann Park
Neighborhoods – Liberty City

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Collected on:

January 26 – February 1, 2024

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Inventory:

Physical Files [housed in Box 1121-064-002]

<i>Folder #</i>	<i>Description</i>
1121-064.13_001	Prompt Cards with written reflections from area residents, 2024*

Digital Files [housed in E-Archives]

See attached inventories for detailed descriptions and identified individuals of Digitized Items

<i>Folder #</i>	<i>Description</i>
	Scanned items from residents (27 files)
1121-064.13_002	Donor 1: Brown, Leonard [13 files]
1121-064.13_003	Donor 2: Maynard, Altheria [7 files]
1121-064.13_004	Donor 3: Rilington, Patricia [7 files]

* Prompt Cards include topics that encourage written reflection about neighborhood history.

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1121-064.13_005 Oral History Interviews (2 files)
Interview 1: Brown, Leonard; January 26, 2024
Interview 2: Group interview with Ruth Teasley and Altheria
Maynard; January 26, 2024.

Related Interviews:

Stokes, Sheryl [1121-086.15 – Voices of Savannah]

Digitized Items Inventory

Note: Identifications provided by donor at point of collection.

Donor 1: Brown, Leonard

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Description</i>
1	927 West Victory Drive, Brown family home, built in 1949; no date [1 file]
2	Brown Family (from left to right): Matthew, Christa, Leonard, Maxine, Lottie, Matthew Southall Brown, Sr. at a funeral, circa 1950 [1 file]
3	(left to right) Chris Brown Sr., Helen Brown, Matthew Brown posed on Victory Drive, circa 1945 [1 file]
4	(left to right) Viola Robinson, Eva Robinson (donor's Great Grandmother), Helen Brown standing on Victory Drive. Eva Robinson lived to age 98, circa 1950 [1 file]
5	Ruby Wright's first grade class at DeRenne Elementary School. Leonard Brown is 3rd from the left, 1957. [1 file]
6	925 West Victory Drive, Brown Family Home, circa 1945 [1 file]
7	Helen Brown and her dog Sonny at 925 West Victory Drive, circa 1950 [1 file]
8	DeRenne Elementary School Outstanding Citizenship certificate signed by Vernidia Johnson (teacher) and Ester Warwick (principal). V. Johnson lived on Hopkins Street and her son became the president of Tennessee State, 1961 [1 file]
9	Christopher Frederick Brown, Sr. (reproduction), circa 1940 [1 file]
10	(left to right) Eva Robinson, Maxine Brown (baby), Matthew Southall Brown, Sr., Lottie Brown at 927 West Victory Drive, circa 1949 [1 file]
11	(left to right) Eva Robinson, Maxine Brown (baby), Matthew Southall Brown, Sr., Lottie Brown at 927 West Victory Drive, circa 1949 [1 file]
12	(left to right) Eva Robinson, Maxine Brown (baby), Matthew Southall Brown, Sr., Lottie Brown at 927 West Victory Drive, circa 1949 [1 file]

Donor 2: Maynard, Altheria

- 1 Father Caution [spelling?], rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, circa 1950 [1 file]
- 2 (left to right) Edith Brown – LPN, Dr. Moore and his family, circa 1955 [1 file]
- 3 St. Pius basketball team, no date [1 file]
- 4 Episcopal Church women at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 1960 [1 file]
- 5 Myrtle Kendrick, at a shoe shop on West Broad Street. Myrtle was Altheria's grandmother and was featured in Ebony Magazine, circa 1959 [1 file]
- 6 Anthony Williams, no date [1 file]

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Donor 3: Rilington, Patricia

- 1 Mary B. Matthews obituary and funeral program. She lived at 700 Block of 46th Street, 2017 [2 files]
- 2 Thelma Coleman Marshall obituary. She lived on the 600 block of 46th Street, 2017 [1 file]
- 3 State Representative Mickey Stephens biography. He lived on the 1000 block of 46th Street, circa 2015 [1 file]
- 4 Savannah State College Bulletin, 1963 Alumnae Issue, featuring Leroy Bolden, Katy Bolden who lived on the 500 block of 45th Street. [2 files]