

**Record Series #:** 1121-064.14  
**Name:** Tatemville and Feiler Park Community Collection  
**Dates:** circa 1940's -2024, no date  
**Extent/Size:** 121 digital files (26 GB storage)  
**Language:** English

***Neighborhood History:***

The boundaries of the Tatemville neighborhood are: West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street to the north; Montgomery Street to the east; DeRenne Avenue and Interstate 516 to the south; and the CSX or ACL railroad tracks and Ewell Avenue to west. The neighborhood was originally developed as part of unincorporated Chatham County in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but neighborhood development was most active after World War II. In *Drums and Shadows*<sup>1</sup>, Tatemville's early settlement is attributed to African Americans after the Civil War. The name Tatemville appears on Chatham County maps at least as early as 1888. It is named for Robert H. Tatem, a real estate agent, auctioneer, and druggist, who sold lots in the area at least as early as 1889. This area came into the Savannah City limits in 1961. Neighborhood resources include the Tatemville Community Center and Tatemville Park, which features a 20-acre lake and walking trails. The former Coastal Empire Fairgrounds is within the boundaries of Tatemville. In 2011, the City of Savannah built a sound barrier wall along DeRenne Avenue and Interstate 516 to help insulate the neighborhood from the increased traffic on these roadways.

The boundaries of the Feiler Park neighborhood are: 52<sup>nd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> Street on the north; the ACL railroad tracks on the west; 62<sup>nd</sup> Street on the south; and Bull Street on the east. The area that is now Feiler Park originally included Dittmersville and Hussars Terrace and it is in the vicinity of Hunter Army Airfield. The neighborhood was developed in the 1940s by Edwin Feiler. In order to keep the neighborhood affordable for African American homeowners, early residents purchased their property, they received a plot of land and a partially constructed house, which they were required to complete. This neighborhood came into the City Limits in 1950.

***Scope and Content:***

The Tatemville and Feiler 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 and three oral history interviews.

***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.

***Conditions Governing Access:***

The collection contains materials, including an Oral History and digitized records, that are restricted for 10 years, per the donor's request. Restricted materials are identified in the inventory.

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<sup>1</sup> Georgia Writer's Project. (1940). *Drums and Shadows: Survival Studies among the Georgia Coastal Negroes*. Athens: University of Georgia Press.

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***Digital Access:***

Oral Histories are available through the [Voice of Savannah page](#). Select digitized materials are available through our [Online Catalog](#).

***Access Points:***

Neighborhoods – Tatemville  
Neighborhoods – Feiler Park  
Jackson Formey, Cynthia  
Jones, Betty

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***Collected on:***

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***Inventory:***

**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 (101 files)
1121-064.14_001	Donor 1: Jackson-Formey, Cynthia [63 files]
1121-064.14_002	Donor 2: Jones, Betty [17 files]
1121-064.14_003	Donor 3: RESTRICTED UNTIL 2035 [17 files]
1121-064.14_004	Oral History Interviews (3 files) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interview 1: Jackson-Formey, Cynthia; January 26, 2024 [on-site access only]</li><li>• Interview 2: Jones, Betty; January 30, 2024.</li><li>• Interview 3: RESTRICTED UNTIL 2035</li></ul>

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***Digitized Items Inventory***

*Note:* Identifications provided by donor at point of collection.

**Donor 1: Jones, Betty**

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Description</i>
1	Petition to the Mayor and Aldermen requesting Sanitary Sewer services for Feiler Park; circa 1968 [2 files]
2	W. M. White and Elizabeth White, 603 West 60 <sup>th</sup> Street (donor's neighbors); no date [1 file]
3	Betty Jones and dog named Rusty, 604 West 60 <sup>th</sup> Street; circa 1950 [1 file]
4	603 West 60 <sup>th</sup> Street, donor's son Myer, riding a bike; no date [1 file]
5	Joe (donor's brother) and Myer (donor's son), in backyard of 604 West 60 <sup>th</sup> Street with Snowball the Dog; no date [1 file]
6	Annie B. Davis (donor's mother) and Michael King (donor's nephew); July 1951 [1 file]
7	604 60 <sup>th</sup> Street backyard with Myer (donor's son); no date [1 file]
8	Dog named Midnight at 1 year old; 1974 [1 file]
9	Myer (donor's son) at 606 West 60 <sup>th</sup> Street (where donor lives today); no date [1 file]
10	Annie Davis (donor's mother) on porch at 604 W 60 <sup>th</sup> Street; no date [1 file]
11	West 56 <sup>th</sup> Street; no date [1 file]
12	Thimble Family Reunion in the backyard of 604 W 60 <sup>th</sup> Street, Robert King is standing; no date [1 file]
13	Snowball the dog; no date [1 file]
14	Edwin Feiler interview transcript; January 6, 2015 [2 files]

**Donor 2: Jackson-Formey, Cynthia**

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Description</i>
1	Maddie Lee Whigham (spelling?) Jackson (donor's sister) and Fred Martin Jackson wedding at Mount Tabor Baptist Church, Savannah Georgia; December 23, 1962 [1 file]
2	Maddie Francis Jackson Gray (84 <sup>th</sup> Birthday), Cynthia Jackson-Formey, Cyrus Jerome Jackson, John Allen Jackson, Dazola Jackson, Maddie Lee Wickham (spelling?) – donor's surviving brothers, sisters, and mother; April 1999 [1 file]
3	Cynthia Jackson-Formey (donor); 1991 [1 file]
4	Donor's Tatemville Community Improvement Association 2023 membership card; 2023[1 file]
5	Membership tag for the Industrial Association of Tatemville; no date [1 file]
6	Cynthia Jackson-Formey (donor); early 2000s [1 file]
7	Wedding Party in Whitefield Square; August 15, 1982 [1 file]
8	Cynthia Jackson-Formey (donor), Christopher Formey, Dianna Alexise Formey, Donald Formey in Charleston South Carolina; Spring 2010 [1 file]
9	Cynthia Jackson-Formey (donor), Christopher Formey, Dianna Alexise Formey at St. James AME Church; circa 1995 [1 file]
10	Wedding Party in Whitefield Square; August 15, 1982 [1 file]
11	Tatemville Reunion Community Picnic; 1998 [1 file]
12	Graphic for Tatemville Sound Wall Project Kickoff; no date [1 file]

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**Donor 2: Jackson Formey, Cynthia (continued)**

- 13 Wedding Party in Whitefield Square; August 15, 1982 [1 file]
- 14 Tatemville Community Improvement Association, Inc. Annual Banquet Program; April 25, 1998 [2 files]
- 15 Funeral Program for Mattie Lee Whigham Jackson; February 16, 2010 [1 file]
- 16 Tatemville Community Improvement Association, Inc. Meeting Minutes; 1975 [1 file]
- 17 List of churches in Tatemville, Liberty City, Feiler Park, and Sylvan Terrace; October 2008 [6 files]
- 18 Article "A Spotlight on Young African American Males"; no date [1 files]
- 19 Advertisement for The Sisterhood of Tatemville Thanksgiving Dinner event; November 1997 [1 file]
- 20 Award Certificate given to Mrs. Gwendolyn McMillan for service as an Outstanding Parent from Haven Elementary School; May 29, 1976 [1 file]
- 21 Community Service Award presented to Cynthia Formey; 1995 [1 file]
- 22 Funeral Program for Gwendolyn Jackson McMillan; May 2, 1978 [1 file]
- 23 Garage sale advertisement; October 7, 2000 [1 file]
- 24 Commendation award to Cynthia J. Formey from the Tatemville Neighborhood Association and City of Savannah Community Planning and Development Department; December 17, 2007 [1 file]
- 25 M. Streeter Newspaper Cartoon about the Tatemville Lake; March 12, 1997 [1 file]
- 26 Tatemville Community Improvement Association, Inc. Annual Banquet Program; April 2000 [1 file]
- 27 Funeral Program for Deacon Fred M. Jackson; November 7, 1989 [1 file]
- 28 Program for the Dedication of Tatemville Community Park; no date [1 file]
- 29 Funeral Program for Louise Jackson White; November 3, 1994 [file]
- 30 Image from the Savannah State University President's Scholarship Gala, Fred and Mattie Jackson Foundation, Rayburn Wigham (1947 Georgia State College (later Savannah State University grad, donor's uncle) and Mattie Francis Jackson Gray, and Mrs. Dozier; May 2018 [1 file]
- 31 Announcement for the Groundbreaking of the Tatemville Community Center; December 9, 1998 [1 file]
- 32 *Building Blocks* Block Leader Newsletter, Savannah Community Services Department; February 1998 [1 file]
- 33 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tatemville Community Reunion and The Brotherhood Association of Tatemville Anniversary program; August 1998 [1 file]
- 34 By-Laws of the Sisterhood Association of Tatemville; 2008 [1 file]
- 35 *Tatemville Gazette* Vol. 1 No. 7; December 1995 [1 file]
- 36 *Tatemville Gazette* Vol. 1 No. 2; March 1997 [1 file]
- 37 *Tatemville Gazette*; November 1997 [1 file]
- 38 Advertisement for 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tatemville Community Reunion; August 11, 2001 [1 file]
- 39 The Constitution and By-Laws of Tatemville Community Improvement Association Inc.; September 1999 [1 file]
- 40 Images of Tatemville Lake Groundbreaking Ceremony, including images of Mayor Floyd Adams, Jr.; 1998 [7 files]
- 41 Images of "Conflict Resolution" Youth Crime Watch of Savannah, Davis Ark Baptist Church, Youth Skills Development; May 1997 [6 files]
- 42 Images of 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tatemville Neighborhood Convention, Savannah Civic Center, City of Savannah, with photos of Mayor Floyd Adams, Jr. and City Manager Michael Brown; September 1996 [11 files]

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