

**Record Series #:** 1121-064.18  
**Name:** Savannah State University Community Collection  
**Dates:** 2024  
**Extent/Size:** 1 folder (.1 cubic feet)  
**Language:** English

***Community History:***

Savannah State University is a public historically Black university in Savannah, Georgia. It is the oldest historically Black public university in Georgia. The university was founded in 1890 when the Georgia General Assembly passed legislation to create the Georgia State Industrial College for Colored Youth. The first campus was located in Athens, Georgia but the school relocated to Savannah in 1891. The school became a four-year degree granting institution in 1928. In 1932, the school became part of the University System of Georgia, and its name changed to Georgia State College. The name changed to Savannah State College in 1950 and finally to Savannah State University in 1996.

Notable alumni include: Savannah Mayors Dr. Otis Johnson, Edna Jackson, and Van Johnson III; Alderman Robert E. Robinson; Civil Rights leaders Westley Wallace “W.W.” Law and Curtis Cooper; Historian Charles Elmore; Lieutenant General Walter E. Gaskin; and football players Shannon Sharpe, Bobby Curtis, and Troy Hambrick.

***Scope and Content:***

The Savannah State University Community Collection was created through the Savannah Community Memory Project District Five collecting event in early 2024. The collection contains two folders of written reflection prompt cards from area residents.

***System of Arrangement and Ordering:***

Files are arranged in the order they were received.

***Conditions Governing Access:***

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***Access Points:***

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***Preferred Citation:***

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***Collected on:***

January 26 – February 1, 2024

***Processed by:***

K. Zacovic, July 2024

***Inventory:***

***Box 1121-064-02***

<i>Folder #</i>	<i>Description</i>
1121-064.18-001	Prompt cards with written reflections from Savannah State University students, 2024*

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