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**Name: Historical Research Projects (General):
World War II in Savannah Research Collection**
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Scope & Content:

The World War II in Savannah Research Collection was amassed between 2008-2010 by the City of Savannah, Research Library and Municipal Archives as this City department worked with the City Manager's Office and the Veterans Council of Chatham County to support the planning of the Savannah/Chatham County World War II Monument "A World Apart" through historical research. Final products of that research included: two written documents about the impact of World War II in Savannah, "World War II on the Savannah Waterfront: Wartime Production and Service in Savannah" and "Chatham County Military Service in World War II"; the World War II in Savannah" exhibit displayed in Savannah's City Hall during 2008-2009; compilation and verification of a list of Chatham County's fallen, those who died while serving during World War II; and historical research support about various elements of the monument's design during the design and approval phase. This work resulted in 5.6 cubic feet of original research materials (including research notes, photocopies, and source information), donations and information from the local community related to individuals and families who served and died in World War II, as well as the final research projects.

The World War II in Savannah Research Collection is arranged into five parts by project. The three research projects are presented first, in the order they were assigned and completed. The research support provided to the monument design committee follows. The oversized exhibit panels are inventoried at the end. However, they are a final product of Part I, World War II on the Savannah Waterfront (research project).

System of Arrangement & Ordering:

- Part I, World War II on the Savannah Waterfront (research project)
- Part II, Chatham County Military Service in World War II (research project)
- Part III, Chatham County World War II Fallen (research project)
- Part IV, Savannah/Chatham County World War II Monument "A World Apart"
- Part V, "World War II in Savannah" Exhibit Panels

Conditions Governing Access:

Some of the research files in Part III, Chatham County World War II Fallen (research project) include current and recent next of kin names and contact information that will be restricted from general public research for the privacy of those families.

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Existence & Location of Originals:

This research collection includes photocopies of official military personnel files maintained by the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)/Military Personnel Records (MPR), National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), St. Louis, Missouri.

Related Publications:

Savannah Area Local Government Documents Collection:

SAV.RLMA.2008-001, “World War II on the Savannah Waterfront: Wartime Production and Service in Savannah” (August 2008).

SAV.RLMA.2009-001, “Chatham County Military Service in World War II” (February 2009).

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Inventory:

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Part I, World War II on the Savannah Waterfront (research project)

[Completed by Research Library & Municipal Archives for City Manager's Office August 2008]

Final Documents:

Folder 1, Final Document "World War II on the Savannah Waterfront: Wartime Production and Service in Savannah," 29 August 2008 [catalogued in the Savannah Area Local Government Documents Collection as SAV.RLMA.2008-001]

Folder 2, Revised Document "Savannah's Vital Role in World War II: Wartime Production and Service in Savannah," revised 2 January 2009

Background Research:

Folder 3, MacEvoy Shipbuilding

Folder 4, Maps and Images

Folder 5, Miscellaneous

Folder 6, Quartermaster Depot/VPSF [Volunteer Port Security Force]

Folder 7, Research Notes

Folder 8, Rotunda Exhibit (September 2008) [See Oversize Folder 1121-050-6 for Exhibit Panels]

Folder 9, Savannah Machine and Foundry

Folder 10, Southeastern Shipbuilding

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Part II, Chatham County Military Service in World War II (research project)

[Completed by Research Library & Municipal Archives for City Manager's Office February 2009]

Final Documents:

Folder 11, Final Document "Chatham County Military Service in World War II," February 2009 [catalogued in the Savannah Area Local Government Documents Collection as SAV.RLMA.2009-001]

Background Research:

Folder 12, Air Force #1

Folder 13, Air Force #2

Folder 14, Air Force #3 – Hunter AAF

Folder 15, American Legion

Folder 16, Armstrong (AASU)

Folder 17, Army #1

Folder 18, Army #2

Folder 19, Army #3 – National Guard

Folder 20, Army #4 – Fort Screven

Folder 21, Army #5

Folder 22, Casualties #1 – Killed/MIA Lists

Folder 23, Casualties #2 – Chatham County

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- Folder 24, Civilians at Home #1
- Folder 25, Civilians at Home #2
- Folder 26, Coast Guard #1
- Folder 27, Coast Guard #2

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Part II, Chatham County Military Service in World War II [continued]

Background Research [continued]:

- Folder 1, Correspondence with MB [City Manager Michael Brown] and JP [Jenny Payne, Management and Financial Services Bureau Office]
- Folder 2, General War Information
- Folder 3, Marines #1
- Folder 4, Marines #2
- Folder 5, Marines #3
- Folder 6, Merchant Marines #1
- Folder 7, Merchant Marines #2
- Folder 8, National Memorial Registry
- Folder 9, Navy #1
- Folder 10, Navy #2
- Folder 11, Navy #3
- Folder 12, Prisoners of War
- Folder 13, Smith, Gordon B., "Volunteers for Victory: Savannah-Chatham County Area in World War II"
- Folder 14, Sources, Books, Bibliographies
- Folder 15: Veterans Donations:
 - Documents/photographs regarding WWII service of Danny Dix, U.S.M.M. (duplicates donated by Captain Danny Dix, nephew)
 - Documents/photographs regarding WWII service of Edward F. Cetti, U.S.M.M. (duplicates donated by Joseph Cetti, son)
 - Documents/photographs regarding WWII service of Stuart G. Abel, Jr., U.S.N. (duplicates donated by Stuart G. Abel, Jr.)
- Folder 16: Veterans Groups
- Folder 17: Veterans after War [includes notes from book Defining the Peace]

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Part III, Chatham County World War II Fallen (research project)

[Completed by Research Library & Municipal Archives for City Manager's Office July 2010]

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Final Products:

- Folder 18, Final Database [Access Database on CD disk] and Reports 7/13/2010
- Folder 19, Final Individual Reports A-F (Restricted Version) 7/16/2010
- Folder 20, Final Individual Reports G-M (Restricted Version) 7/16/2010
- Folder 21, Final Individual Reports N-Z (Restricted Version) 7/16/2010

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Folder 22, Verification Update 6/10/2010

Individual Verification Files:

Folder 23, Adams, Lawrence A.
Folder 24, Alford, Fredrick Douglass, Jr.
Folder 25, Allen, Fred Chriss, Jr.
Folder 26, Arnett, John Dell
Folder 27, Bacon, Mitchell Woods
Folder 28, Baxley, William B.
Folder 29, Bazemore, Gerald Lafor

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Part III, Chatham County World War II Fallen [continued]:

Individual Verification Files [continued]:

Folder 1, Beck, William Stern
Folder 2, Bishop, William B.
Folder 3, Blackwood, Joseph Riddick
Folder 4, Folder , Bowyer, Ward Morehouse
Folder 5, Brewer, Ernest E.
Folder 6, Brewton, Winfield Wright
Folder 7, Brown, James Carl
Folder 8, Burks, Reese Neel
Folder 9, Bustin, Lethbridge Reginald
Folder 10, Caldwell, Laurence L.
Folder 11, Cappelen, Jens Munthe
Folder 12, Carmichael, Edward Harllee, Jr.
Folder 13, Carpenter, Alvin Jessie
Folder 14, Cason, Alfred D.
Folder 15, Cassini, Orlando L.
Folder 16, Chance, Lyttleton Elmont
Folder 17, Cloud, James Henry Russell
Folder 18, Coffey, Harris H.
Folder 19, Cohen, Westley
Folder 20, Coleman, Bill [Not in database – returning veteran]
Folder 21, Colley, Joseph Frank, Jr.
Folder 22, Collins, Paul Anderson
Folder 23, Connolly, James J.
Folder 24, Cronk, Francis J.
Folder 25, Crosby, Edward W.
Folder 26, Culver, Robert F. M.
Folder 27, Cumming, Britt Charles
Folder 28, Cummings, Nesbit
Folder 29, Davies, Arthur Ferdinand
Folder 30, Davis, Jesse James
Folder 31, Davis, John Alvie
Folder 32, Dejanikus, Alexis
Folder 33, DeLong, Cyrus Wells

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Folder 34, Dickey, James E.
Folder 35, Dix, Danny Arthur
Folder 36, Doe, Warren T.
Folder 37, Duke, Joseph DeLeon
Folder 38, Dunlavy, Joe Martin
Folder 39, Eady, Edwin Henry
Folder 40, England, Emmett M.
Folder 41, Evans, Olice R.
Folder 42, Ferschhoff, Gerald F. [Not in database]
Folder 43, Findlay, William John
Folder 44, Fletcher, Robert A., Jr.
Folder 45, Florance, Conna
Folder 46, Ford, Alfonso
Folder 47, Forsythe, Percy Campbell
Folder 48, Fritts, Philip Lon
Folder 49, Gadson, William
Folder 50, Galletta, James Stephens
Folder 51, Galletta, John [Not in database]
Folder 52, Gannam, George Karam
Folder 53, Gibson, Ben Harrison, Jr.
Folder 54, Gignilliat, John McIver
Folder 55, Goins, John Julian, Jr.
Folder 56, Greene, William Henry
Folder 57, Griffin, Arthur C., Jr.
Folder 58, Hall, James B.
Folder 59, Hammond, Keene Gwynn
Folder 60, Harper, Robert Meredith
Folder 61, Hartwell, Oliver B.
Folder 62, Helmey, Ralph M.
Folder 63, Hendry, Iverson W.
Folder 64, Henriot, George Edward, Jr.
Folder 65, Henry Sam
Folder 66, Hicks, William Howard
Folder 67, Hiott, Ransome M.
Folder 68, Folder , Hobbs, James A.
Folder 69, Horton, Thomas R.
Folder 70, Hoybye, Svend Aage
Folder 71, Hunnicutt, Charlie T.
Folder 72, Jackson, James Randall [Not in database]
Folder 73, James, Carl Lloyd
Folder 74, Jarrett, Afton Harold
Folder 75, Jernigan, LeRoy
Folder 76, Jessup, Tom N.
Folder 77, Johnson, Howard L.
Folder 78, Kameron, Frederick H.
Folder 79, Keene, James E.
Folder 80, Keith, Victor L., Jr.
Folder 81, Kelley, William Arlington, Jr.
Folder 82, Kelly, Arthur Graham

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Folder 83, Kemp, Eugene
Folder 84, Kicklighter, Joseph Foy
Folder 85, Kirschbaum, Martin Edwin, Jr.
Folder 86, Knight, Virgil Kelly
Folder 87, Knox, Thomas Joseph
Folder 88, Konemann, Monroe Epting
Folder 89, Lawton, David L.
Folder 90, LeHardy, Louis Marcel
Folder 91, Littlejohn, John N., Jr.
Folder 92, Lyons, John Register
Folder 93, Lyons, Theodore J.
Folder 94, Macher, John Lee
Folder 95, Maheno, Don Lopez
Folder 96, Marchman, James Edwin
Folder 97, Mayer, Raymond Harry
Folder 98, McClendon, James H.
Folder 99, McCoy, Aquilla, Brooks, Jr.
Folder 100, McPeters, Alfred Parker, Jr.
Folder 101, McRae, Farquhar, Jr.
Folder 102, Michael, Simon
Folder 103, Milligan, Wallace D.
Folder 104, Mitchell, Artie U.

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Part III, Chatham County World War II Fallen [continued]:*Individual Verification Files [continued]:*

Folder 1, Mitchelson, John Herbert, Jr.
Folder 2, Mitchener, George R.
Folder 3, Mock, Francis Ervin, Jr.
Folder 4, Moore, Howard Lee, Sr. [Not in database – returning veteran]
Folder 5, Moore, James Thomas [Not in database – returning veteran]
Folder 6, Moseley, Sylvester E.
Folder 7, Mulligan, Colon Bernard
Folder 8, Mungin, Herbert
Folder 9, O'Donnell, Jack Thomas
Folder 10, Olson, Leo G.
Folder 11, O'Neal, John Edwin, Jr.
Folder 12, Ozbolt, Edward C.
Folder 13, Pardue, Roy
Folder 14, Patterson, Daniel Lavender
Folder 15, Paxton, Ebbie N.
Folder 16, Pennington, Austin
Folder 17, Pierson, W. F.
Folder 18, Proctor, Henry
Folder 19, Register, John Everett [Not in database – returning veteran]
Folder 20, Register, Robert Safely [Not in database – returning veteran]
Folder 21, Reid, William Marvin

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Folder 22, Robinson, James Destoy
Folder 23, Robson, Wiley Clayton
Folder 24, Rodriguez, Johnny
Folder 25, Ronan, William Joseph
Folder 26, Rossignol, James Louis, Jr.
Folder 27, Rountree, Avant
Folder 28, Rovolis, Jimmie Tash
Folder 29, Rowland, Gilbert A.
Folder 30, Rupert, Robert Allison
Folder 31, Ryan, John Barry
Folder 32, Sherrod, Joseph Hubbard
Folder 33, Sills, David B.
Folder 34, Smith, Jesse Wilbur
Folder 35, Folder , Spangler, George A.
Folder 36, Stanley, James
Folder 37, Strachan, Henry Garden, Jr.
Folder 38, Sweet, George L.
Folder 39, Touchtone, Harry Kenneth
Folder 40, Tuten, Walford Clinton
Folder 41, Valyou, Richard
Folder 42, VanAllen, Richards Daniel
Folder 43, Wages, Tom W.
Folder 44, Wagnon, Paul Clifford
Folder 45, Warren, Gus
Folder 46, Webber, Milo L.
Folder 47, Welsh, Thomas William
Folder 48, White, William O., Jr.
Folder 49, Wilder, Willard/William E.
Folder 50, Wilheit, Philip A.
Folder 51, Williamson, Alfred K.
Folder 52, Wimberly, Olin John
Folder 53, Winters, Arthur McAvoy
Folder 54, Woodruff, Joseph G., Jr.
Folder 55, Wright, Meldrim Edward
Folder 56, Zipperer, Marion M.

Background Research:

Folder 57, Armstrong Junior College 'Geechee [annual]
Folder 58, Armstrong Junior College "The Inkwell" [newspaper]
Folder 59, Catholic Diocese of Savannah Archives
Folder 60, Chatham County Cemeteries
Folder 61, Chatham County Memorials
Folder 62, City Certificates Issued by Mayor T. Gamble
Folder 63, Criteria for Inclusion
Folder 64, Memorial Stadium List
Folder 65, Merchant Marines
Folder 66, Military Casualty
Folder 67, Miscellaneous Resources
Folder 68, Savannah Jewish Archives

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- Folder 69, Savannah Morning News Obituaries
- Folder 70, Savannah Morning News Published List, 11 November 2009
- Folder 71, Veterans Council List (11 March 2009)

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Part IV, Savannah/Chatham County World War II Monument “A World Apart”*Monument Committee Design Presentations and Approvals:*

- Folder 1, City Council, 7 May 2009
- Folder 2, HSMC [Historic Sites and Monuments Commission], 2007 Application
- Folder 3, HSMC, 2 April 2009 Presentation
- Folder 4, HSMC, 28 April 2009 Submission
- Folder 5, HSMC, 6 May 2009 Presentation

Monument Committee Meetings with Research Library & Municipal Archives staff:

- Folder 6, Meetings through 11 March 2009
- Folder 7, Meeting Prep and Results, 20 April 2009
- Folder 8, Meeting Prep, 27 April 2009

Monument Design Features:

- Folder 9, Base/Foundation
- Folder 10, Dedication Plaque
- Folder 11, Flag Etiquette
- Folder 12, Medals
- Folder 13, Military Service Tributes – Emblems
- Folder 14, Military Service Tributes – Mottoes
- Folder 15, Military Service Tributes – Text
- Folder 16, Name Criteria – Drafts
- Folder 17, Name Criteria – Examples and Supporting Evidence
- Folder 18, Name Criteria – Reviews
- Folder 19, Victory Gardens

Monument Design Drawings:

- Folder 20, Demiurge Drawings for 2 April 2009 HSMC Presentation
- Folder 21, Demiurge Drawings 20 April 2009
- Folder 22, Demiurge Drawings 27 April 2009 Changes
- Folder 23, Meyerhoff Drawings 27 April 2009
- Folder 24, Demiurge Drawings 28 April 2009 (Submitted to HSMC 28 April 2009)
- Folder 25, Demiurge Drawings July-August 2009

Supporting City Projects:

- Folder 26, Groundbreaking [Veterans Council of Chatham County event]
- Folder 27, Groundbreaking Brochure [prepared by Public Information Office]
- Folder 28, Oral History Project [Metropolitan Planning Commission proposal]
- Folder 29, Site Sign [prepared by Tourism and Film Office]
- Folder 30, “World War II in Savannah” webpage [prepared by Research Library & Municipal Archives]

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Oversize Folder 1121-050-6

Part V, “World War II in Savannah” Exhibit Panels

[See Part I for *Background Research*. Color printed paper panels mounted on foam core with Velcro tabs on backside for mounting on exhibit system. Packed back-to-back to prevent Velcro from scratching front surfaces of panels.]

- Panel 1, “World War II in Savannah” [title]
- Panel 2, “Wartime Production Sites and Cargo Port Facilities” [map]
- Panel 3, “Every man woman and child is a partner” [poster]
- Panel 4, “Wartime Port and Production” [text]
- Panel 5, “The U.S.S. Symbol” [photograph]
- Panel 6, “Coast Guard Auxiliaries advising boaters, Savannah, Georgia, circa 1942”
[photograph]
- Panel 7, “American Campaign Medal” [photograph]
- Panel 8, “Wartime Service and Production” [text]
- Panel 9, “America Calling: Take your place in Civilian Defense” [poster]
- Panel 10, “African American Women employed at the Savannah Quartermaster Depot,
circa 1943” [photograph]