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Name: Westside Documentation Project
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Scope & Content:

The Westside Documentation Project (1910s-2008, no date) includes 1.25 cubic feet of materials gathered by historians Dr. Martha Keber and Dr. Charles Elmore in preparation for a written history of three westside Savannah neighborhoods (Hudson Hill, West Savannah, and Woodville) for the City of Savannah, Department of Cultural Affairs, and the resulting final products of that research: Keber's Low Land and the High Road: Life and Community in Hudson Hill, West Savannah, and Woodville Neighborhoods, (City of Savannah, Department of Cultural Affairs, 2008); and "Life and Community in Hudson Hill, West Savannah and Woodville Neighborhoods" (website), available at <http://savannahneighborhoods.org>. The research focuses primarily on the period from 1900 to 2006 in these predominantly African American neighborhoods. Topics represented include employment, schools, housing, churches, leisure activities, and the civil rights movement. Included in the collection are oral histories in transcript, abstract, or recorded format; reproductions of photographs; architectural surveys; memoirs and biographical information.

System of Arrangement & Ordering:

The Westside Documentation Project is arranged into four sub-series:

- Sub-Series 1, Oral Histories (alphabetical)
- Sub-Series 2, Memoirs and Biographical Information (alphabetical)
- Sub-Series 3, Architectural History (alphabetical by author)
- Sub-Series 4, Photographs (alphabetical by topic)
- Sub-Series 5, Documentation Final Products

Conditions Governing Access:

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Savannah, GA 31402

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None

Related Publications:

"Freedom's March: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement in Savannah by Frederick C. Baldwin," (exhibit catalogue). Savannah: Telfair Museum of Art, 2008.

Keber, Martha. Low Land and the High Road: Life and Community in Hudson Hill, West Savannah, and Woodville Neighborhoods. Savannah: City of Savannah, Department of Cultural Affairs, 2008.

"Life and Community in Hudson Hill, West Savannah, and Woodville Neighborhoods" (website). Savannah: City of Savannah, Department of Cultural Affairs, 2008. Available at <http://savannahneighborhoods.org> (last accessed 19 September 2008).

Access Points:

Adams, Floyd, Jr.
African American neighborhoods—Georgia—Savannah.
Allen, Herman Sylvester
Bercegeay, L. E., Jr.
Bynes, Frenchie Mason
Chaney, Robert E.
City of Savannah, Georgia (Savannah, Ga.)
Civil rights—Georgia—Savannah.
Cooper, Constance H.
Cooper, Curtis V.
Courington, Dorothy W.
Daniels, Evelyn M.
Department of Cultural Affairs (Savannah, Ga.)
Dunham, Kenneth R., Sr.
Ellis, Everett
Elmore, Charles
Fellwood Homes (Savannah, Ga.)
Floods—Georgia—Savannah.
Fonvielle, William Earl
Franklin, Harold
Gabriel, Gertie
Graham, Adaline
Grant, Clarence
Gray, Colin Douglas
Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc. (Savannah, Ga.)
Harris, Rose M.
Hilton, Elise E.
Hudson Hill (Savannah, Ga.)

Jackson, James E.
Jackson, William B.
James, Roland T.
Jones, Ollie P.
Julian, Ophelia P.
Kearse, Nathaniel
Keber, Martha
King, Moses
Lang, Leona
Law, Dorothy W.
Mackey, Berneta S.
Manigault, Ernestine
Mason, Mae Ola
Miltiades, Butch
Miltiades, Helen
Milton, William "Curley"
Oglesby, Pamela Howard
Oliver, Lewis, Sr.
Oral history.
Ormond, Alex M.
Oxnard, Benjamin A., Sr.
Public housing—Georgia—Savannah.
Radetsky, Sam
Rahn, Milton H.
Richards, Essie
Saint Anthony of Padua School (Savannah, Ga.)
Savannah Sugar Refining Corporation
Stalling, Thelma
Tompkins High School (Savannah, Ga.)
Tompkins, Sophronia
Waring, Lillie
West Savannah (Savannah, Ga.)
West Savannah School (Savannah, Ga.)
West, Benjamin F.
Woodville High School (Savannah, Ga.)

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*Inventory***Box 6112-003-7****Sub-series 1, Oral Histories, 2005-2006 (alphabetical order)**

The following oral history interviews were gathered over a two year period. Those conducted by Dr. Charles Elmore are cited as "CE" and abstracts of the interviews are provided. Those conducted by Dr. Martha Keber are cited as "MK" and full transcripts are available. See Box 6112-003-9 for original recorded interviews in micro-cassette tape, VHS videotape, and DVD disc format.

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Folder 33	"Historical Analysis of the Westside Documentation Project," by Charles Elmore, 2005

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- Folder 2 Curtis V. Cooper, 2004
- Folder 3 Everett Ellis, "Memorandum," 1971
- Folder 4 Gertie Gabriel, Letter, 12 December 1966
- Folder 5 "History of the Lands and Company of the Savannah Sugar Refining Corporation," 1961
- Folder 6 Ernestine Manigault, "West Savannah," no date
- Folder 7 Alex M. Ormond, "An Old Sugar Refiner Reminisces," 1962
- Folder 8 Benjamin A. Oxnard Jr., "Recollections of Benjamin A. Oxnard Sr.," 1983
- Folder 9 Woodville-Tompkins Hall of Fame, First Induction Ceremony, 2004
- Folder 10 Woodville-Tompkins Hall of Fame, Second Induction Ceremony, 2005
- Folder 11 Woodville-Tompkins Hall of Fame, Third Induction Ceremony, 2006

Box 6112-003-7**Sub-series 3, Architectural History, 2005-2006 (alphabetical order by author)**

- Folder 1 Erica Howard and Keilah Spann, "West Savannah Architectural Style and Trends," 2006
- Folder 2 Beth Reiter, "The Architectural Resources in West Savannah," 2005
- Folder 3 Beth Reiter, "Inventory of Potentially Contributing Structures, West Savannah," 2005

Box 6112-003-7**Sub-series 4, Photographs, 1910s-2008, no date (alphabetical order by name or subject)**

- Folder 0 Charlie "Sad" Bryan, 1988, no date (photocopies)
- Folder 1 Curtis Cooper, 1951-circa 1970s (photocopies) **—RESEARCH USE ONLY/NO REPRODUCTIONS—**
- Folder 2 Elected Officials, 1990s-2004 (photocopies)
- Folder 3 Demolition of Fellwood Homes, 2006 (photocopies)
- Folder 4 Flooding of Westside, 1994 (photocopies)
- Folder 4A Adaline Graham, no date (photocopy)
- Folder 5 Howard Family Photographs and Scenes of West Savannah, circa 1940s-1950s (photocopies)
- Folder 6 Interfaith Rally, no date (photocopies)
- Folder 6A Interfaith Rally, no date (color printouts from digitized reproductions)
- Folder 7 Saint Anthony of Padua School, 1910s-1968 (photocopies) **—RESEARCH USE ONLY/NO REPRODUCTIONS—**
- Folder 8 Savannah Sugar Refinery, 1917-1920 (reprints)
- Folder 9 Savannah Sugar Refinery, 1920-1940 (reprints)
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- Folder 11A Whipperett Artifacts, 1957, no date (photocopies of digital images) **—RESEARCH USE ONLY/NO REPRODUCTIONS—**
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Box 6112-003-8**Sub-series 5, Documentation Final Products, 2008**

- Folder 1 Low Land and the High Road..., 2008 (signed copy)
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- Folder 3 "Life and Community in Hudson Hill, West Savannah, and Woodville Neighborhoods," (<http://savannahneighborhoods.org>), 2008 (text printouts)
- Folder 4 "Life and Community in Hudson Hill, West Savannah, and Woodville Neighborhoods," (<http://savannahneighborhoods.org>), 2008 (image printouts)
- Folder 5 City Publicity and Mailings, 2008
- Folder 6 Media Coverage, 2008
- Folder 7 Telfair Museum of Art Exhibit, "Freedom's March..." 2008 (color photocopy of exhibit catalogue; includes text from Low Land and the High Road...)

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- MC-2: Constance Cooper, 2006 (MK) **—RESEARCH USE ONLY/NO REPRODUCTIONS—**
- MC-3: Dorothy W. Courington, 2006 (MK)
- MC-4: Rose Marie Manigault Harris, 2006 (MK)
- MC-5: Elise E. Hilton and James E. Jackson, 2006 (MK)
- MC-6: Ophelia P. Julian, 2006 (MK)
- MC-7: Mae Ola Mason, 2006 (MK)
- MC-8: William "Curley" Milton, 2006 (MK)
- MC-9: Lewis Oliver, Sr., 2006 (MK)

Oral History VHS videotapes, 2005 (masters; access copies available in DVD format):

- VHS-1: Floyd Adams, Jr., 2005 (CE)
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- VHS-2: Kenneth R. Dunham, Sr., 2005 (CE)
Harold Franklin, 2005 (CE)
Clarence Grant, 2005 (CE)
William B. Jackson, 2005 (CE)
- VHS-3: Robert E. Chaney, 2005 (CE)
Ollie P. Jones, 2005 (CE)
Nathaniel Kearsse, 2005 (CE)
- VHS-4: Evelyn M. Daniels, 2005 (CE)
Pamela Howard Oglesby, 2005 (CE)
Essie Richards, 2005 (CE)
- VHS-5: William B. Jackson, 2005 (CE)
William "Curley" Milton, 2005 (CE)
Milton H. Rahn, 2005 (CE)

VHS-6: Herman Sylvester Allen, 2005 (CE)
Frenchye Mason Bynes, 2005 (CE)
William Earl Fonvielle, 2005 (CE)
Berneta S. Mackey, 2005 (CE)
Benjamin F. West, 2005 (CE)

VHS-7: Leona Lang, 2005 (CE)
Sam Radetsky, 2005 (CE)
Lillie Waring, 2005 (CE)

VHS-8: Dorothy W. Law, 2005 (CE)
Thelma Stalling, 2005 (CE)

Oral History DVDs, 2005 (access copies of VHS videotapes):

DVD-1: Floyd Adams, Jr., 2005 (CE)
Roland T. James, 2005 (CE)
Moses King, 2005 (CE)

DVD-2: Kenneth R. Dunham, Sr., 2005 (CE)
Harold Franklin, 2005 (CE)
Clarence Grant, 2005 (CE)
William B. Jackson, 2005 (CE)

DVD-3: Robert E. Chaney, 2005 (CE)
Ollie P. Jones, 2005 (CE)
Nathaniel Kearse, 2005 (CE)

DVD-4: Evelyn M. Daniels, 2005 (CE)
Pamela Howard Oglesby, 2005 (CE)
Essie Richards, 2005 (CE)

DVD-5: William B. Jackson, 2005 (CE)
William "Curley" Milton, 2005 (CE)
Milton H. Rahn, 2005 (CE)

DVD-6: Herman Sylvester Allen, 2005 (CE)
Frenchye Mason Bynes, 2005 (CE)
William Earl Fonvielle, 2005 (CE)
Berneta S. Mackey, 2005 (CE)
Benjamin F. West, 2005 (CE)

DVD-7: Leona Lang, 2005 (CE)
Sam Radetsky, 2005 (CE)
Lillie Waring, 2005 (CE)

DVD-8: Dorothy W. Law
Thelma Stalling

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Digital Photographs and Scans on CD discs (masters; access copies available through the City of Savannah E-Archives, contact the Archivist for more information)

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Constance H. Cooper—**RESEARCH USE ONLY/NO REPRODUCTIONS**—
Dorothy W. Courington
Harry DeLorme
Colin Douglas Gray (project photographer)

CD-2: Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc.
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Elise Hilton
Thelma Honeyblue—**RESEARCH USE ONLY/NO REPRODUCTIONS**—
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CD-3: Earl Middleton
Butch Miltiades
Helen Miltiades
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Lewis Oliver
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Margaret Ann Sheppard

CD-4: LaVera P. Wilson

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- Folder 4 Publication, Woodville Tompkins HS Hall of Fame, 2006-2007
- Folder 5 Publication, *How Sweet It Is* [Hardcover Book], 1992
- Folder 6 Resident Memoirs, Mattie Anfield [Letter Transcript Copy], 1969
- Folder 7 Oral History Interviews, Elmore Abstracts [One 1.44 MB Floppy Disk, 12 Mini Cassettes], 2005-2006
- Folder 8 Audience Receptivity [Public Comments], 2008
- Folder 9 Digitized Images from Book-[Four Compact Discs], 2008
- Folder10 Draft, *Low Land and High Road*, First, 2007
- Folder 11 Contemporary Historical Photographs [Resident imagery and location shoot prints]