

5600MA-GSM-gau (USMARC); GSG (OCLC/SOLINET)
City of Savannah, Research Library & Municipal Archives, Savannah, Georgia

Record Series #: 5600MA

Name: City of Savannah, Georgia Records – Municipal Auditorium

Dates: 1911-1916

Extent/Size: 2 items, 20 folders (1.5 cubic feet)

Organizational History:

The Municipal Auditorium was built in 1916 and was located on Orleans Square, fronting on Barnard Street, and bounded by Jefferson, Hull and Perry streets. The Municipal Auditorium was demolished in October 1971 to make room for the new Savannah Civic Center.

Scope and Content:

Record Series 5600MA City of Savannah, Georgia Records – Municipal Auditorium (1911-1916), is arranged into the following sub-series. See Scope and Content notes for each sub-series for further information about the content and arrangement of the materials.

- 5600MA-010 Cornerstone Time Capsule and Contents
- 5600MA-020 Specifications
- 5600MA-030 Superior Court Ruling

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Sub-series #: 5600MA-010

Name: Cornerstone Time Capsule and Contents

Dates: 1911-1916

Extent/Size: 1 records carton and 12 folders (1.25 cubic feet)

Sub-series description:

Sub-series 5600MA-010 Cornerstone Time Capsule and Contents (1911-1916) includes one artifact and twelve folders of items recovered from the copper time capsule box deposited in the cornerstone of the Municipal Auditorium on December 14, 1916, as well as the copper box. The time capsule was retrieved in October 1971 during the demolition of the Municipal Auditorium. Some items listed in the "Table of Contents" are not present in the collection.

Arrangement:

None.

Inventory:

5600MA-A Box 1

- Item 1: Copper time capsule box from the cornerstone of the Municipal Auditorium
- Item 2: "Electric fixture taken from wreck of the U.S.S. Maine...in Havana Harbor February 16, 1898"

5600MA-A Box 2

- Folder 1: Table of Contents; business card, "Mr. Henrik Wallin, Architect, The Municipal Auditorium"
- Folder 2: Torn pieces of stationary and letter. Letterhead reads "Executive Office, Savannah, GA, Wallace J. Pierpont, Mayor, Thomas Gamble, Secretary" (includes rendering of City Hall)
- Folder 3: Photograph (black and white, 46 inches by 8 inches), "8th Annual Convention, Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, Savannah, GA, Nov. 9th-12th, 1915" (includes handwritten identifications of persons in photo)
Blank badge from convention
- Folder 4: "Telephone Directory, Savannah, GA, November 1, 1916"
- Folder 5: "City Government of Savannah, GA, Official Directory, 1916"
"Rules of the City Council of Savannah for 1913-1914"
- Folder 6: Miscellaneous papers related to the 1916 Law Enforcement League and Dry Laws:
 - Lists of names numbered 1-58, 61-117, 164-216, 217-260, 400, 600-605 (four legal-length, narrow vertical lists)

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- Reprint from Savannah Morning News (14 January 1916), "Letters show Mayor and Governor To Be in Complete Accord. Latter Replies to Assurance from Savannah Executive and Declares He Is Determined to Give the Dry Laws a Fair Trial"
- Resolutions unanimously adopted by the Ministerial Association of Savannah, 3 January 1916
- "Police Court Judge Schwarz's Appeal to the Liquor Dealers of Savannah for Help," 11 February 1911
- Reprint from Savannah Morning News (2 January 1916), "Rigid Enforcement of Prohibition Laws will be demanded by Mayor; Declares He will Employ Every Means Within His Power to Obtain Respect for the Law in Savannah"
- Reprint from Savannah Press (13 January 1916), "Col. Myrick Too Close to Liquor Element for Mayor. Mr. Pierpont Gives Experience Trying to Command Law's Respect. Bore No Ill Will Wanted Right Man"
- "Hospitality Day at Savannah, GA, Thursday December 14th [1916]"
- "Sworn Facts vs. Heated Assertions; Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make You Free" (pamphlet regarding allegations that prisoners were moved from Police Barracks to Chatham County Jail, 2-3 August 1916)
- "Savannah Law Enforcement League; Why Recall the Blind Tigers?" (card)
- Piece of blank stationary, Savannah Law Enforcement League

Folder 7: Savannah Reflector, Volume 4, Number 15 (24 June 1916), "Savannah Lays Her Fate Upon the Knees of the Gods. The Legislature Must Decide Issue Now Pending"

Folder 8: Savannah Morning News, Number 16, 933 (26 January 1915)

Folder 9: Savannah Morning News, Number 17, 586 (14 December 1916)

Folder 10: The Savannah Press, Volume XXVI, Number 21 (13 December 1916)

Folder 11: Savannah Morning News, Number 17, 178 (19 October 1915)

Folder 11.1 "Eighth Annual Convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, Held at Savannah, GA, November 9, 10, 11, and 12, 1915; Report of the Proceedings." Compiled and edited by Wilfred H. Schoff, Secretary-Treasurer. Philadelphia: The Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, 1916 (paper bound, 311 pages)

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Sub-series #: 5600MA-020

Name: Specifications

Dates: 1916

Extent/Size: 7 folders (0.25 cubic feet)

Sub-series description:

Sub-series 5600MA-020 Specifications (1916) includes seven folders of specifications for the construction of the Municipal Auditorium building for the City of Savannah. The specifications are labeled "Set No. 1," and are arranged by section.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical by section.

Inventory:

5600MA-A Box 2

Folder 12: Section A, General Conditions for the Labor and Materials to be Furnished.

Folder 13: Section B, Excavations, Brick, Hollow Tile and Cement Work. Fire-Proofing. Stone Work. Terra Cotta. Interior Marble. Marbleloid Work.

Folder 14: Section C, Plastering, Carpentry, Joinery, Finishing and Hardware. Removeable Prosceniums, Platforms and Boxes, Glazing, Roofing, Skylights and Copper Work, Painting.

Folder 15: Section D, Ornamental Iron.

Folder 16: Section E, Structural Steel Work and Reinforced Concrete Work.

Folder 17: Section G, Plumbing, Labor and Materials.

Folder 18: Section H, Hot Water Heating, Labor and Materials.

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Sub-series #: 5600MA-030

Name: Superior Court Ruling

Dates: 1913

Extent/Size: 1 folder (0.05 cubic feet)

Sub-series description:

Sub-series 5600MA-030 Superior Court Ruling (1913) includes a two-page document of a ruling concerning an objection to a bond issue to build the Savannah Auditorium and the destruction of a square to do so. It alludes to Mayor Richard B. Arnold's reference to the City's squares as "the lungs of the city."

Arrangement:

None.

Inventory:

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Folder 19: Chatham County Superior Court ruling by Judge Walter G. Charlton, November 1, 1913, in "State of Georgia vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah," T. B. Gracen, Objector, regarding "Proceedings to Validate Bonds"