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**COLLECTION NAME:** City Council Meeting Papers  
**COLLECTION DATES:** 1817-1957  
**RECORD SERIES:** 0115-001, 0115-002, 0115-003, 0115-004  
**RECORD SERIES BOX #s:** 0115-001-A1 through 0115-001-A396,  
0115-001-B1 through 0115-001-B58  
0115-002-17 through 0115-002-22.18  
0115-003-1 through 0115-003-4.15  
0115-004-1 through 0115-004-1.2

**GROUP NAME:** Contracts  
**GROUP DATES:** 1852-1957  
**GROUP ABBREVIATION:** CON  
**GROUP BOX #s:** CON 1 through CON 24  
**GROUP SIZE:** 24 Document Cases (legal)  
157 Folders (legal)  
**RECORD SERIES BOX #:** 0115-002-17 through 0115-002-22.18

**RECORD GROUP SCOPE NOTE:**

Contract Numbers 1 - 1814, Miscellaneous, unnumbered

This record group contains contracts and agreements made by the City with local trades people or outside firms for items as small as the repair of a clock to as large as projects such as the new City Market completed in 1872 (Ellis Square, Decker Ward). Often bids or proposals, both accepted and rejected ones, are also included with a contract. Around 1879, bond documents are sometimes included, either singly (see #127) or accompanying a contract (see #176). Some contracts are actually acceptance letters for positions with the City (see # 180). Some contracts are leases for equipment and/or service purchases. The contract date, provided in the Inventory accompanying this Finding Aid, is usually the agreement date or final payment date. In the case of contract renewals, earlier dates are often filed together with a more recent date.

Complete information as to the parties in the deeds can be found in the Index Books maintained in the Office of the Clerk of Council. [Volumes: *Deed Book 1*, and *Index: Bids, Contracts & Miscellaneous Papers, #2 - #6*] The first Index Book does not include the date of the contract, so

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the Inventory, accompanying this Finding Aid will be useful. Contracts are entered into the Index Books under the first letter of the person's or business's name. Within a letter, the contract numbers are in ascending order. The Indexes are quite good and are often cross-referenced in a variety of ways. Some of the larger contracts are also recorded in the County Record books. Missing contracts are noted on the folders and in the accompanying Inventory.

Since 1987, the Clerk of Council's Office has converted to a computerized system of accessing contracts, eliminating the hard copy index books.

A number of contracts are actually deeds, such as #124, which deals with a will and the transfer of Twickenham Plantation. Other contracts appear which deed or lease property to the City for public use, rice cultivation or drainage purposes. There is no way to find all contracts awarded to a certain party other than going through the bound indexes. If unable to find a contract, the researcher should try looking in the Clerk of Council Index Books under "Miscellaneous Papers".

Dates on the folders indicate both the earliest and latest dates of contracts in the folder, as well as the date range of the majority of the items in the folder. For example, [(1926) 1931 - 1937 (1944)] means that the date range is 1826 - 1944. The bulk of the documents, however, fall between 1931 and 1937. The date recorded by the Clerk of Council in the Index Book may not be the same exact date used in the Inventory. Contracts were often amended or delayed; so, when consulting the Index Book, the researcher is encouraged to look on either side of the recorded date to find the contract in question. There is one unnumbered miscellaneous item from 1846 in Box # CON 24. A very few later contracts (dated 1960, 1961, 1965, 1967, and 1970) have been interfiled with related earlier contracts. For more detailed descriptions consult the accompanying Inventory and Box Notes.

**RECORD GROUP CONDITION NOTE:**

Initially, the contracts were stored in standard letter-legal records storage cartons in the City Hall Basement. Between ten and twenty-five contracts were "jammed into" 9" by 4" heavy brown acidic envelopes tied with string. Some early contracts consist of one 3"x 5 " piece of paper.

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Some contracts include drawings and/or large maps which were crumpled to fit into the packets. Most are held together with multiple metal butterfly clips or other fasteners made of string, metal or other materials. Removing these items sometimes causes the fragile paper to tear. When feasible, these older creative fasteners have been replaced with plastic clips or rust-proof staples.

Archival processing included removing the deeds from the envelopes, extracting metal hardware or other adhesives when practical and/or possible, unfolding or unrolling the documents, and placing them into acid-free folders and document cases.

The earliest contracts are handwritten. Some contracts are in very poor shape because of the type of paper, number of folds, or extraneous material being used to hold them together, i.e. metal rivets, glue, tape, and/or rubber bands.

The focus of this project was to gain initial intellectual control over the documents and to house them in archival stable containers. No preservation work was done with the exception of removing obvious hardware and repairing only the worst damage where loss of information was imminent. Very little photoduplication was accomplished. Many of the contracts have large plats or diagrams attached related to the work proposed.

**RECORD GROUP DESCRIPTION:**

The actual agreement date of the contract is not always obvious. Sometimes it is also difficult to ascertain with whom the contract was made or even where the work was done, since landmarks mentioned often no longer exist. Generic descriptions are used, such as "agreement for planking the road." A number of contracts in the Clerk of Council's Index Books are listed under "Mayor and Aldermen" rather than under a specific tradesman or business.

Many of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century contracts are written on elaborate letterheads. Businesses documented by these mastheads often no longer exist; and so, a former retail era can be glimpsed in the artwork of the merchants. Signatures of many prominent Savannahians are also preserved on the documents and add to their artifactual value. Early maps and blueprints

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**RECORD GROUP DESCRIPTION: (continued)**

for buildings or railroad and street improvements can be useful when reconstructing historic properties. Documentation of easements and land ownership should also be useful to researchers involved in historic preservation.

The Box Notes highlight interesting contracts or particular changes in the City as evidenced by the contracts, such as paving roads or installing electricity. The Box Notes do not provide an item-level description but should prove helpful if one is interested in a particular era or neighborhood .

Information was recorded about these contracts in the Index Books in the Clerk of Council's Office. The original Index Book ( Book I) in the Clerk of Council's Office does not include the date of a contract; therefore, the Inventory, especially from 1852 - 1941, will be useful in conjunction with the Clerk of Council's Index Books if one is trying to identify a particular party or project. Dates are provided for the contracts in Volumes #2 - #6 of the Clerk of Council's Index Books. As noted above, the date in the Inventory and the date recorded in the Clerk of Council's Index Books may not be exactly the same.

The archivist's processing notes and worksheets are available upon request.

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**INVENTORY:**

**BOX # CON 1** [0115-002-17]  
**YEARS: 1852-1860, 1865-1877 (1881, 1888)**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
1	1 - 20	1854 Apr-1860 Aug,, 1865 Apr-1875 Jan (1881, 1888)
2	21 - 40 (no number; dated 1888 Jan )	1852 Jun-1877 Mar (1888)
3	41 - 50	1870 May-1872 May
4	51 - 69	1868 Jun-1876 Feb
5	70 - 78	1872 Jul-1876 May
6	79 - 118 (missing #79)	1869 Jan-1872 Jul

**BOX # CON 2** [0115-002-18]  
**YEARS: 1853 - 1889**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
7	119 - 134	(1853 Mar) 1865 Nov-1879 Jan
8	135 - 146 (missing #143)	1883 Jan-1886 Mar (1889Jan)
9	147 - 160	1882 Jan-1888 Feb
10	161 - 175 (missing #169)	1872 Jan-1883 Mar
11	176 - 191	1879 Jan -1883 Nov
12	192 - 200	1886 Apr-1888 Oct

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**INVENTORY:**

**BOX # CON 3** [0115-002-19]  
**YEARS: (1860, 1869) 1883-1891**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
13	201 - 221(missing #207)	1883 Mar-1889 Jun
14	222 - 241	1884 May-1889 Feb
15	252 - 266 (missing #266)	(1860 Apr) 1888 Feb-1889 Mar
16	267 - 278 (missing #274)	(1869 Sep) 1889 Aug-1890 Mar
17	279 - 291	(1884 May) 1890 Feb-Oct (1899 Apr)
18	292 - 298	(1887 Dec) 1890 Jul-1891 Mar

**BOX # CON 4** [0115-002-20]  
**YEARS: 1889 - 1891**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
19	299 - 320 (missing #299)	1889 May-1891 Aug
20	321 - 326	1891 Sep-Nov
21	327	1891 Aug
22	328 - 329	1891 Aug
23	330	1891 Nov
24	331 - 336	1891 Nov-Dec

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**INVENTORY:**

**BOX # CON 5** [0115-002-21]  
**YEARS: (1889) 1891 - 1894**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
25	337 - 356 (missing #341, 355)	1891 Dec-1892 Jun
26	357 - 361	1892 Apr-Oct
27	362 - 371	1892 Sep-1893 Feb
28	372 - 378	1891 Dec-1893 Mar
29	379 - 383	1893 Mar
30	385-400 (missing #384)	(1889) 1893 Feb-1894 Apr

**BOX # CON 6** [0115-002-22]  
**YEARS: (1885) 1893 - 1897**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
31	401 - 426 (for #s 405-426, see Misc. #664 under, "insurance policies on city property")	1893 Aug-Sep
32	427 - 440	1893 Sep-1894 May
33	441 - 447	1894 Feb-Jul
34	448 - 460 (missing #451)	1894 May-Oct
35	461 - 469 (missing #467)	1894 Dec-1895 Mar
36	470 - 478 (missing #s 472,476,477)	(1885 Aug) 1895 Jan-Sep
37	491 - 501 (missing #s 488-490, 494, 498, 499)	1896 Jan-Dec
38	502 - 510½ (missing #s 502, 50; for #510 see #513)	1896 Jul-1897 Jul

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**BOX # CON 7** [0115-002-22.1]  
**YEARS: (1892, 1895) 1897 - 1906**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
39	511 - 522 (missing #s 515, 520)	1897 Jun-1898 Feb
40	523 - 534 (missing #s 524, 526, 532)	1897 Dec-1898 Jun
41	535 - 541(missing #537)	(1892 Apr) 1898 Aug-1899 May
42	542 - 560 (missing #s 542, 546, 550)	1897 Nov-1903 Jan
43	561 - 571(missing #s 566-568)	(1899 Apr) 1902 Nov-1903 Oct
44	572 - 576	1903 Sep-1904 Apr
45	577 - 591(missing #s 582, 588, 589)	(1895 Feb) 1903 Jan-1906 Feb

**BOX # CON 8** [0115-002-22.2]  
**YEARS: (1901-1904) 1906 - 1913 (1917)**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
46	592 - 607 (missing #s 592, 593, 596-598)	1906 Apr-1908 Apr
47	608 - 619	1906 Feb-1909 Mar
48	620 - 627	(1904 Jun) 1908 Jan-1910 Jan (1917 Dec)
49	628 - 642 (missing #s 639, 642)	(1902, 1906) 1909 Oct-1910 Dec
50	643 - 656 (missing #653)	1910 Feb-1912 Aug
51	657 - 669 (missing #667)	(1901-1904, 1907), 1910 Dec-1913 May

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**BOX # CON 9** [0115-002-22.3]  
**YEARS: (1885, 1904) 1910 -1916 (1917)**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
52	670 - 686 (missing #s 678, 684)	(1885 Oct, 1904 Mar) 1910 Jul-1914 Jan
53	687 - 696 (missing #688)	(1908 Jul) 1914 Feb-Aug
54	697 - 713 (missing #s 705, 706)	(1885 Oct) 1914 Jun-1915 Feb
55	714 - 727 (missing #s 714-717)	1915 Mar-Jul
56	728 - 735	1915 Aug-Dec (1917 Apr)
57	736 - 748 (missing #s 746, 747)	1914 Aug-1916 Mar
58	749 - 759	1915 Jun-1916 Sep

**BOX # CON 10** [0115-002-22.4]  
**YEARS: 1916 - 1920**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
59	761 - 767 (missing #771)	1916 Aug-1917 Feb
60	772 - 778	1917 Feb-Jun
61	779 - 791	1917 Jan-1918 Jul
62	792 - 804	1918 Feb-1919 Oct
63	805 - 814	1919 Aug-1920 Mar
64	815 - 827	1920 Mar-May

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**BOX # CON 11** [0115-002-22.5]  
**YEARS: (1917) 1919 - 1922**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
65	828 - 846 (missing #s 829-836)	(1917) 1919 Feb-1920 Apr
66	847 - 856	1920 Apr-Nov
67	857 - 864 (missing #858)	1921 Jan-Mar
68	865 - 876 (missing #s 861, 871)	1921 Jan-Oct
69	877 - 896 (missing #s 889, 890, 893-896)	1921 Feb-Dec
70	897 - 907	1921 Jan-1922 Feb

**BOX # CON 12** [0115-002-22.6]  
**YEARS: 1919 - 1925 (1938, 1965)**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
71	908 - 918	1920 Feb-1922 May (1938)
72	919 - 933	1921 Aug-1922 Oct
73	934 - 945 (missing #945)	(1919) 1922 Feb-1923 Feb
74	956 - 971 (missing #s 964-969)	1922 Sep-1924 Mar
75	972 - 982	1924 Apr-1925 Apr
76	983 - 994	(1922) 1924 Oct-1925 Oct (1965)

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**BOX # CON 13** [0115-002-22.7]  
**YEARS: (1921, 1923) 1925 - 1932 (1935, 1936)**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
77	995 - 1006 (missing #995)	(1921, 1923) 1925 Jun-1927 Apr (1936)
78	1007 - 1015	1926 Apr-1927 Jul (1935)
79	1016 - 1027	1926 Oct-1927 May
80	1028 - 1038 (missing #1030)	1927 Oct-1928 May
81	1039 - 1060 (missing #s 1042-1060)	1927 Dec-1928 Jun
82	1061 - 1070	1928 Apr-1929 Feb
83	1071 - 1086 (missing #1086)	(1927)1929Jan-1931 Jan
84A	1087	1931 Jun
84B	1088 - 1097	1931 Mar-1932 Jan

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**BOX # CON 14** [0115-002-22.8]  
**YEARS: (1926) 1931 - 1937 (1944)**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
85	1098 - 1104	1931 Nov-1932 Nov
86	1105 - 1121 (missing #1119)	(1926) 1932 Oct-1933 Oct
87	1122 - 1128 (missing #1127)	1933 Jul-1934 Jul
88	1129 - 1136	1934 Aug -1935 Jun
89	1137 - 1146	1935 Jul-1936 Feb
90	1147A - 1153	1936 Jan-1937 Jan
91	1154 - 1168 (missing #1154, 1158)	1935 Sep-1937 Feb (1944)

**BOX # CON 15** [0115-002-22.9]  
**YEARS: 1936 - 1941**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
92	1169 - 1179 (missing #1169)	1937 Feb-1938 Feb
93	1180 - 1193	1938 Feb-Jul
94	1194 - 1205	(1936) 1938 Jul-1939 Mar
95	1206 - 1215	1939 Mar-Jul
96	1216 - 1230 (missing #1219)	1939 Jun-1940 Apr
97	1231 - 1243 (missing #s 1238, 1239)	(1938) 1940 May-1941 Feb
98	1244 - 1252 (missing #1249)	1940 Jul-1941 Mar

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**BOX # CON 16** [0115-002-22.10]  
**YEARS: (1914-1915) 1939 - 1942**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
99	1253 - 1262	1939 Jan-1941 Apr (1943, 1949)
100	1263 - 1276 (missing #1273)	(1914-15) 1941 Mar-Dec
101	1277 - 1287 (missing #1281)	1941 Aug-1942 Jul
102	1288 - 1303	1941 Sep-1942 Jul
103	1304 - 1305	1941 Oct-1942 Jul
104	1306 - 1314	1941 Apr-1942 Sep

**BOX # CON 17** [0115-002-22.11]  
**YEARS: (1933) 1941 - 1948 (1953, 1961)**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
105	1315 - 1326 (missing #1324)	1941 Dec-1943 Jan (1945, 1947)
106	1327 - 1338	1942 Jan-1943 Apr
107	1339 - 1349	1942 Feb-1945 Dec
108	1350 - 1355	(1933) 1943 Nov-1944 Feb (1946)
109	1356 - 1369 (missing #1356)	1944 Mar-1945 Sep (1948)
110	1370 - 1377	1944 Dec-1946 Mar (1953, 1961)
111	1378 - 1389 (missing #1384)	(1942) 1946 Mar-1948 Jul
112	1390 - 1400 (missing #1390)	1946 Jul-1947 Jan

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**INVENTORY:**

**BOX # CON 18** [0115-002-22.12]  
**YEARS: (1945) 1946 - 1948 (1951-1956, 1967, 1970)**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
113	1401 - 1407	1946 Sep-Dec
114	1408 - 1415	1946 Jul-1948 Jan (1951-1956, 1967, 1970)
115	1416 - 1426 (missing #s 1421, 1422)	(1945) 1947Apr-1948 Aug (1952)
116	1427 - 1438	1947 Aug-1948 Jul
117	1439 - 1445	1947 Dec-1948 Mar
118	1446 - 1456 (2 unnumbered)	1946 Mar-1948 Jun (1951)

**BOX # CON 19** [0115-002-22.13]  
**YEARS: (1941-1942) 1948 - 1950 (1953, 1956, 1960, 1961)**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
119	1457 - 1471	1948 Jun-Nov
120	1472 - 1478	1948 Sep-Dec
121	1479 - 1498	1948 Sep-1950 Jun (1953)
122	1499 - 1508	1948 Dec-1949 Aug (1960, 1961)
123	1509 - 1520	1949 Mar-Oct
124	1521 - 1532	(1941-1942) 1949 Sep-1950 Feb (1953)
125	1533 - 1541	1949 Sep-1950 May (1956)

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**INVENTORY:**

**BOX # CON 20** [0115-002-22.14]  
**YEARS: (1946) 1948 - 1953**

\* note found in file reads: " in small vault"

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
126	1542 - 1554	1948 Dec-1950 Sep
127	1555 - 1559	1950 Jul-Sep
128	1560 - 1572	(1946) 1950 Aug-1951 Aug
129	1573 - 1581 (missing #s 1579, 1580*)	1950 Oct-1951 Mar
130	1582 - 1592 (missing #1586*)	1950 Dec-1951 Aug
131	1593 - 1603	1950 Feb-1953 Sep

**BOX # CON 21** [0115-002-22.15]  
**YEARS: 1950 - 1954**

\*Note found in file reads: "in small vault"

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
132	1604 - 1614	1950 May-1953 Dec
133	1615 - 1627(missing #s 1620*, 1622*, 1626, 1627)	1952 Jan-May
134	1628 - 1632 (missing #1631)	1952 Jun-1953 Jun
135	1633 - 1644 (missing #s 1633*, 1644*)	1952 Apr-1953 Mar
136	1645 - 1657 (missing #s 1646, 1650*, 1652*)	1953 May-Jul
137	1658 - 1670 (missing #s 1658*, 1660-1663*, 1667*)	1953 Jul-Sep
138	1671 - 1682 (missing #s 1677, 1678)	1953 Sep-1954 Jan

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**INVENTORY:**

**BOX # CON 22** [0115-002-22.16]  
**YEARS: 1953 - 1955**

\* Note found in file reads: "in small vault"

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
139	1683 - 1694 (missing #s 1687, 1688, 1690, 1691, 1694*)	1953 Dec-1954 Feb
140	1695 - 1705 (missing #s 1699*, 1700*, 1705*)	1954 Jan-Apr
141	1706 - 1717 (missing #s 1709*, 1712*, 1713*, 1717*)	1954 Apr-Jun
142	1717(dup.#) - 1728 (missing #s 1718*, 1720*, 1728*)	1954 Jun-Oct
143	1729 - 1741 (missing #s 1732*, 1733*, 1736*, 1741*)	1954 Sep-Dec
144	1742 - 1753 (missing #s 1742*, 1744*, 1745*, 1752, 1753)	1954 Nov-1955 Mar

**BOX # CON 23** [0115-002-22.17]  
**YEARS: 1955 - 1957**

Folder #	Contract #	Year/Month
145	1754 - 1765 (missing #s 1764, 1765)	1955 Mar-1956 Jul
146	1766 - 1777 (missing #s 1766, 1768, 1772, 1776)	1955 Jul-Oct
147	1778 - 1788 (no number; dated 1957 Oct)	1955 Sep-1957 Oct
148	1789 - 1798 (missing #s 1789, 1790, 1791, 1795, 1796, 1797)	1955 Nov-1956 May
149	1799 - 1810 (missing #s 1799-1801, 1805, 1807)	1956 May-Aug
150	1811 - 1814	1956 Jun-Sep

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**BOX # CON 24** [0115-002-22.18]

**YEARS: (1846) 1868 - 1916 (1923, 1927)**

Miscellaneous - unnumbered contracts

Folder #	Description	Year/Month
151	5 Deeds - unnumbered	1846, 1902, 1903, 1915, 1916
152	re. Dillon heirs and the city disputed ownership of property	1868-1902
153	Warren-Scharf Asphalt Paving Co.	1888 Feb
154	"Special Report upon the Drainage of the Watershed of Musgrove Creek " probably by the City Engineer	c. 1892
155	City Engineer property assessments, 189?; George L. Harmon city court fines, 1923; Sewer pipe inspection, 1927	189?, 1923, 1927
156	Savannah Lumber Company to construct subway at Gwinnett St.	1904 Aug 18
157	Agreement about improvements to lot on Tybee	1911

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**ADDENDUM TO INVENTORY: BOX NOTES**

**BOX # CON 1** [0115-002-17]

Contracts # 1-118 (Missing: #79)  
6 folders, 117 contracts  
Years: 1852-1860, 1865-1877 (1881, 1888)

Numerical order does not correspond to chronological order in this box. One contract from 1888 appears in Folder #2 without a number. Receipts are sometimes included with the contracts and numbered correspondingly.

The importance of drainage, canal and sewer maintenance, transportation services, and shipping are obvious in the contracts.

Interesting contracts include: #14 for the fountain in Forsyth Park (1858 ); contracts for the city market from 1870- 1872 (i.e. #s 35, 48, 107, 118); and #84 which concerns leveling the batteries on Falligant's lands.

Care should be exercised in handling these contracts. Blueprints for construction work are especially fragile. Most contracts are handwritten; some are merely 4x4 inch notes.

There are no contracts from 1861 - 1864.

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**BOX # CON 2** [0115-002-18]

Contracts # 119 - 200 (Missing: #169)  
6 folders, 81 contracts  
Years: 1853 - 1889

The maintenance of gates and wharfs related to rice cultivation was an issue on the Lawton land, Twickenham plantation and Hutchinson island, #s 121, 128 & 133. Contracts often refer to former names of lands and sites, and sometimes have original deeds attached, making them useful for researching former plantations or businesses.

Interesting contracts include: #s 144 & 152 which appear to be the first contracts for providing the streets and the City Market with electric lights in 1882; #s 139 & 173 which provide for the position of City Scavenger; #180 (1879) in which N. J. Cleary accepts a position with the City as the "Superintendant (his spelling) of the odorless excavating machine"; #s 187 & 192 which concern enlarging the quarantine station; #183 which added a privy building to the Massie school; and #147 which indicates that the keeper of the city clocks was an elected position.

Large plats are often attached to the contracts.

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**BOX # CON 3** [0115-002-19]

Contracts # 201- 298 (Missing: #s 207, 266, 274)  
6 folders, 67 Contracts  
Years: (1860, 1869) 1883 - 1891

Box three contains a number of contracts and bids for fire and police uniforms. Samples are often attached. Merchant names include Hymes Brothers, E. J. Kennedy, Wannamaker & Brown, and Simon Gazon.

A number of contracts deal with the quarantine station on Cockspar Island (i.e. #s 204, 214, 221), including #279 for the building of the tug Theckla . #204 has a large detailed plat attached showing the oyster beds, creeks and beacons around the station.

Interesting contracts include: #260 with W. D. Dixon for furnishing coffins to the City; #284 permitting the Savannah Street and Rural Resort Railroad Co. to use electricity "as a motive power"; #292 ½ for the adoption of a 2 ½ year old female; #268 compensating W.S. Lawton for the City's poor Bilbo Canal maintenance; #296 which includes five large diagrams for the building of an extension to the water works at the former Springfield Plantation area.

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**BOX # CON 4** [0115-002-20]

Contracts # 299 - 336 (Missing: #299)  
6 folders, 43 Contracts  
Years: 1889 - 1891

A number of contracts deal with the building of the water works and the controversy which surrounded its construction, including 4 huge diagrams (i.e. #s 327, 328, 333).

Interesting contracts include: #300 for a telephone exchange with Southern Bell; #s 314 & 318 related to maintenance of the quarantine tug Theckla; and, #313 for the removal of dead animals throughout the City.

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**BOX # CON 5** [0115-002-21]

Contracts # 337 - 400 (Missing: #s 341, 355, 384)  
6 folders, 64 Contracts  
Years: (1889) 1891 - 1894

The contracts document routine maintenance and services around the City: #398 for "water closets;" #396 for electric lighting; #s 339 & 359 concerning communication devices for the police and firemen; and, #375 for a fire alarm system. More police and firemen uniforms were ordered (i.e. #s 335, 360, 379). The water works plant was expanded (i.e.#s 330 & 367).

In 1893, contracts begin to appear insuring city officers.

Interesting contracts include: #358 for maintaining the hedge at Laurel Grove, both "white and colored divisions;" #s 362 & 391 for carbolic acid; #374 to remove refuse from the City crematorium at Springfield Plantation; #383 for building City treasury vaults at the Exchange Building, including four large drawings; and, #389 for a fumigating plant at the quarantine station.

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**BOX # CON 6** [0115-002-22]

Contracts # 401 - 510 ½

(Missing: #s 451, 467, 472, 476, 477, 488-490, 494, 498, 499, 502, 503)

For #s 405-426, see Miscellaneous Section of Clerk of Council's Index Books #664 under, "insurance policies on city property". For #510 see #513.

8 folders, 76 Contracts

Years: (1885) 1893 - 1897

Interesting contracts include: purchases of chemicals perhaps for water purification, including roll brimstone, carbolic acid, green copperas, corrosive sublimate, and chloro naphtholium; #432 to renovate the mattresses in the police barracks; #460 which contains an interesting title search; #464 which concerns the rights of "hucksters;" #471 to purchase a buggy for the fire chief; #487 ½ allowing A.R. Fawcett to keep whatever he sifts out of the crematory; and, #507 to establish dispensaries for the sick poor (1893).

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**BOX # CON 7** [0115-002-22.1]

Contracts # 511 - 591  
(Missing: #s 515, 520, 524, 526, 532, 537, 542, 546, 550, 566-568, 582, 588, 589)  
7 folders, 67 Contracts  
Years: (1892, 1895), 1897 - 1906

The contracts document that the city was modernizing and improving its physical environment.

Interesting contracts include: #518 with Brush Electric Co. which changed its name to Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Savannah; #538 transferring the quarantine station from the City to the U.S. Marine Hospital Service (1899); #539 which includes an inventory of all of the property at the quarantine station; #543 allowing the Savannah, Thunderbolt and Isle of Hope Railway to extend its line<sup>1</sup>; #545 in which Southern Bell gives the City five telephones free of charge; #s 547 & 571 which concern a Savannah Union Station Co. passenger station; #562 which conveys property of Mary Telfair to the Georgia Historical Society for a free public library (1903); #574 which establishes a City tree nursery on Bonabella and Skidaway Rds.; and, #s 575, 577 & 581 concerning the construction of the new City Hall (1904).

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<sup>1</sup>Many railroads appear throughout the decades covered by this record group including:  
Savannah Florida and Western Railway Co. (SF&WRy) (mentioned in contract dated 1888; merged into the ACLRR in 1916)  
Savannah Street and Rural Resort Railroad Co. (mentioned in contract dated 1890)  
Atlantic Coast Line Rail Road Co. (mentioned in contract dated 1904)  
Central of Georgia Railway Co. (mentioned in contract dated 1908)  
Brinson Railway (mentioned in contract dated 1908)  
Seaboard Air Line Railway (mentioned in contract dated 1912) (SAL)

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**BOX # CON 8** [0115-002-22.2]

Contracts # 592 - 669 (Missing: #s 592, 593, 596-598, 639, 642, 653, 667)  
6 folders, 72 Contracts  
Years: (1901-1904) 1906 - 1913 (1917)

This decade saw an improvement in the fire equipment, expansion of city street car lines, added electricity in more areas, and more streets paved.

Interesting contracts include: #611 concerning the Franciscan Sisters Orphanage; #609 with C. W. Winstedt for City Hall statues; #627 for development of the neighborhood know as "Sunnyside;" #640 related to building the Henry St. subway at Bolton and Gwinnett Sts; #658 with a veterinary surgeon to attend the City's livestock; #661 for an audit of the City; and, #669 permitting military companies to use Forsyth Park.

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**BOX # CON 9** [0115-002-22.3]

Contracts: # 670 - 759 (Missing: #s 678, 684, 688, 705, 706, 714-717, 746, 747)  
7 folders, 80 Contracts  
Years: (1885, 1904) 1910 -1916 (1917)

Improvements in the City included two Carnegie Libraries (#s 694 & 723). Bonds were issued to fund a new auditorium (#s 712 & 748) and other projects. A number of subdivisions expanded the City's area: Twickenham Development Co., Avondale Development Co., and Parkside Land Co.

There are a number of claims against the City among the records in this box, including three disability claims (#s 673-675) for men who had become prone to fits.

Interesting contracts include: #680 concerning Baldwin Park; #693 in which a dispute was held about the various types of Cyprus appropriate for the city wharf; #701 concerning the purchase of a T-Runabout and which includes a Ford Motor Co. profit sharing coupon; #702 related to permission to use the military parade ground in Forsyth Park (1914) for a play ground; and, #707 permitting the use of land for the First Georgia District Fair Association.

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**BOX # CON 10** [0115-002-22.4]

Contracts # 761 - 827 (Missing: #771)

6 folders, 67 Contracts

Years: 1916 - 1920

About half of the contracts in this box relate to building and furnishing the Municipal Auditorium from 1916-1918. The U.S. Coast Guard leased wharfage for the launch "Tybee" in 1919. Other contracts deal with the everyday concerns of running the City, from selling bonds, issuing jitney bus licenses, leasing space on the city streets for bread receptacles, purchasing fire trucks, drilling wells, maintaining the water works, and leasing building space and wharfage. There was a flurry of street paving, the work done mostly by Dixon Construction Co.

Interesting contracts include: #773 providing for a canal right-of-way through the property of Hillcrest Cemetery; #787 concerning development of Chatham Crescent and the Chatham Land & Hotel Co.; and, #807 for an extension to Forsyth Park, which includes an abstract of the property's ownership.

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**BOX # CON 11** [0115-002-22.5]

Contracts # 828 - 907 (Missing: #s 829-836, 858, 861, 871, 889, 890, 893-896)  
6 folders, 67 Contracts  
Years: (1917) 1919 - 1922

A number of contracts deal with paving streets. #879 is a contract with the War Department for leasing warehouse space. Other companies leased wharf lots from the City. #906 concerns the reestablishment of the City Dispensary at 105 West Jones St.

Interesting contracts include: #828 for "bread boxes" on the streets; #838 to W. W. De Renne for an apartment building; #841 for flood gates at Zulby St. and the Ogeechee Canal; #846 for an "Elgin" street sweeper; #854 concerning the purchase of bridges, trestles, fills and rights-of-way from H. H. Dean across the Altamaha River (1920); and, #868 related to a jitney bus automobile (1921).

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**BOX # CON 12** [0115-002-22.6]

Contracts # 908 - 994 (Missing: #s 945, 964-969)

6 folders, 78 Contracts

Years: 1919 - 1925 (1938, 1965)

The 1920s saw the development of subdivisions, parks and recreation facilities, improved terminal and city market facilities, advances in sanitation and garbage disposal and increased street paving. The riverfront was a busy area packed with all types of businesses, including abattoirs, fertilizer plants, a peanut company, and oil companies.

Interesting contracts include: #908 for a U.S. Navy radio station; #912 bringing water to "Gordonston"; #913 for the erection of a "colored " swimming pool, pavilions, and concessions on the Ogeechee canal; #s 914 & 936 relative to developing a state terminal and coastal port facility in Savannah; #s 920, 937 & 940 related to abattoir space; #924 with the Columbian Peanut Co. for lease of space; #950, related to the sale of the Deptford tract, east of Fort Oglethorpe for the town dump, and which has a large plat attached; #955 related to the city dispensary at Huntingdon and Abercorn; #s 921, 962, 963, and others related to City Market improvements, i.e. toilets and refrigeration; #979 documenting the birth of a city traffic manager position for the port vs. an outside service; #980 which includes a large plat of the development of the Ingleside subdivision; and #s 993 & 994 related to public parks and a golf course at the site of the City's "county farm".

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**BOX # CON 13** [0115-002-22.7]

Contracts # 995 - 1097 (Missing: #s 995, 1030, 1042-1060, 1086)  
9 folders, 81 Contracts  
Years: (1921, 1923) 1925 - 1932 (1935)

From 1925 to 1929 there was a flurry of building and city improvements. There were more bonds issued to raise money for paving the city streets. Existing subdivisions were expanded and more were built on the south side (such as Ardmore). Modernization of the City is evident in terms of sewers, water mains, health services, and the laying of telegraph, telephone and electrical power lines. Contracts with various electric companies appear: the Byck Electric Co., Industrial Electric Co., and Savannah Electric and Power Co.<sup>2</sup>

A number of contracts were for easements from the railroad companies to cross their property in order to lay water mains or power lines. One contract with the Central of GA Railway, Tybee Division for opening President St. (#1079), includes a large plat (about 8 ft long).

The Coast Guard renewed its lease for wharf space for the cutter, the "Yamacraw."

Interesting contracts include: #1001 defining the boundary lines on the Savannah River for the various businesses, LaPageville, and the City; #1005 and others dealing with leisure facilities, Daffin Park and the municipal stadium; #1029 which employs a telephone operator to report arrivals and departures of steamships and sailing vessels; #1069 which provides plots in Bonaventure Cemetery for burial of indigent poor; #1078 related to the Chatham Land and Hotel Co., and which includes the original 1909 agreement; #s 1005 & 1031 related to a home for retired railroad workers on Oatland Island; #1087 and others which deal with improvements and expansion of the airport; #1089 related to the Oglethorpe Sanitarium, a hospital for charity patients with communicable diseases (1931); and #s 1093 & 1095 related to a city health center combining the various clinics (1931).

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<sup>2</sup>The Savannah Electric and Power Co. ran the street cars until c.1946.

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**BOX # CON 14** [0115-002-22.8]

Contracts # 1098 - 1168 (Missing: #s 1119, 1127, 1154, 1158)  
7 folders, 124 Contracts  
Years: (1926) 1931 - 1937 (1944)

Federal money helped the City recover in the 1930s. National Industrial Recovery Act Funds paved streets and financed other projects. There are a number of large maps attached to some of the contracts securing easements from the railroads and individuals. Having an airport and wharf facilities also benefitted Savannah. The City secured a contract with the U.S. Post Office for air mail delivery (#1099). Both the Customs Bureau and the Coast Guard leased wharf space.

A number of contracts deal with the Georgia Emergency Relief Administration (GERA) and abattoirs located in the City (i.e. #1128). 100- 150 cattle a day were delivered by the Federal Surplus Relief Corporation to be processed for distribution to the needy.

An agreement brought the Union Bag and Paper Corp. to the Hermitage tract (Former Diamond match factory), providing jobs, and housing to Savannah (#1136). The contract has a large plat attached.

Interesting contracts include: #1111 related to the golf course in which the owner gave it up for lack of profit (a long inventory is attached.); #1118 related to the establishment of an additional farmers' wholesale market at Franklin Square; #1124 extending the lease for the city clinic on Bay St. East to the Health Committee under Dr. Morrison; #1114 related to an agreement with the nurses who work at the Oglethorpe Sanatorium, which was a hospital for cases of infectious diseases; #1153 with a 1928 city map attached; and, #s 1138 & 1164 related to repairs to Armstrong College buildings.

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**BOX # CON 15** [0115-002-22.9]

Contracts # 1169 - 1252 (Missing: #s 1169, 1219, 1238, 1239, 1249)  
7 folders, 79 Contracts  
Years: 1936 - 1941

The U.S. Government rented a number of properties, as well as wharfage space during these years. The government brought improvements in terms of sanitation, public water supplies, health care and housing. The Civilian Conservation Corps leased land and set up programs. In 1940, a food stamp issuing office opened on Bay St. Other governmental departments and agencies included: The Weather Bureau, Customs, Departments of Defense and Commerce, and, the Coast Guard. The U.S. Public Health Service continued to lease space in the Carter Memorial Laboratory on Stiles St., and the Department of Agriculture used King's Island as a migratory water fowl sanctuary.

In 1941, construction of a new airport was approved. The government set up a temporary tent camp at the former airport (#1234); and, in 1942, the War Powers Act took over the Savannah municipal air fields at what is now Hunter Army Air Base.

The River and Harbor Act of 1938 authorized the construction of the Intercoastal Waterway to a depth of 12 feet. This contract, #1208, has a very large U.S. Army Corps of Engineers map attached.

Interesting contracts include: #1179 related to an agreement with "Beverages of Refinement" for collecting bottles at the city dump; #1185 with Union Camp for land in order to lay out a residential subdivision for its workers; #1189 with Chatham County Colored Citizens Council for a recreation center; #s 1195, 1206, & 1229 for ambulance service and expansion of services of the charity hospital; #1197 concerning a venereal disease clinic; and, #1207 in which the U.S. Government brought the "war-ship" Savannah to the city as part of the "Paper Festival".

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**BOX # CON 16** [0115-002-22.10]

Contracts # 1253 - 1314 (Missing: #s 1273, 1281)  
6 folders, 60 Contracts  
Years: (1914-1915) 1939 - 1943 (1949)

The Federal Works Agency continued to bring people and money into Savannah. The 1940 Lanham Act, which authorized federal operation of a large-scale housing program for defense workers, also resulted in contracts related to the program. Savannah was crawling with military and civil defense personnel during the war years. Another large number of contracts deal with development of the new airport at the former Whitehall Plantation (i.e. #1287) and expansion of the former municipal airport. This expansion involved buying land from hundreds of small property owners. (i.e. #1263) Some large maps spell out the City vs. the railroad land ownership (i.e.#s 1277 &1283). City boundaries were extended as housing developments and recreational and training facilities were constructed for adults and for youth, for whites and for "colored."

Interesting contracts include: #1255 related to the Chatham County Camp and the Malaria Control Program; #s1256, 3129 and others, concerning new subdivisions; #1258 related to the National Youth Administration, which provided campus housing and work experience for young people; #1259 with the Tanenbaums for the demolition of First Presbyterian Church in Monterey Ward; #s1260, 1261 and others related to the Sinking Fund Commission; #1274 for the purchase of the Lowden property on West Bay St. for a vocational school; #1276 related to rights-of-way on the Ogeechee Canal, including deeds and agreements from 1914-1915; #1288 in which the City hospital investigator asks the City to end the lease on her 1937 Lincoln Zephyr, since she cannot obtain tires from the rationing board; #1305 for a science building at Armstrong College; #1290, one of the contracts dealing with the expansion of Hunter Field, which includes a large contour plat; #1296 for tearing up 302 tons of street car rails for the war effort in 1942; and, #1299 for lease of space to run a Typhus Research Laboratory.

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**BOX # CON 17** [0115-002-22.11]

Contracts # 1315 - 1400 (Missing: #s 1324, 1356, 1384, 1390)  
8 folders, 84 Contracts  
Years: 1941 - 1948 (1953, 1961)

This box of contracts is similar to the previous box. The same forces under the Federal Works Agency, the Public Health Service, the Coast Guard and others, were creating work resulting in contracts. The large number of servicemen in the area needed housing, recreation and healthcare. Additional fire stations and equipment, sewers, and even streets had to be provided. Water lines and electrical lines were extended as new subdivisions were developed. New Deal programs also had their effect on Savannah. For example, the Department of Public Welfare leased office space, and the Housing Authority of Savannah was created.

Interesting contracts include: #1315 related to a recreational center for colored armed forces; #1323 for hog raising rights on the Deptford Tract; #1331 with the State Highway Department related to Route 17; #s 1349 & 1357 related to removal of river rats at City Market; #1372 related to timber rights on the Savannah & Ogeechee Canal, including a large detailed plat showing individual land owners; #1383 with Price & Mapes, Inc. Out-door Advertising, for lease of city property on the Ogeechee Road, site of the old powder magazine, on which to erect a poster board;<sup>3</sup> #1388 wherein the City leases the recreational facilities which had been built for the "colored armed forces" in 1942, to use as a "colored recreation center"; #1398 in which the Savannah Transit Co. is born, replacing the street cars with motor buses; and, #1397 with Delta Air Lines for office space at Hunter Field.

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<sup>3</sup>Was this perhaps Savannah's first billboard (1946)?

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**BOX # CON 18** [0115-002-22.12]

Contracts # 1401 - 1456 (Missing: #s 1421, 1422)  
6 folders, 57 Contracts  
Years: (1945) 1946 - 1948 (1951-1956, 1967, 1970)

A number of contracts deal with leasing facilities left behind by the government after the war, particularly at what is now Hunter Army Air Base. Facilities for everything from a kindergarten to a convalescent home, to a dry-cleaning plant were leased. #1415 with The U.S. Naval Reserve was to lease space for a training center. The contract includes renewals through 1970. #1418 deals with revising the building codes. #1432 is with Abercorn Terrace Apartments. #1445 is with Dixie Construction to bring sanitary sewers to Carver Village and includes 3 large plats.

Other interesting contracts: #1437 with A.G. van Schaick, ship chandlery; #1402 with Eastern Air Lines; and, #1455 for Duncan Parking Meters, including testimonials to how the meters solved various city parking problems.

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**BOX # CON 19** [0115-002-22.13]

Contracts # 1457 - 1541  
7 folders, 85 Contracts  
Years: (1941-1942) 1948 - 1950 (1953, 1956, 1960, 1961)

A number of contracts are for leases to buildings at the former military army installations. Contracts with The State Highway Department concern access roads and easements to build Routes 17, 25 and 21. Ownership of concession rights at various sport recreational facilities are also the subject of many contracts. . A number of contracts concern side tracks with the Atlantic Coast Line Rail Road Co.( ACLRR) and various businesses.

#1485 and others concern the State of Georgia Air National Guard moving into Hunter Field.<sup>4</sup>

The Housing Authority of Savannah took over a number of properties left over from the Lanham Act, giving preference to veterans for occupancy (i.e. #1491).

#1503 related to building 400 housing units for the U.S. Air Force at the new airport, Chatham Field. #1508, related to Chatham Field, has a detailed plat attached. #1528 includes a master plan to make Chatham Field the municipal airport. #1536 is a complete survey of Chatham Field property.

Interesting contracts include: #1477 related to the Greenbriar Children's Center for orphaned and homeless Negro children and a nursery school for working mothers (it was housed in the former WAC headquarters); #s 1504 & 1505 dealing with water purchases by Union Bag and Savannah Sugar Refinery; #1524 concerning tax appraisal and reassessment in the City; and, #1536 transferring the Chatham Air Force Base to the City, April 18, 1950.

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<sup>4</sup>On Jan 11, 1951 Hunter Field was taken over by the U.S. Government.

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**BOX # CON 20** [0115-002-22.14]

Contracts # 1542 - 1603 (Missing: #s 1579\*, 1580\*, 1586\*)

\* Note reads that they are in the small vault.

6 folders, 59 Contracts

Years: (1946) 1948 - 1953

The most important contracts in this box concern the consolidation and transfer of the Air Force and the Army Air military facilities and personnel from Chatham Field to Hunter. Chatham or Travis Field was subsequently turned over to the City to become its municipal airport. Airlines leasing space at Hunter transferred to Chatham (Travis) Field. Federal grants for airport construction were obtained and, in a somewhat confusing fashion, because of the Federal bureaucracy, grants made to Hunter had to be canceled and re-granted to the new location, which is where the present day Savannah Airport is located.

Interesting contracts include: #1549 for new oil fired burners in City Hall; #1563 with the Salvation Army for a "home and/or hospital at Chatham Field for the cure, convalescence, treatment and hospitalization of old, aged and infirm persons;" #1570 with the Salvation Army for a dental clinic; #1576 which is the first annual Civil Service System Report for the City; #s 1577, 1582 and others related to increasing the size of Hunter; #1578 for a survey of extended city limits; #1584 related to negotiations with the Seaboard Air Line Rail Road Co. over Hutchinson Island; and, #1588 to provide low-rent housing.

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**BOX # CON 21** [0115-002-22.15]

Contracts # 1604 - 1682

(Missing: #s 1620\*, 1622\*, 1626, 1627, 1631, 1633\*, 1644\*, 1646, 1650\*, 1652\*, 1658\*,  
1660-1663\*, 1667\*, 1677, 1678)

\* Note reads that they are in the small vault.

7 folders, 62 Contracts

Years: 1950 - 1954

The 1950s were years of expansion and contraction. The street rails were disappearing and the highway department was growing.

#1609 shows the results of the Cold War as Hunter continued to expand. #1610 deals with the problems of obtaining clear title to lands around Hunter.

The layout of the City was partially destroyed by Routes 25, 26 and 17 with traffic circles, and asphalt paving replacing the squares. Proposals for parking garages threatened to replace existing structures in a number of areas.

Grants were obtained to enlarge Travis Field, the municipal airport (#1615 for example). #1632 contains 2 large plats of the basic layout of Chatham Field in 1945 and 1954.

Housing projects continue to be built, such as the Fellwood Homes annex and the Garden Homes annex.

Interesting contracts include: #1639 related to the Chatham County Hospital agreement to care for indigent poor at the new hospital (Memorial); #1643 related to The Humane Society shelter on the Ogeechee Rd.; #1656 & 1682 related to a high level bridge over the Savannah River (Eugene Talmadge Memorial Bridge); #1665 deeding old Fort Jackson to the American Cyanamid Co., while the City reserved the right to the bricks; and, #1670 leasing the old City Market and Ellis Square to the Savannah Merchants Co-operative to build a parking garage.

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**BOX # CON 22** [0115-002-22.16]

Contracts # 1683 - 1753

(Missing: #s 1687, 1688, 1690, 1691, 1694\*, 1699\*, 1700\*, 1705\*, 1709\*, 1712\*,  
1713\*, 1717\*, 1718\*, 1720\*, 1728\*, 1732\*, 1733\*, 1736\*, 1741\*, 1742\*, 1744\*, 1745\*,  
1752, 1753)

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6 folders, 51 Contracts

Years: 1953 - 1955

The major event documented by the contracts in this box is the construction of the Eugene Talmadge Memorial Bridge.

There are a number of easements from the railroads for the building of sewers, water mains or streets through railroad property. Often large plats are attached.

Services were being extended beyond the city's corporate limits (i.e. #1734).

#1737 concerns the Josiah Tattnall Homes, a housing project, which like others built by the U.S. Government during the war were being taken over by the city. #1737 includes two large plats.

Street paving and expansion of the municipal airport were also on going activities.

In 1954, the contracts are sometimes signed by the City Manger rather than the Mayor, evidencing the City's adoption of Council-Manager form of government that year.

Interesting contracts include: #1702 for automatic voting machines (1954); and, #1746 related to a city employee benefits plan.

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**BOX # CON 23** [0115-002-22.17]

Contracts # 1754 - 1798  
(Missing: #s 1764-1766, 1768, 1772, 1776, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1795-1797, 1799-1801,  
1805, 1807)  
6 folders, 47 Contracts  
Years: 1955 - 1957

The contracts in this box document continued improvements to the city: paving streets and sidewalks; renovating the municipal auditorium; expanding the public library; upgrading Bacon Park and other recreational facilities, both white and "colored;" and, installing traffic lights.

Water and sewage systems were extended to the subdivisions like Paradise Park, Crest Hill Gardens, Mayfair, Halcyon Bluffs, and others.

There are again some large plats related to the easements procured from the railroads allowing the City to cross railroad property with sewers, water mains, street paving or signal lights.

Interesting contracts include: #1756 related to Mayor Mingledorff, Jr.'s paving program; #s 1758, 1769 & 1782 with Richard Wiley for driftwood removal on the harbor and waterfront; #1760 related to a grant for the development of Travis Field, which includes a very large plat; #1761 for 1,000 parking meters at \$43.29 each; #1762 and others, revising the city codes and ordinances for plumbing and electrical wiring; #1771 related to IBM card punch machines; letters referring to a contract dated 1957, discussing the terms of the agreement with the Cincinnati Redlegs for the use of Grayson Stadium if the team is to return for the 1958 season; #1806 related to the Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission; and, #1808 with George W. Simons, Jr., contractor, for a renewal project.

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**BOX # CON 24** [0115-002-22.18]

Contracts unnumbered  
7 folders, Miscellaneous Documents  
Years: (1846) 1868 - 1916 (1923, 1927)

This box contains a variety of miscellaneous documents found in a 9" by 4" envelope labeled "Various Contracts of the early 1900s. Found 1987". These documents might have been removed from their original file locations because they were involved in a dispute of some sort, either a suit for past taxes, or a question over property ownership.

One document, an 1892 report about inadequate water drainage from the Springfield Canal and Musgrove Creek, is a detailed study giving tidal heights and providing a survey of the area. The writer reports health problems related to poor drainage.

The box also contains: a lists of bills for assessments to property owners, possibly for street paving or sewers(1890s); and, a 1927 inspection report for sewer pipes. A number of documents in folder #152 dating from 1868 to 1902 concern the Dillon heirs and the City disputing ownership of property on Whitaker Street. Folder #156 contains a contract with Savannah Lumber for building a subway at Gwinnett St. for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad crossing.

Five deeds were found in the envelope. One can only speculate that there was a dispute over ownership or foreclosure of said properties which may be why they were included with contracts. One document from June 22, 1915 includes a plat of the Savannah Gas Company's Trustees Garden.

The bulk of the items date from 1888 to 1915, with a few earlier and later documents. They have been placed in chronological order in the folder, except that the deeds dating from 1846 - 1916 have been placed in a separate folder.

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**BOX 20**

1579	c.1951	Acme Construc. Sewage treatment plant
1580	c. 1951	Dixie construc. Ext of sewer system
1586	c. 1951	Espy Paving

**BOX 21**

1620	c.1952	W.H. Strong, fire Station
1622	1952 May 20 ( could be 57?)	Dixie construc., Paving
1633	c.1952	Espy paving, ext. of sewer south of DeRenne,
1644	1953 Mar 24	Dixie construction, sewers-Magnolia Park Subd. , Lamara Apartments, Daffin tract
1650	c.1953	Seaboard Construc. Co. , repave Oglethorpe..
1652	1953 Jul 17	Sav. Asphalt Co.
1658	c. 1953	Espy paving,
1660	c. 1953	Pressure Concrete Co. paving
1661	c. 1953	Espy paving, sewers, storm sewers
1662	c. 1953	Espy paving, sewers, storm sewers
1663	c. 1953	Espy paving, sewers, storm sewers
1667	c. 1953	Dixie Construc., Paving and drainage

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1694	c. 1954	Espy paving & Construc.
1699	c. 1954	Espy paving and construc. , water line Lathrop to Deptford tract
1700	c. 1954	Olaf Otto, swimming pool in Daffin Park
1705	c. 1954	Wright Contracting Co. Daffin Heights & Forest Hills Storm and Sanitary system
1709	c. 1954	Farquar McRae contractor, Southside Fire station
1712	c. 1954	Espy Paving and Construction Co. ext of sewer system Sylvan Terrace
1713	c. 1954	Jack Clark, contractor, taxiway at Travis Field
1717	c. 1954	Ideal Plumbing and Heating Co.
1718	1954 Aug 5	Span-Altman - removal of building at Water works site
1720	c. 1954	C.M. Hefelfinger, ext. of sewers Burtondale Subdivision
1728	1954 Sep	Sav. Asphalt Co. paving and drainage
1732	c. 1954	John R. Cook & co. Water dist. System Oglethorpe Par subdivision
1733	c. 1954	Espy paving & Construc. Co. West side sanitary..
1736	c. 1954	Dixie Construc. Co. paving & drainage
1741	c. 1954	Ideal Plumbing 7 Heating, sanitary sewer sys. Oglethorpe Park subdivision
1742	1955 Jan	Espy paving & construc co. , repairs sewer - Abercorn -Duffy
1744	1955 Jan	Ideal Plumbing & Heating, Daffin park pump sta.
1745	1955 Jan	Dixie Construc. Co. paving Waters Ave front of Memorial Hospital