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City of Savannah, Georgia  
Clerk of Council**

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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:** Deeds  
**GROUP DATES:** 1817-1955  
**GROUP ABBREVIATION:** DDS  
**GROUP BOX #s:** DDS 1 through DDS 19  
**GROUP SIZE:** 19 Document Cases (legal)  
150 Folders (legal)  
**RECORD SERIES BOX #:** 0115-003-1 through 0115-003-4.15

**RECORD GROUP SCOPE NOTE:** Deed Numbers 1 - 1558

This record group contains indentures, deeds, mortgages, quit claims, and tax notices for property acquired, purchased or condemned by the City government. Property was either seized for non-payment of taxes or purchased by the City for public projects or street, sewer, canal or port improvements. The City also purchased property as it gradually expanded its borders, East, South and West over the years. Streets were widened or extended, and space was needed for rail and streetcar tracks and for electrical and telephone poles. Sewers and canals were constantly enlarged, filled in or removed. Often the deeds are for only a strip of land along someone's lot, needed for widening a street, laying a rail, or deepening a canal. Many deeds include corporate seals and United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) document stamps.

Deed numbers are not always unique. Several deeds having the same deed number duplicated usually relate to the same property or are for properties owned by the same person. Multiple deeds can also be found when property was jointly owned by a number of individuals. Missing numbers are noted on the folders and in the Box Inventory.

Dates on the folders indicate both the years of the majority of the items in the folder and those

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dates outside the bulk of items. For example, [(1817) 1852 - 1895 (1942)] means that the date range is from 1817 - 1942. The bulk of the documents, however, fall between 1852 and 1895. The date the deed was recorded in the county record book is the date used. This date is usually within a month of the actual date of indenture but can be vastly different. When a recording date is illegible or absent, the archivist has used internal evidence such as the indenture date or the date of an attached letter. Such dates are noted with a suffix (L for letter, M for meeting, I for indenture date, QC for quit claim or T for a tax bill.) The county record book number is listed for each deed on the processing work sheets prepared by the archivist. In the early years the Clerk's Office, Chatham County Superior Court used multiple letters for identifying deed books, such as AA or GGGG. As the years went by, the identification was simplified to 5T or 29Z, etc. This notation, followed by the folio number is written on most of the deeds.

Boxes DDS 18 and DDS 19 contain deeds which were "found" during archival processing of the City Attorney Administrative Subject Files. They all fall within the time period of May 1951 - July 1952 except for one from October 1950. The specific property dealt with in the deeds for these two boxes, is listed individually in the accompanying Box Inventory.

## **RECORD GROUP CONDITION NOTE:**

Initially, the deeds were stored in standard letter-legal records storage cartons in the City Hall basement. Between six and fifteen deeds were "jammed into" 9" by 4" heavy brown acidic envelopes tied with string. Some of the larger maps were literally crumpled to fit into the packets. Archival processing included removing the deeds from the envelopes, flattening them as much as possible, and placing them into acid-free folders and document cases. The earliest deeds are handwritten. Forms, with handwritten information filled in, gradually appear; and after 1900, most of the deeds are typed or mimeographed (stencil duplication). Sometimes the deeds are badly blurred. Other deeds 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, 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 photo duplication was accomplished. Many plats are folded multiple times,

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and oversize deeds remain folded to fit into the 8" x 14" folders. Blueprints and drawings attached to the deeds may be the only extant plats for the properties.

**RECORD GROUP DESCRIPTION:**

In the accompanying Box Notes, the names at the end of the box descriptions are additions to those names mentioned in the body of the box note. If the archivist noticed a name recurring or recognized the name as important in Savannah's history, the name was listed. Other names may also occur in the documents (See "Deeds Surnames" list at end of this document).

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

**I. Antebellum and Civil War Period**

Dates: (1817) 1852-1865

Early businesses are noted on plats which are attached to many of the deeds, especially in the early years. Handwritten deeds, often in beautiful calligraphy, early water marks, and signatures as well as the hand drawn maps, are of interest as artifacts in addition to their content. The bureaucratic headaches of forming a new government are evident. "United States" has been hand crossed out and "Confederate States of America" written in on some documents of the Civil War era. Often the same property changed hands many times depending on the owner's sympathies during the war and during Reconstruction.

**II. Post Civil War/Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

Dates: 1866-1920s

It is possible to trace prominent property owners' names over the decades. Some deeds include abstracts listing the history of a property's ownership. There is an increase in deeds relating to social services, recreation areas, entertainment halls, schools, poor houses, cemeteries, and hospitals.

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**III. Depression Era  
Dates: 1929 - 1937**

Railroads and canals were supplanted by roads. Projects of the Federal Works Progress Administration in the 1930s and 1940s paved roads and installed sewers and drainage in outlying areas.

**IV. World War II and Aftermath  
Dates: 1938 - 1955**

Savannah was an important port during World War II and also was home to some of the first Army Air and Air Force bases. Land leases and transfers from and to the U.S. Government are prevalent among the deeds from 1938 to 1950. Neighborhoods changed, and the farms and rural areas of Savannah were replaced with housing developments, airports and military bases. The abandonment, and some near losses of Savannah's historic sites, can also be traced in the deeds.

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**Deeds Surnames**

Anderson	McLaws
Armstrong	Meldrim
Bacon	Minis
Barrow	National Leasing, Inc.
Brannen	Ohsiek
Burroughs	Paulsen
Butler	Pfau
Central of Georgia Railway Co.	Powell Construction Co.
Chatham Investment Co., Inc.	Prendergast
De Renne	Puder
Deutsch	Rosenbrook
Ellis	Savannah Union Station Co.
Estill	Schley
Falligant	Schreck
Gordon	Sheftall
Guerard	Solomons
Hardee	Strachan
Harris	Taliaferro
Hornstein	Tillman
Hunter	Ulmer
Jones	
La Roche	
Lamar	
Lattimore	
Lawton	
Lewis	
Low	
Lucas	
Lufburrow	
Lynes	
McDonough	
McIntosh	
McIntosh & Co., Inc.	

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**INVENTORY:**

**BOX # DDS 1** [0115-003-1]  
**YEARS: (1817) 1852-1895 (1942)**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
0	unnumbered	1817 Mar 28
1	1 - 5	1870 Jun-1874 Dec
2	6 - 11	1852 Nov-1872 Sep
3	12 - 16	1859 Nov-1872 Apr
4	17 - 25	1850 Nov-1876 Jun
5	26 - 34	1867 Mar-1893 Oct
6	35 - 50 (missing # 48)	1854 Jun-1874 Aug
7	51 - 66 (missing # 54)	1853 Dec-1872 Nov
8	67 - 84	1852 Oct-1876 Dec
9	85 - 98	1852 Jul-1877 Mar
10	99 - 126 (missing #s 100-119)	1853 Oct-1887 Jan
11	127 - 145	1860 Feb-1885 Sep
12	146 - 161	1871 Nov-1886 Apr
13	162 - 168 (missing #164)	1860 Jan-1895 Oct

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**INVENTORY:**

**BOX # DDS 2** [0115-003-2]  
**YEARS: 1859-1896 (1921)**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
14	169 - 184 (missing # 179)	1859 Nov-1890 Mar
15	185 - 201	1888 Nov-1891 Dec
16	202 - 220 (missing # 212, 218)	1892 May-1893 Jun
17	221 - 228 (missing # 226)	1893 Oct-1895 Jun
18	229 - 245	1894 Aug-1896 May
19	3 - 26 "Miscellaneous deeds" (missing # 1, 2, 6-13, 24, 25)	1921 Oct-Nov

**BOX # DDS 3** [0115-003-3]  
**YEARS: 1896-1898**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
20	246 - 253	1896 May-1897 Jun
21	254 - 261	1897 Mar-1897 Sep
22	262 - 269	1897 Oct-1897 Dec
23	270 - 279 (missing #274, 275)	1898 Jan-1898 Mar
24	280 - 290 (missing #291)	1896 Jan-1898 Jul
25	292 - 300 (missing #295)	1898 Jul-1898 Aug
26	301 - 309 (missing #302)	1898 Jul-1898 Sep

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**INVENTORY:**

**BOX # DDS 4** [0115-003-4]  
**YEARS: (1894) 1898-1901 (1924)**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
27	310 - 325	(1894) 1898 Sep-1899 Jul
28	326 - 337 (missing #334)	(1870, 1890) 1899 Aug-1900 Jan
29	338 - 350	1899 Nov-1900 Jan
30	351 - 365 (missing #363)	1900 Jan-1900 Apr
31	366 - 379 (missing #376)	1900 Feb-1901 Mar (1924)
32	380 - 392 (missing #383)	1901 Apr-1901 May
33	393 - 407	1901 Jul-1901 Nov

**BOX # DDS 5** [0115-003-4.1]  
**YEARS: 1884-1903**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
34	408 - 422	1884 Nov-1901 Dec
35	423 - 440	1901 Dec-1902 Apr
36	441 - 456	1902 Apr-1902 Jul
37	457 - 466	1902 Jul-1902 Dec
38	467 - 477	1902 Aug-1903 May
39	478 - 497	1903 Mar-1903 Oct

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**INVENTORY:**

**BOX # DDS 6** [0115-003-4.2]  
**YEARS: (1897) 1903-1905**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
40	498 - 508 (missing #504)	1903 Aug-1904 Dec
41	509 - 521	1904 Feb-1904 Sep
42	522 - 540	1904 Jan-1905 Jun
43	541 - 558	1904 Jan-1905 Dec
44	559 - 570	1905 Dec-1906 Aug
45	571 - 588	(1897) 1906 Feb-1907 Mar

**BOX # DDS 7** [0115-003-4.3]  
**YEARS: (1854-1900) 1906-1914**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
46	589 - 601	(1853-1874, 1901) 1906 Nov-1909 Jun
47	602 - 620 (missing #604, 613)	1909 Mar-1911 May
48	621 - 636	(1906, 1907) 1910 Sep-1911 Aug
49	637 - 656 (missing #653-655)	(1900, 1903) 1911 Aug-1912 Sep
50	657 - 667 (missing #659)	1905 Nov-1915 Mar
51	668 - 675	(1871-1890, 1893, 1900, 1910) 1913 Dec-1914 May

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**BOX # DDS 8** [0115-003-4.4]  
**YEARS: (1880-1908) 1909-1915**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
52	29 unnumbered labeled "to be filed"	1880 Aug-1911 Jul
53	676 - 682	(1903,1908,1909) 1913 Nov-1914 Aug
54	683 - 695	1909 May-1915 Feb
55	696 -706	1890 Dec-1915 Mar
56	707 - 721	1915 Feb-1916 Jul
57	722 - 731	1914 May-1915 Oct
58	731	1909 Apr -1915 Oct

**BOX # DDS 9** [0115-003-4.5]  
**YEARS: (1884-1913) 1915-1917**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
59	732 - 738	1884 Mar-1915 Dec
60	739 - 757	1916 Jan-1916 Jun
61	758 - 772 (missing #771)	1916 May-1916 Jul
62	773 - 779 (missing #775, 777)	1916 Mar-1916 Sep
63	780 - 790	1916 Sep-1917 Jan

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**BOX # DDS 10** [0115-003-4.6]  
**YEARS: (1891-1914) 1916-1923 (1938)**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
64	791 - 806 (missing #792)	1916 Nov-1917 Nov
65	807 - 882 (missing #820)	(1893) 1916 Oct-1919 Jul
66	823 - 839 (missing #828-830, 833, 840)	1919 May-1921 Jul
67	841 - 849 (missing #843, 844, 847-849, 851-854)	1920 Jan-1921 Nov
68	855 - 862 (missing #858)	1919 Mar-1921 Mar
69	863	1921 Feb 16 (1938)
70	864 - 876 (missing #870, 872)	1920 Mar-1923 Dec
71	877 - 887 (missing #885)	(1891-1914), 1922 Mar-1922 Oct

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**BOX # DDS 11** [0115-003-4.7]

**YEARS: (1897-1921) 1923-1930, (1940,1948)**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
72	888 - 899 (missing #891)	1923 Feb-1925 Jun (1940, 1948)
73	900 - 913	1925 Oct-1926 Jul (1965)
74	914 - 922	(1913-1924) 1926 Dec-1928 Oct
75	923 - 935	(1924) 1928 Jan-1928 Aug
76	936 - 947 (missing #939)	1928 Jul-1929 Jan
77	948 - 958	(1897,1900,1920,1921) 1929 Mar-1930 Feb
78	959 -971	(1919,1926) 1927 Jun-1930 Feb (1940)

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**BOX # DDS 12** [0115-003-4.8]  
**YEARS: (1908-1925) 1929-1939**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
79	972 - 981 (missing #978-980)	(1921) 1930 Oct-1931 Jul
80	982 - 984	(1925) 1929 Jun-1932 Apr
81	995 - 1112 (missing #997, 1000, 1010-1110)	(1913-1914) 1930 Sep-1934 Jan
82	1113 - 1130 (missing #1119 & 1121)	(1930) 1934 Jan-1936 May
83	1131 - 1144 (missing #1134)	1936 Apr-1937 Oct
84	1145 - 1146	1937 Oct-1937 Dec
85	1147	1908 Sep-1938 Jan
86	1148 - 1157	1936 Jun-1939 Dec

**BOX # DDS 13** [0115-003-4.9]  
**YEARS: (1933) 1939-1943**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
87	1158 - 1171(missing #1166,1172,1173)	1939 Dec-1940 Aug
88	1174 - 1187 (missing #1176,1181, 1182)	(1933) 1939 May-1941 Jan
89	1190 - 1196 (missing #1188, 1189)	1941 Dec-1942 Jun
90	1197 - 1206	1941 Nov-1942 Apr
91	1207 - 1220	1942 Jan-1943 Feb

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**BOX # DDS 14** [0115-003-4.10]

**YEARS: (1912-1939) 1941-1943**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
92	1222 - 1239 (missing #1221)	(1920) 1941 Mar-1941 Jun
93	1240 - 1254	1941 Mar-1942 Jun
94	1255 - 1265	1942 Jan-1942 Dec
95	1266 - 1277	(1912) 1941 Dec-1942 Sep
96	1278 - 1293	1941 Dec-1943 Feb
97	1294 - 1307	(1939) 1941 Dec-1942 Sep
98	1308 - 1322	1941 Dec-1942 Jul

**BOX # DDS 15** [0115-003-4.11]

**YEARS: (1899, 1940) 1941-1945**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
99	1323 - 1333	(1899, 1940) 1941 Dec-1942 Nov
100	1334 - 1345	1941 Dec-1945 Feb
101	1348 - 1358 (missing #1347,1350)	1943 Mar-1944 May
102	1359 - 1362	1944 Jun
103	1363 - 1368 (missing #1369-1384)	1944 Mar-1944 Sep
104	1385 - 1394	1944 Sep-1945 Apr

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**BOX # DDS 16** [0115-003-4.12]  
**YEARS: (1899) 1945-1954**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
105	1396 - 1407 (missing #1395)	1945 Apr-1946 Jul
106	1408 - 1424	1946 Jun-1948 Mar
107	1425 - 1436	1948 Jun-1950 Mar
108	1437 - 1445A & B - 1476	1950 Feb-1951 Mar
109	1477 - 1492 (missing #1484)	1951 May-1952 Nov
110	1493 - 1497	(1899, 1946) 1952 Dec-1954 Feb

**BOX # DDS 17** [0115-003-4.13]  
**YEARS: 1950-1955**

Folder #	Deed #	Year/Month
111	1498 - 1507	1950 Apr-1954 Sep
112	1508 - 1517	1954 Mar-1954 Dec
113	1518 - 1526	1954 Sep-1954 Nov
114	1527 - 1536	1954 Jul-1955 Mar
115	1537 - 1558	1954 Jun-1955 Apr

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**BOX # DDS 18** [0115-003-4.14]

**YEARS: (1950) 1951**

**Folder # 116A**

**County Record Book 44Y**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
203 *	300 acres, portions of Rockingham, Carsrega and Hermitage Tracts	1951 Jun

\* Spelling and capitalization in the description was taken from the documents.

**Folder # 116B**

**County Record Book 53T**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
374 *	11.8 acres land & 10.6 acres marsh, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 May
442	portion tract 17, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
444	portion lot 24, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
449	portion tract 18, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
455	lots 58, 59, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
460	portion lot 18, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
463	lot 21, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
465	portion tract 18, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
467	portion tract 9, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
471	489 acres marsh, 190.73 acres land, 300 acres land, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 May

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**YEARS: (1950) 1951**

**Folder # 116B** (continued)

**County Record Book 53T** (continued)

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
475	portion tract 34, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
477	portion tract 19, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
481	portion lot 34, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
483	portion lot 41, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
485	portion tract 26, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
487	portion tract 34, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
500	portion of Hermitage Tract, 6 <sup>th</sup> G. M. District	1950 Oct

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**YEARS: (1950) 1951**

**Folder # 117**

**County Record Book 53U**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
9	portion tract 9, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
39	portion tract 9, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
15	portion lot 28, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
17	portion tract 18, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
170	portion lot 24, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
473	Lot 5, Cloud Subdivision	1951 May

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**Folder # 118**  
**County Record Book 53V**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
20	10 acres, Rockingham & Burkhalter Rds.	1951 May
46	portion lot 25, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
190	portion lot 24, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
277	parcel A, tract 1, parcel B, tract 2, Burkhalter Rd.	1951 May
365	lot 24, block T & lot 9, block P, Central Park Subdivision	1951 May
367	portion lot 24, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
369	portion lot 24, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
416	portion tract 23, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
481	lot 233, portion 234, portion 262, Savannex Subdivision	1951 May
497	portion lot 24, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May

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**YEARS: (1950) 1951**

**Folder # 119**  
**County Record Book 53W**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
7	37.99 acres, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 May
86	3.9 acres, White Bluff Rd.	1951 May
89	19.7 acres, M. J. O'Leary Tract	1951 May
184	portion lot 6, Cloud Subdivision	1951 May
199	lot 53, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
267	portion lot 4, Cloud Subdivision	1951 Jun
269	portion lot 28, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 May
277	lot 1 & 2, Forest River Farms, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District,	1951 Jun
279	lot 24, Forest River Farms, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 Jun
305	lot 52, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Jun
396	3 acres, Forest River Farms Annex	1951 Jun
398	lot 20 & 21, Forest River Farms	1951 Jun
432	lot 17, Forest River Farms, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 Jun
439	lot 3, 4, 5, Forest River Farms, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 Jun

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**Folder # 119** (continued)

**County Record Book 53W** (continued)

441	lot 18, Forest River Farms, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 Jun
444	lot 18 & 19, Forest River Farms, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 Jun

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**YEARS: (1950) 1951**

**Folder # 120**

**County Record Book 53X**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
9	lot 20 & 21, Forest River Farms, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 Jun
323	portion lot 234, lot 235, Savannex	1951 Jun
449	lot 4 & 5, resubdivision lots 1-4, John Monroe Tract	1951 Jun
458	lot 5, Quarterman Subdivision	1951 Jun
460	portion lot 3, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Jun
464	various lots, 35-4,1 42-51, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Jun

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**Folder # 121**  
**County Record Book 54A**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
31	50 ½ acres, Burkhalter & Middleground Rds., 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 Jun
33	portion lot 23, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Jun
35	lots 35-41, & lots 42-51, & 54, Quarterman Subdivision	1951 Jun
40	portion tract 18, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Jun
77	51.04 acres, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District, portion Miller & Webster Tract	1951 Jun
79	lot 60 & 61, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Jun
81	9.1 acres, M. J. O'Leary Tract	1951 Jun
92	21.4 acres & 417 acres, M. J. O'Leary Tract	1951 Jun
96	portion lot 4, Cloud Subdivision	1951 Jun
138	20.1 acres, Wilensky Tract	1951 Jun
146	lots 321, 232, 263, & 264, Savannex Subdivision	1951 Jun
235	lot 3, John Monroe Tract	1951 Jun
236	lot 3, portion Kollock's Plantation	1951 Jun
321	portion lot 5, John Monroe Tract	1951 Jun

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**Folder # 121 (continued)**  
**County Record Book 54A (continued)**

447	18.46 acres on White Bluff	1951 Jun
451	lot 4 & 5, block N, Hempstead Village, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Jun
453	lot 4, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Jun
460	lot 6, 7, & 8, John Monroe Tract	1951 Jun

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**YEARS: (1950) 1951**

**Folder # 122**  
**County Record Book 54B**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
25	portion lot 6, Quarterman Subdivision	1951 Jun
29	portion lot 5, John Monroe Tract	1951 Jun
94	9.1 acres, 8 mile post, Atlantic Coastal Railway	1951 Jun
187 -193	3 acres, Forest River Farms Annex	1951 Jun
297	portion lot 2, Quarterman Subdivision	1951 Jun
301	lot 1, Cloud Subdivision	1951 Jun
329	469 acres, 4 ½ miles south of city	1951 Jun
361	lot 22, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Jun
368	lot 1, Cloud Subdivision	1951 Jun
386	portion lot 19, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Jun
388	portion lot 2, Village of Acton	1951 Jun
397	portion lot 6, Quarterman Subdivision	1951 Jun
399	portion lot 19, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Jun

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**YEARS: (1950) 1951**

**Folder # 123**  
**County Record Book 54C**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
477	lots 15-21, Vernon Park	1951 Jul

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**YEARS: 1951-1952**

**Folder # 124**

**County Record Book 54D**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
47	lot 9, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Jul
49	lot 11, 12 of subdivision of lots 1, 2, & 64, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Jul
63	portion lot 6, Quarterman Subdivision	1951 Jul
105	portion of Schreiner Tract	1951 Jul
205	3 acres , portion of Hermitage Tract, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 Jul
255	lot 23, 24, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Jul
336	6.4 acres, M.J. O'Leary Tract	1951 Jul

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**YEARS: 1951-1952**

**Folder # 125**

**County Record Book 54E**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
226	lot 3, Cleary Tract	1951 Jul
306	lot 3, 4, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Jul
313	portion lot 40, Vernon Park	1951 Jul
350	lots 26, 27, 28, & 29, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Jul
442	2 acres on White Bluff	1951 Jul
448	lot 11, 12, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Jul

**Folder # 126**

**County Record Book 54F**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
15	lot 30,31, Vernon Park	1951 Jul
158	lot 14, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Jul

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**YEARS: 1951-1952**

**Folder # 127**  
**County Record Book 54G**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
80	3.48 acres on White Bluff	1951 Aug
93	portion lot 3, Acton Plantation	1951 Aug
217	lot 62, Duggar Tract	1951 Aug
314	3 acres, Forest River Farms Annex	1951 Aug
392	10 acres on White Bluff, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Aug

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**Folder # 128  
County Record Book 54H**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
207	portion lot 40, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Aug
274	lot 6, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Aug
276	534 acres on White Bluff	1951 Aug
278	lot 6, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Aug
344	portion lot 41, Vernon Park	1951 Aug
403	lot 8, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Aug

**Folder # 129  
County Record Book 54I**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
24	lot 7, 8, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Aug
227	lot 3, Acton Plantation	1951 Aug
411	lot 57, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Aug

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**Folder # 130**

**County Record Book 54J**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
63	lot 15, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Jun
73	lot 10, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Jun
75	lot 3, 4, on White Bluff	1951 Jun
123	lot 29, block V, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Jun
194	3.45 acres on White Bluff	1951 Jun

**Folder # 131**

**County Record Book 54K**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
37	145.5 acres, Carsregan Tract, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 Aug
111	lot 56, block V, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
113	lot 61, block V, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
115	lot1, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Sep
452	lot 16, 23, Forest River Farms	1951 Sep

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**Folder # 132**

**County Record Book 54L**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
24	lot 7, block L, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
26	lot 11, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
28	lot 9, block U, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
33	lot 16, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
37	portion lot 6, Cloud Subdivision	1951 Sep
396	lot 10, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
441	portion lot 2, Village of Acton	1951 Sep
453	6 acres, Hermitage Tract, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1951 Sep

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**Folder # 133**

**County Record Book 54N**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
136	lot 12, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
320	lot 13, block U, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
346	lot 11, block U, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
353	lots 22-25, & lot 32, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Sep
359	lot 2, block L, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
361	lots 26-28, block U; lot 9, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep

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**Folder # 134**

**County Record Book 540**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
132	lot 7,8, block U, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
167	lot 18, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
176	lot 13, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
198	lot 18, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
308	lot 51, 52, block V, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
311	lot 36, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
316	lot 51, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep
319	lot 16, block U, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Sep

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**Folder # 135  
County Record Book 54P**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
34	lot 12, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Oct
134	lot 5, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Oct
149	lot 5, north ward, Vernon Park	1951 Oct
225	lots 19-21, 26-27, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Oct

**Folder # 136  
County Record Book 54Q**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
109	lot 13 of subdivision of lots 1, 2, & 64	1951 Oct
272	lot 17, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Oct
416	lot 56, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Oct

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**Folder # 137  
County Record Book 54R**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
195	portion of Hermitage Tract	1951 Oct
213	portion of Hermitage Tract	1951 Oct
336	lot 6, Forest River Farms	1951 Oct

**Folder # 138  
County Record Book 54S**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
65	lot 14, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Oct
69	lot 16, 17, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Oct
199	lot 11, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Oct

**Folder # 139  
County Record Book 54T**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
208	lot 8, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1951 Nov

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**Folder # 140**  
**County Record Book 54W**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
82	portion lot 6, Cloud Subdivision	1951 Dec
379	lots 17-26, of subdivision of lots 1, 2, & 64, St. Annes Tract Subdivision	1951 Dec

**Folder # 141**  
**County Record Book 55H**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
463	Zion White Bluff Baptist Colored Church, 6 <sup>th</sup> G.M. District	1952 Feb

**Folder # 142**  
**County Record Book 55I**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
2	lot 11, 12, block L, Central Park Subdivision	1952 Feb

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**Folder # 143**  
**County Record Book 55Q**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
224	lots 32, 33, block U, Central Park Subdivision	1952 Apr

**Folder # 144**  
**County Record Book 55R**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
216	lots 14, 15, block T, Central Park Subdivision	1952 Apr
405	lot 16, block T, Central Park Subdivision	1952 Apr
587	lots 2, 3, 4, block U, Central Park Subdivision	1952 Apr
599	lot 5, block U, Central Park Subdivision	1952 Apr

**Folder # 145**  
**County Record Book 55S**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
18	lot 4, block R, lot 31, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1952 Apr

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**Folder # 146**  
**County Record Book 55T**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
29	lot 4, block P, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May
44	lot 2, block N, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May
182	lot 2, block P, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May
184	lot 20, block P, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May
500	lot 18, block T, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May

**Folder # 147**  
**County Record Book 55U**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
114	lot 35, block V, lot 2, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May
130	lot 1, block R, lot 36, block U, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May
275	lot 25, block P, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May
479	lot 12, block M, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May
495	lot 34, block R, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May

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**YEARS: 1951-1952**

**Folder # 148  
County Record Book 55V**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
461	lot 18, block P, lot 18, block M, Central Park Subdivision	1952 May

**Folder # 149  
County Record Book 56B**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
588	lots 20-21, block V, lots 16-17, 25-26, block S, lots 10-11, & 19 block O, Central Park Subdivision	1952 Jul

**Folder # 150  
County Record Book 56E**

Folio #	Description	Year/Month
220	lot 28, block P, Central Park Subdivision	1952 Jul
222	lot 3, block M, Central Park Subdivision	1952 Jul

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**BOX # DDS 1** [0115-003-1]

Deeds #0-168 (Missing: #48,54,100-119, 164)  
13 folders, 184 deeds  
Years: (1817) 1852 - 1895, (1942)

Numerical order does not correspond to chronological order in this box. Deed numbers may not be unique; for example, two or more deeds are numbered 3, 12, 28, 60, 66, 84, 97, 98, 126, 153, 154, 161, 167 and 168. Five of the deeds do not have numbers. Missing numbers are noted in the Inventory. The earliest deed dates from 1817, but most deeds date after 1852. Many are oversize and fragile. **CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN HANDLING THESE DEEDS.** Detailed ink plats, when attached, tend to be very large and folded many times, but often pinpoint local businesses, canals, railroad tracks, batteries, and other items of historical interest. The ethnic diversity of the City's population is evident in the names which appear on the deeds. There are deeds relating to Bonaventure and Laurel Grove cemeteries, the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal, the Savannah poorhouse and hospital, Georgia Infirmary for aged and afflicted Negroes, and a pest house. Interesting deeds abound, but two are of particular note: #34 in which the City purchased a steamboat, and #38 in which the City purchased a slave. #93 has historical and artifactual value: the word "United" in the heading "United States of America" is crossed out and "Confederate" is written in. The document is torn, folded many times and in need of preservation.

Names: Prendergast, Estill, Hardee, McDonough, McIntosh, Lamar, Gordon, Falligant.

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**BOX # DDS 2** [0115-003-2]

Deeds #169-245 (Missing #179, 218, 212, 226).  
6 folders, 112 deeds  
Years: 1859-1896; 1921 Oct -Nov

The deeds continue to document the expansion of the City, especially westward, and rights-of-way for extending or widening streets. The "Freeholders Committee on Streets and Lanes" is cited in condemned private property for street and city expansion. The many hand colored maps illustrate canals (i.e., Springfield, Bilbo) and city railway and street car lines (S. F.&W. #205). Local businesses are often indicated on the maps, such as Ocean Steamship Company, The Cotton Warehouse, and Savannah Brick Manufacturing (#197).

A group of deeds labeled "Miscellaneous deeds" are for property seized for non-payment of taxes. This confiscation was not a case of throwing the widow and children out on the street. Many times property was abandoned; and often, taxes had not been paid for 10 to 15 years. This group was numbered 1 - 26 but also includes 8 unnumbered. Deeds #1- 26 which are found in folder #19 were labeled "miscellaneous" (Missing #1, 2, 6-13,15, 24, 25) [There is a heading in the Index Book, *Deeds I* for Miscellaneous Marshall's Deeds . A separate sequence of numbers appears for #1-23]

A similar group of deeds in 1893 include the City Marshall's "tax executions" for unpaid taxes in 1890 and 1891. The property was seized and advertised for auction. The City often obtained the property when there was no other bidder. 1890-91 saw a severe smallpox epidemic in Savannah which may account for property being vacant and taxes not being paid. Beginning around deed #200, numbers and dates are more chronologically in sync.

The handwriting of the clerk in 1893 is very hard to read . Some deeds contain two stamps and two dates. The information on the folders and in the Inventory is as accurate as could be discerned from the documents.

Interesting items in this box: a deed related to the old Hebrew cemetery lot #241; a large map

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**BOX # DDS 2 (continued)**

involving a boundary dispute attached to #170; and the City's purchase of land for a public park #209. A large map attached to this deed includes the location of the City's poor farm.

Names: Lufburrow, Falligant, Meldrim.

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**BOX # DDS 3** [0115-003-3]

Deeds #246-309 (Missing #274, 275, 291, 295, 302)  
7 folders, 62 deeds  
Years: 1896-1898

In 1897 a blueprint appears instead of a hand ink drawing of a plat (#260). In 1888 the clerk starts to use a rubber stamp in which he fills in the blanks to document recorded date.

Many deeds contain very large maps which were severely crumpled (i.e.#258, 280, 293). Even after they are smoothed out as much as possible, they must remain folded many times to fit into the folders. Most of the deeds have maps attached making the folders quite bulky. Familiar Savannah names continue to appear.

A number of deeds discuss transportation improvements ( #267,279, 289, 290). For example, the Savannah Thunderbolt and Isle of Hope Railway "prayed for the re-adjustment of its line" to the Committee on Streets and Lanes in 1898.

Names: Prendergast, Falligant, Sheftall.

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**BOX # DDS 4** [0115-003-4]

Deeds #310-407 (Missing #334, 363,376, & 383)  
7 folders, 95 deeds  
Years: (1870, 1894) 1898-1901, (1924)

The majority of the deeds in Box 4 have hand inked plats attached. The plats are usually large and folded at least once. An original deed from 1870, #333 is in extremely poor condition and missing some pieces. #345 & #354 give some background on the Hebrew Cemetery property. Deeds appear which are signed by property owners who could only make their "mark", i.e. #370. If you want to know where Lovers Lane was, see #321.

Some deeds include abstracts of the property's history, i.e. # 336 for the City and Suburban Railway Co. The plats attached to the deeds pinpoint locations for the Gorrie Ice Manufacturing Co., City and Suburban Improvement Co., Savannah Union Station, farm lots, Citizens Land Co. , tenements and other sites. The deeds also include the earlier street names, as in Estill which is now Victory, #314.

Most deeds appear to be produced by a stencil process. They are held together with rivets. Some have been glued. Pins and easily removable hardware have been replaced with archival clips.

Names: Estill, Falligant, Rosenbrook, Minis, Sheftall.

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**BOX # DDS 5** [0115-003-4.1]

Deeds #408-497  
6 folders, 93 deeds  
Years: 1884-1903

Many of the maps in this box are extremely large and must remain folded many times. More deeds appear with the seller's mark only. Some of the stencil deeds are badly faded or blurred, #496 and #497. #415 is noteworthy for the beautiful coloring and calligraphy. In #472, the lawyer questions the permanence of the ink in this new duplication process. #477 contains a very large map of the water works and the Ogeechee Canal. Blueprint plats begin to appear more frequently instead of the hand ink drawings. Tissue paper used for copies is sometimes torn.

Some interesting businesses appear: Oglethorpe Investment Co., #416, The Brownville Protection and Relief Club, # 451. There are some City Marshall deeds for property seized for non-payment of taxes. In general, property was being acquired in order to extend the city limits South and West.

Names: Schley, Paulsen, Anderson, Brannen, Hardee, Falligant.

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**BOX # DDS 6** [0115-003-4.2]

Deeds #498-588 (Missing: #504, Deed #501 is also labeled #502)  
6 folders, 92 deeds  
Years: (1897) 1903-1905

Rubber bands begin to make their appearance. They have usually solidified, and the remains have been scraped off the documents. This box has a number of deeds in very poor condition: torn, faded, and parts illegible, i.e. #498. There are some very large plats, i.e. #499. A number of deeds are signed with the seller's "mark" only, i.e. #500. Another deed related to the Hebrew Cemetery property appears, #523. A huge map attached to deeds #544 & #559 details a border dispute on Hutchinson and Fig Islands over the division of Bailey's Creek. The plat also shows the location of the U.S. lighthouse. #577 contains an interesting description of the old fair grounds, the Savannah Racing Association, and the De Renne Canal. #548 and #588 describe property for a Military Armory for the First Battalion of Infantry GA and Savannah (Colored) troops. #560 deals with the Female Orphan Benevolent Society. Transfers of the same property at different times appear as duplicate numbers.

Names: Schley, Ohsiek, Meldrim.

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**BOX # DDS 7** [0115-003-4.3]

Deeds #589-675 (Missing: #604, 613, 653, 654 & 655)  
6 folders, 107 deeds  
Years: (1853-1903) 1905-1914

The majority of the deeds in Box 7 have plats attached, some very large and detailed. A number of deeds discuss rights-of-way for Savannah Electric Co. and for city sewers.

Under #592 are 6 deeds related to the City's purchase of Bonaventure Cemetery in 1907. #597 lists the names of parties with perpetual care agreements (1907). There is no map but there are detailed descriptions of the boundaries.

Frequently, multiple deeds to the same piece of property are found under the same number. They are often riveted together, beginning with Deed #661. Hence the dates on these folders have a wide spread. Sometimes an abstract of the various owners of a certain property is provided.

#660 & #667 contain large plats of the area around the Bilbo Canal. Interesting deeds include: Ardsley Park Land Corp. #608; Charity hospital #635; Springfield Heights #666; and, Brampton Plantation and new terminal facilities #671.

Most deeds are in fairly good condition, although the rivets holding them together are green and rusted. #640 & #667 need preservation work. The plats are tearing, and they are on very poor paper.

Names: Falligant, Guerard, Schley.

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**BOX # DDS 8** [0115-003-4.4 ]

Deeds 29 unnumbered, #676-731 (Missing: #699)  
7 folders, 113 deeds  
Years: (1880-1908) 1909-1915

Folder #52 contains 29 documents from 1880-1911 which are unnumbered. They were found in envelopes labeled "to be filed". A few deeds have no recorded date, and the archivist used internal evidence to obtain a date. Such dates are noted with a suffix (L for letter, M for meeting, I for indenture date, QC for quit claim or T for a tax bill), to indicate that the date is not the recorded date. These notations can be found on the archivist's processing notes and work sheets. For illegible dates, or torn documents, a "best guess" day or month is used based on internal evidence.

The plat on #732 is badly crumpled. In 1913 one begins to see paper clips, straight pins and staples--all thoroughly rusted. Although some plats have been on blueprints before 1913, by 1913 almost all of the plats are blueprints rather than the hand colored ink drawings. The blueprint paper does not hold up as well as the waxed drawings of the earlier dates.

Many documents related to the same piece of property have been separated. One such group probably has an interesting side story. The property appears to be located near the present Civic Center, #731.

Many deeds were once bundled with "rubber" bands which have solidified and remain as hard globs on the paper. These "globs" have been scraped off but some residue remains.

As above, earlier dated deeds are riveted together. Thus, #698 contains a deed dating back to 1890. Quit claims, mortgage documents, and tax bills are sometimes included with the deeds.

Some interesting deeds: large maps of Daffin Park area, #682; Sav. Golf Club and Gun Club

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#680; and, #684 discusses relocating River St. for the benefit of the Ocean Steamship Co.

As with earlier deeds, the maps can be very interesting and show the location of local businesses, street name changes, rail and street car lines, and canals. Names of plantations and city wards are also included in the deeds. IRS document stamps are prevalent: some for 50¢ and others as high as \$7.00.

Abstracts of the property's various owners are sometimes attached. One of the unnumbered deeds, dated 1901, has a great logo for the Savannah Board of Trade. At least 10 deeds were only signed by the person's mark.

Names: Minis, Falligant, Sheftall , Guerard. G. Noble Jones appears as Tax Assessor.

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**BOX # DDS 9** [0115-003-4.5]

Deeds # 732-790 (Missing: #744,771, & 775)  
5 folders, 76 deeds  
Years: (1884-1913) 1915-1917

The deeds continue to display the City's culturally diverse population. The Deputy Assistant Clerk of Council in 1915 is C.V. Hernandez.

Six deeds appear without numbers in folder #59. They may be related to deed #733. For some reason, the deeds in some of the original envelopes have become separated and scrambled. Some interesting deeds: #757 details moving St. Thomas AME church; #779 relates to the dissolution of the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal Co. by Act of the Georgia Assembly in Aug. 1915 and the redistribution of the land. (Three plats accompany the deed listing all of the property holders). There are a number of City Marshall's deeds for seizures of property for non-payment of taxes in 1916.

Names: Sheftall, Guerard, Tillman.

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**BOX # DDS 10** [0115-003-4.6]

Deeds #791-887 (Missing: #792,820, 828-830, 840, 843-844, 847, 850-854, 858, 870, 872,885)  
8 folders, 89 deeds  
Years: (1891-1914) 1916-1923 (1938)

The physical condition of the deeds is good. The rivets, paper clips and pins are usually in areas that are not affecting the informational content.

In some deeds, farmers sued the City for not keeping the salt water out of their fields. The dry land ( canals and sewers) department was very important. Some plats are again appearing as ink drawings rather than blueprints. In 1917, 1920 and 1921, a number of properties have been seized for non-payment of taxes. Ward names, subdivisions, and former plantations are referred to in describing the property being transferred .

Some interesting deeds: #814 one Farmer Dieter complained that his cows, pastured on Anderson St., are in danger of getting into the canal because the City does not keep its fences mended; #863 in which Savannah gave Wharf lots to the U.S. Government for the war effort (this deed traces the history of the property back to 1732 and concludes on 1938 Jan 6); #874 contains two early fire insurance policies for D.B. Fedderwitz's property (he may have had the first automobile show room in Savannah, on Oglethorpe and Habersham); Deed #872 is missing, but a note reads "His Honor the Mayor had deeds of Laura Lester; " # 887 the Parkside Land Co. sold a large tract of land to the City near Daffin Park, but stipulated particular zoning requirements as conditions of the sale.

Names: De Renne, La Roche, Lattimore, Butler, Minis.

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**BOX # DDS 11** [0115-003- 4.7]

Deeds #888-971 (Missing: #891 & 939)  
7 folders, 102 deeds  
Years: (1897-1921) 1923-1930, (1940,1948)

Names of wards and subdivisions are included on most of the deeds. If the ward name has changed, sometimes a former name is also given. A number of deeds cover the development of Bacon Park, i.e. #s905, 907, 908. An ink plat attached to #900 shows the County Farm and Old Skidaway Rd. A number of large subdivisions in the south and east of the City are being developed in these years. There are 12 deeds under #922 dealing with Belmont Plantation which included the City's airport (1928). #958 includes a large map showing home sites and little farms around Middleground Road in a section called Central Park. #913 has a plat attached showing Gordonston conveyed by Juliet M. Low and W.W. Gordon, among others, to the City. #914 shows the development around Battey St.

Other interesting deeds: #899 in which the U.S. Government sells the City Fort Jackson (formerly Fort Oglethorpe). This deed also discusses the development of a parkway linking Fort Pulaski and Fort Jackson. A plat attached to #906 shows the plans for a stadium at Daffin Park. P.D. Daffin was the chairman of the Park and Tree Commission.

Names: Deutsch, Hunter, Sheftall, Gordon, Low, Lattimore, LaRoche, Armstrong, Barrow, De Renne, Lewis, Puder, Schreck.

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**BOX # DDS 12** [0115-003- 4.8]

Deeds #972-1157 (Missing: #978-980, 997, 1000, \* 1010-1110, 1119,1121,1134)

\* I believe this gap is a clerical error.

8 folders, 119 deeds

Years: (1908-1925) 1929-1939

Wards and sections of wards are named in the deeds, which could be useful in historical dating and local research. Such names include Dittmersville, Acton Plantation, Springfield Plantation, Central Park, and Carver Village. Streets were sometimes rerouted or names changed as the City expanded and improved facilities. The deeds in this box document the beginnings of preparations for a war time economy. Improvements were made to the river front, the City airport, terminal facilities, and highways. Housing developments appeared to meet the needs of a growing labor force. As a response to the depression, eleemosynary activities also increased.

These deeds are an interesting group, and it is difficult to highlight a few. Many deal with the same areas: housing, eleemosynary activities, road, river, terminal and recreational facilities improvements.

Interesting deeds: #1122 Telfair Hospital for Females; #1009 the former Savannah Poor house; #1153 Edwin Gould Foundation for Children; #1152 Louisa Porter's Home for the Friendless; #1157 Housing Authority of Savannah; #1135 Coastal Highway; #1147 has G.A. Mercer's signature on a loan (Johnny Mercer's Father); #994 contains a huge map of Bacon Park; #1145 for Lawton Memorial Trust, is the building which is now the Greek Orthodox Church.

There are a number of deeds made with the U.S. Government: #981 for dredging on Islar Island-a cut to be known as McCoombs Cut (a plat attached to this deed gives detailed depths of the channels and areas around the various islands); #993 is for a U. S. Naval Station. Another group of deeds deal with expanding the municipal airport, i.e. #992 & #1001.

Names: Lamar, Lattimore, Deutsch, Hornstein, Lawton, Gordon.

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**BOX # DDS 13** [0115-003- 4.9]

Deeds #1158-1220 (Missing: #1166,1172, 1173, 1176, 1181, 1182, 1188, 1189)  
5 folders, 68 deeds  
Years: (1933) 1939-1943

The deeds in box 13 show the continued expansion of the City with a growing number of subdivisions for housing, i.e. Hull park #1158, East Hill #1208 and Poplar Grove #1161. #1204 includes a huge plat for the Home-Crest Corporation in Victory Heights, a section of the Bonaventure tract.

The Works Progress Administration activities are reflected in the deeds, often for paving streets, digging sewers, or drainage projects. (i.e. #1171, 1213)

Not surprisingly, there are a great number of property seizures for non-payment of taxes (1939-1942). These deeds include all of the receipts and invoices and can be quite bulky. (i.e. #s1177,1186,1191)

Interesting deeds: #1206 for the sale of the Strachan Skyways, Inc. property, which became the municipal airport and was then leased to the U.S. Government on Sept 30, 1940. There are many deeds for small property transfers around present day Hunter Army Air base. Not many plats are attached, but the deeds sometimes reference plats from earlier deeds.

Names: DeRenne, Lattimore, Lewis, Anderson, Strachan.

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**BOX # DDS 14** [0115-003- 4.10]

Deeds #1222-1322 (Missing: #1221)  
7 folders, 124 deeds  
Years: (1912-1939) 1941-1943

Most of the deeds in this box deal with two areas: the opening and widening of Montgomery Street and transfers of "little farm lots" in the areas around present day Hunter Army Air base. These farm lots belonged to people with names like Brown, Sherman, Black, Gannam, Karem, Green, Rivers, Brinson, and Karpf. Many of the property owners signed with their mark only.

Very few plats are attached. Interesting deeds: unnumbered deed, Folder #92 includes a large plat of the area around and the expansion of Montgomery St.; #1223, Chatham County and Savannah Tuberculosis and Benevolent Association.

Names: Solomons, Pfau, Ulmer, McLaws, Harris, Lucas, Tillman.

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**BOX # DDS 15** [0115-003- 4.11]

Deeds #1323-1394 (Missing #1347, 1350, 1369-1384)  
6 folders, 75 deeds  
Years: (1899, 1940) 1941-1945

About half of these deeds refer to transfers of property in order to expand the airport and Hunter Army Air base. Most of the properties are around Middleground and Burkhalter Roads, the Acton Plantation, and Kollock Tracts. #1386 is a good example of the work involved in tracking down former owners to some of these properties. Other deeds continue to expand the City limits, improve streets, and provide for housing developments.

Interesting deeds: #1346 is labeled "near new airport" and includes a plat; #1353 is for an addition to the Laurel Grove Cemetery and includes a plat; #1338 in the village of Hampstead, mentions Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Although deeds #1370-1384 are missing , there is a list of the transactions in the folder.

Very few plats are attached. #1337 includes a plat which shows land occupied by the U.S. Government and the air base property.

Names: Deutsch, Puder, Solomons, Pfau, Hardee, Ellis, Gordon.

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**BOX # DDS 16** [0115-003- 4.12]

Deeds #1396-1497 (Missing #s 1395, 1484)  
6 folders, 128 deeds  
Years: (1899) 1945-1954

There are a number of deeds transferring property in Acton Plantation, Central Park and other sections in order to expand the present day Hunter Army Air base. Some deeds return property and items to the City that were leased to the U.S. Government during the war, i.e. #1427, 1433. #1440 transfers the Chatham Air Force Base from the U.S. Government excepting "all uranium, thorium and all other materials determined pursuant to section 5 (b) (1) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946," to the City of Savannah. This property is currently part of the Savannah Airport. Under #1415, 15 documents were tied together labeled "Troup Ward". #1419 sells property to the City for a Naval Reserve Armory on Wheaton St. #1477 is a deed relating to the closing of a street in the area of the Trustees Garden Village Inc. Very few deeds include plats.

Interesting deeds: #1492 Fort Jackson; #1497 Housing Authority of Savannah (includes a large plat).

Names: Bacon, Hardee, Gordon, Lynes, Barrow.

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**BOX # DDS 17** [0115-003- 4.13]

Deeds #1498-1558  
5 folders, 62 deeds  
Years: 1950-1955

In this box, the deeds document the railways and steamship companies selling their property to the City. #1501 transfers property owned by the Ocean Steamship Co, and Central of GA Railway. #1503 transfers property to the City owned by Union Station. #1533 & 1534 refer to parts of Daffin Park. Many deeds deal with new sewer line and drainage systems and acquiring easements from property owners. #1502 deals with acquiring land no longer needed by the U.S. Government around the new Savannah airport. #1511 deals with property owned by The Society of African Missions of Georgia.

The deeds always list the ward location for the property. More deeds appearing in this decade have corporation names rather than individual names. There are almost no plats.

Names: Taliaferro, Lattimore, Burroughs, Armstrong, Central of Georgia Railway Co., Savannah Union Station Co., Chatham Investment Co., Inc., National Leasing, Inc., McIntosh & Co., Inc., Powell Construction Co.

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**BOX # DDS 18** [0115-003- 4.14]

Deeds unnumbered  
9 folders, 95 deeds  
Years: (1950) 1951 May- Jul

**BOX # DDS 19** [0115-003- 4.15]

Deeds unnumbered  
27 folders, 94 deeds  
Years: 1951 Jul-1952 Jul

The contents of these boxes were "found" during archival processing of the City Attorney's Administrative Subject files. An itemized list can be found in the accompanying Box Inventory for each of these 2 boxes.