

Record Series #: 5100D-002
Name: Savannah Fire and Emergency Services Collection
Louis F. Wilson, Jr.
Dates: circa 1920s-2006, no date
Extent/Size: 1 document case and 48 items (1.0 cubic feet)

Biographical History:

Louis F. Wilson, Jr. (born in Savannah, Georgia, March 21, 1933) was a firefighter with the Savannah Fire Department for thirty-one years (July 1958-September 1989) as an Engineer (now referred to as a Master Firefighter), during which time he was assigned to Engine Company #5 at Station #5 on Henry Street.

Scope and Content:

Record Series 5100D-002, Savannah Fire and Emergency Services Collection, Louis F. Wilson, Jr. (circa 1920s-2006, no date), includes photocopies of newspaper clippings, invitations and announcements, newsletters and histories, and reproductions of photographs related to the activities of the Savannah Fire Department and the career of Louis F. Wilson, Jr. as a fireman with the Savannah Fire Department. The photocopies were made from scrapbooks and loose clippings and files kept by Louis F. Wilson, Jr. and his family during his career and following his retirement. The scrapbooks were not photocopied in entirety. Articles recounting fires and daily operations of the department were not copied. All articles related to the following topics were photocopied: special department programs, including fire prevention; firefighter training, advancement, retirement, awards, and biographical information; department salaries and benefits; local fire union activities and negotiations with the City; fire chiefs' hiring and retirement; and Louis F. Wilson, Jr. The clippings were not arranged chronologically within the scrapbooks, nor were pieces of articles always kept together. Therefore, since the original scrapbooks lacked chronological order and were not reproduced in entirety, those clippings that were copied were arranged by subject. Original photographs contained in the scrapbooks were scanned and reproduction prints produced. The reproductions include images of Louis F. Wilson, Jr., fire prevention and safety demonstrations, Chief John Schroder's retirement party, and the fireboat *E.J. Fogarty*.

System of Arrangement and Ordering:

The Louis F. Wilson, Jr. Series is arranged according to media and type into the following sub-series; within each sub-series the items are arranged alphabetically by title or subject:

- Sub-Series 1 Papers and Records
- Sub-Series 2 Scrapbooks and Clippings
- Sub-Series 3 Publications
- Sub-Series 4 Visual Materials-Photographs

Inventory:

5100D-002-1 (in Box 5100D-000-1)

Sub-Series 1: Papers and Records, 1964-1987

Folder 1 Louis F. Wilson, Jr. Papers, 1964-1987

Sub-Series 2, Scrapbooks and Clippings, circa 1960-2006

Folder 1 Brass Sliding Poles
 Folder 2 Department History (general)
 Folder 3 Employee Recognition Days
 Folder 4 Engine Company No. 4 (circa 1904)
 Folder 5 Fire Boat
 Folder 6 Fire Chiefs (biographical information)
 Folder 7 Fire Disaster Committee
 Folder 8 Fire Prevention Week/Fire Prevention Programs
 Folder 9 Firefighter Training
 Folder 10 Firefighters Memorial/"Big Duke"
 Folder 11 Firemen (biographical information)
 Folder 12 Firemen of the Year
 Folder 13 Fire-Police Patrol
 Folder 14 Movie Assistance
 Folder 15 Stations, Equipment and Apparatus
 Folder 16 Trainee Graduations
 Folder 17 Unions, Pensions, and Pay Raises

Sub-Series 3, Publications (Books and Pamphlets), 1961-2000, no date

Folder 1 Fire Alarm Boxes Chart/Running Card, no date
 Folder 2 *Fire Works* (Savannah Fire and Emergency Services newsletter), 1999-2000
 Folder 3 *The Redline* (IAFF Local 574 newsletter), 1982
 Folder 4 *Relief Valve* (Savannah Fire Department newsletter), 1976
 Folder 5 *Tagline* (IAFF Local 574, Savannah Firefighters Association newsletter), 1996-1997
 Folder 6 *Souvenir Year Book 1961, Savannah Council No. 1, Order of American Firemen, Savannah, Georgia* (only pages relevant to Savannah Fire Department photocopied), circa 1961-1962
 Folder 7 *Souvenir Year Book 1963, Savannah Council No. 1, Order of American Firemen, Savannah, Georgia* (only pages relevant to Savannah Fire Department photocopied), circa 1963-1964
 Folder 8 *Souvenir Year Book 1964, Savannah Council No. 1, Order of American Firemen, Savannah, Georgia* (only pages relevant to Savannah Fire Department photocopied), circa 1964-1965

Sub-Series 4, Visual Materials-Photographs, circa 1920s-1988, no date

- Folder 1 Copies of Historical Photographs, circa 1920s [10 items]
- Folder 2 1961 and 1964 Souvenir Year Book Covers [3 items]
- 1961 front cover
 - 1964 front and back covers
- Folder 3 1963 Souvenir Year Book [20 items]
- Front cover
 - Company photographs, all individuals identified
- Folder 4 Photograph Album: Fire Prevention and Safety Demonstrations, ca. 1976, Grayson Stadium [9 items]
- Selected pages from the album; pages scanned as a one sheet (multiple photographs on a page)
 - For additional images of this same event see 5100D-001
- Folder 5 Miscellaneous [6 items]
- Louis F. Wilson, Jr. grooming "Picot Floyd" (station's mascot), 1968
 - Louis F. Wilson, Jr. receiving his 30 year pin, 31 August 1988
 - Firefighters in station playing cards (unidentified, no date, ca. 1960s)
 - Chief Schroder's retirement party, 1987
 - Newspaper photograph (with informational caption) of the fireboat *Edward J. Fogarty*, 1986
 - Badges: International Association of Firefighters (ca. 1968) and the Local 574 (no date)