

Record Series #: 1121-064.03
Name: Edgemere Sackville Community Collection
Dates: 2018-2019, no date
Extent/Size: 3 folders, 23 digital files (0.1 cubic feet, 1.71 GB storage)
Language: English

Neighborhood History:

The “Town of Sackville” was laid out by E. J. Thomas in September 1889 outside of the City of Savannah’s corporate limits. Sackville was bounded on the north by the McCleskey Tract (or what would become 55th Street), on the east by Casey Canal, on the south by Parnell Street, and on the west by Waters Avenue. Sackville’s east-west streets were originally named Huxley, Gladstone, Cleveland, Delesseps, Bismark, Carnot and Parnell. With the exception of Delesseps Avenue, they all now carry Savannah’s east-west numbering system. Sackville’s north-south streets were identified as 1st Street, 2nd Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street, 5th Street and 6th Street. They were later renamed Guatemala, Salvador, Panama, Nicaragua, Uruguay and Costa Rica streets. The Savannah, Skidaway and Seaboard Railroad Company’s streetcar line passed through this area near the intersection of Waters Avenue and Delesseps Avenue on its way south to the Isle of Hope, and it is likely that the development of the streetcar was the reason this area was subdivided residentially earlier than its surroundings. E. J. Thomas was also a superintendent of this streetcar line. The automobile races of the early 20th century passed by Sackville on the Waters Avenue course.

In 1939, the City of Savannah’s corporate limits were extended south to Parnell Street and east to Casey Canal taking in the McCleskey Tract and Sackville (prior to this the limits ended at 52nd Street and the northern boundary of the McCleskey Tract). The McCleskey Tract and Sackville were identified on the City map as the new Wilkins Ward (bounded on the north by 51st Lane, on the south by Parnell, on the west by Waters Avenue and on the east by Casey Canal). The Edgemere subdivision was laid out in March 1943 from parts of Lots E, F and G of the McCleskey Tract. Edgemere included the area between 52nd Street, Casey Canal, Sackville, and Waters Avenue. The Edgemere subdivision appears on the next official City map, published in 1945.

Scope and Content:

Edgemere Sackville Community Collection contains documents and digital items collected at the June 2019 History Round-up Days events. Items collected include digital scans of photographs provided by Edgemere Sackville residents, and audiovisual recordings of oral history interviews conducted during the event. These items were collected as a part of the Savannah Community Memory Project.

System of Arrangement and Ordering:

Files are both physical and digital in format. Digital files are arranged according to donor or interviewee. Physical files are arranged by subject.

Conditions Governing Access:

None

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Digital Access:

The digital images in this collection are available [online](#).

Access Points:

Eason, Reverend William, Sr.
Eason, William, Jr.
Neighborhoods – Edgemere
Neighborhoods – Sackville
Viselli, Theresa

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Inventory:

Physical Files [housed in Box 1121-064-0001]

<i>Folder #</i>	<i>Description</i>
1121-064.03_001	Oral history signup sheet and interview notes and photograph identifications, 2019
1121-064.03_002	Aerial contemporary neighborhood maps and identifications from Edgemere Sackville residents, 2019
1121-064.03_003	Historical maps, neighborhood history, and promotional documents for the collection day by the Municipal Archives, 2019

Digital Files [housed in E-Archives]

<i>Folder #</i>	<i>Description</i>
1121-064.03_004	Scanned photographs from residents (6 items) [see attached inventory] Donor 1: Viselli, Theresa
1121-064.03_005	Oral history recordings (3 interviews) [includes 4 to 5 files per interviewee: still photograph, video and audio] Interview 1: Viselli, Theresa, June 28, 2019 [audio and still photograph] Interview 2: Eason, Reverend William [video, audio, still photograph] Interview 3: Eason, William Jr., June 29, 2019 [video, audio, still photograph]

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Digitized Items Inventory

Note: Identifications provided by donor at point of collection.

Donor 1: Viselli, Theresa

These items are available [online](#).

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>
Items 1-6	Images of an oak tree in front of 1424 East 54 th Street. The tree was estimated to be approximately 130 years in age. It was removed in September 2018 due to a fatal root decay fungus. The images show before, during, and after the tree's removal. One image shows the tree during the January 2018 snowstorm.