

**Record Series #:** 1121-064.03  
**Name:** History Round-up Days – Edgemere Sackville  
**Dates:** 2000-2018  
**Extent/Size:** 3 folders, 13 digital files (0.1 cubic feet, 150 MB 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 55<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 51<sup>st</sup> 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 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Casey Canal, Sackville, and Waters Avenue. The Edgemere subdivision appears on the next official City map, published in 1945.

***Scope and Content:***

Record Series 1121-064.03, History Round-up Days – Edgemere Sackville contains documents related to the planning of the June 2019 History Round-up Days events, historical accounts and information gathered as part of the events, digital scans of photographs provided by Edgemere Sackville residents, and audiovisual recordings of oral history interviews conducted during the event. Select digital images are available through the [Municipal Archives Digital Image Catalog](http://www.savannahga.gov/DigitalCollections) (www.savannahga.gov/DigitalCollections).

***System of Arrangement and Ordering:***

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

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None

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**Access Points:**

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

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**Inventory:**

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 1121-064-1 | 1121-064.03-1 | Planning documents for the History Round-up Days events for Edgemere-Sackville       |
|            | 1121-064.03-2 | Contemporary neighborhood maps and identifications from Edgemere Sackville residents |
|            | 1121-064.03-3 | Completed History Round-up Days Edgemere Sackville forms                             |

| <b>Digital Files</b>      |               |  |
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| <b>Collection Folder</b>  | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
| E-Archives<br>1121-064.03 | 1121-064.03-4 | Donor 1: Viselli, Theresa (6 images) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items 1-6: Scanned photographs provided by Donor. Images of an oak tree in front of 1424 East 54<sup>th</sup> 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. Two images show the tree during the January 2018 snowstorm.</li> </ul> |
|                           | 1121-064.03-5 | Oral history recordings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interview 1: Viselli, Theresa [audio only]</li> <li>Interview 2: Eason, Rev. William [video, audio, still photograph]</li> <li>Interview 3: Eason, William Jr. [video, audio, still photograph]</li> </ul>   |