

Savannah Port Society records

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Savannah Port Society.
Title:	Savannah Port Society records
Dates:	1843-1994
Extent:	1.5 cubic feet (3 boxes)
Identification:	MS 0705

Biographical/Historical Note

The Savannah Port Society was organized in 1843 for the promotion of the Gospel among seamen in the port of Savannah. They operated a seamen's chapel called Mariners' Church which later became the International Seamen's House, popularly known as the Seamen's Bethel. The Savannah Port Society exists as a nonprofit as of 2013.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains minutes, cash book, correspondence, architectural drawings, history of the Society and miscellaneous papers relating to that history.

Index Terms

Account books.
Cashbooks.
Clippings (information artifacts)
Correspondence.
Ledgers (account books)
Magazines (periodicals)
Membership lists.
Minutes (administrative records)

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Transferred by the Savannah Port Society in 1979.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Savannah Port Society, 1979.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

Box Volume

- 1 1 Minutes of the Board of Managers, 1843-1873
This volume contains Minutes of the Board of Managers dated November 21, 1843-February 13, 1873.

- 2 Minutes of the Board of Managers, 1874-1897
This volume contains Minutes of the Board of Managers dated January 12, 1874-August 27, 1897.

- 3 Minutes of the Board of Managers, 1897-1936
This volume contains Minutes of the Board of Managers dated October 13, 1897-December 1, 1936.

Box Volume

- 2 4 Minutes of the Board of Managers, 1937-1948
This volume contains minutes, annual reports and scrapbook entries. Also a letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, dated November 13, 1942, congratulating the Savannah Port Society on its 100th anniversary. Volume spans January 1, 1937-January 16, 1948.

- 5 Minutes of the Board of Managers, 1980-1986

- 1 Minutes, loose pages, incomplete, 1990-1994

- 6 Cashbook, 1920-1955

- 17 Ledger cover with miscellaneous records attached

18 Ledger cover with miscellaneous records attached

19 Ledger cover with miscellaneous records attached

2 List of members and list of Board of Managers, 1903-1927

This folder contains list of members from 1903-1927, including notations of dues paid. It also includes a list of the Board of Managers, 1923-1927.

Box Fldr

3 3 *A Brief History of the Savannah Port Society*, 1994

Two copies.

4 List of Young Ladies Port Sewing Society, 1876-1882

51- Savannah Port Society Savings Account Books, 1939-1965

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6 Correspondence, 1949-1966

This folder contains correspondence dating 1949-1950, 1953-1956, 1958, 1960, 1964-1966.

7 Architectural drawings, 1953-1955

This folder contains a one page floor plan of a proposed Seaman's Club for Savannah Port, 1953; four pages of blueprints of the Seaman's Church Institute, Boston, undated; two one page copies of a floor plan of a proposed Savannah Port Society Seaman's Bethel, 1955.

8- Miscellaneous newspaper clippings and notes

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Folders 8-10 contain newspaper clippings and notes about the Seaman's House, Savannah Port Society, and 150th Anniversary.

11 Church service reports, 1920s

This folder contains church service reports from the 1920s. Churches included: First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church, Wesley Monumental Church, Christ Church, Epworth Methodist Church, Independent Presbyterian Church, St. Pauls Episcopal Church, First Christian Church, Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Asbury Memorial Church.

12 Miscellaneous materials, 1874-1964

This folder includes: Presidents Report of the Savannah Port Society, 1874. Members, 1954, 2 items; Ladies Auxiliary, 1954, 1 item; Contributors list, 1956, 1 item; Minutes, January 23, 1844; Minutes, November 27, 1928; Minutes, February 1, 1929; Minutes, July 10, 1961; Agenda, annual meeting, January 19, 1967; Deed, lot no. 23, Washington Ward, 1929; Extension agreement between

Savannah Port Society and National Leasing, Inc. regarding purchase of lots 23 and 24, Warren Ward, 1953; Savannah Port Society, Seamen's Club, News Bulletin, April 1950 and October 1951; Estate of J. Florance Minis, petition by C&S National Bank, 1962; Contract with Bruce-Terminix Company, 1964. re hardwood floors at Houston and St. Julian; The Sea Breeze, volume 64, no. 1, October 1951; Costs on renovating building, undated; Performance Bond, 1964 for work done on Seamen's Center Building, Lot 23, Washington Ward; Statement of Development of Savannah Port Society into Servicemen's Recreation Center, 1950.