

Savannah (Steamship) papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Savannah Steam Ship Company (Savannah, Ga.)
Title:	<i>Savannah</i> (Steamship) papers
Dates:	1819
Extent:	0.3 cubic feet (1 folder, 2 volumes)
Identification:	MS 0708

Biographical/Historical Note

The steamship *Savannah* was launched as a sailing vessel in New York's East River on August 22, 1818. She was bought by the Savannah Steamship Company, which converted the vessel to steam as an auxiliary to sail. She left Savannah, Georgia, under the command of Captain Moses Rogers on May 22, 1819, bound for Liverpool, England, where she landed on June 20. After making calls in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Russia, she returned to Savannah on November 30, 1819. She was the first steamship to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a bound copy of the log book of the steamship *Savannah*, April 7-December 17, 1819, as well as unbound copies of some of the pages. Also in the collection is an album with a letter cover addressed to Mrs. Lydia Haven, Brighton, England, per Steamship *Savannah*, cancelled at Liverpool, June 23, 1819. This is the only known letter carried by the *Savannah*. The album contains other letter covers addressed to Mrs. Haven and other materials relating to the *Savannah*. In the back is a letter to Mrs. F.A. Hollowbush from the agent who purchased the album for her and a chronological outline history of the SS *Savannah*.

Index Terms

- Letters (correspondence)
- Logs (records)
- Ocean travel.
- Savannah (Steamship)
- Savannah Steam Ship Company (Savannah, Ga.)
- Steamboats--Passenger accommodation

Location of Originals

Original log book in the National Museum, Washington D.C.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Unknown.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Mrs. B.F. Bullard, date unknown; Mills B. Lane IV, 1977 (Item 2); Mrs. Frank A. Hollowbush, 1973 (Item 3).

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

Item

- 1 Positive, bound copy of the log book of the steamship *Savannah*, 1819 April 7-December 17

Item

- 2 Positive, unbound copy of the log book of the steamship *Savannah*, 1819 June 9-16, 1819 August 1-6, 1819 December 10-17 (6.0 pages only.)

Item

- 3 Album with a letter cover addressed to Mrs. Lydia Haven, Brighton, England, per Steamship *Savannah*, cancelled at Liverpool, 1819 June 23