

# Josiah Titzell memorial collection on Savannah and Georgia history

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Titzell, Josiah, 1905-1943.
<b>Title:</b>	Josiah Titzell memorial collection on Savannah and Georgia history
<b>Dates:</b>	1817-1945
<b>Extent:</b>	0.25 cubic feet (6 folders)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 0801

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Josiah Titzell (1905-1943) was born in Savannah, Georgia. He was an author and a literary critic and editor of *Author's Annual*. Under the pseudonym of Frederick Lambeck, he published a novel, *Best in the Greenwood* (1936), and a book of verse, *Galanty Show* (1941). In 1938 he married the novelist Anne Parrish; she died in 1958.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of manuscripts, pamphlets, and maps that Josiah Titzell was collecting at the time of his death as research for a book he was writing on Savannah and Georgia, as well as a large amount of correspondence. The letters from Daniel Dodd to John Ward discuss engines for steamships; Dodd (1778-1823) made the machinery for the S.S. *Savannah* when she was converted from sail to steam. Israel Keech (I.K.) Tefft wrote to Robert Lemon concerning plans for copying historical documents in London for the Georgia Historical Society; Tefft was the corresponding secretary for the society and Lemon was the Chief Clerk of H.M. State Paper Office in London. The letters to W.B. Tinsley, a cashier for the Bank of Savannah in 1861, concern accounts, notes, etc. The Titzell-Silva letters cover such subjects as Titzell's gifts to the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences, his and his wife's writings and the publication of his *Galanty Show*, a poem written by Silva, and a Christmas card from 1943, containing a verse by Titzell.

Also included are pamphlets reprinted by Peter Force in the 1830s on the history of Savannah. Some of these pamphlets were reprinted for Force's Collection of Historical Tracts. Writings in the collection include "Mr. Tertius on the Home Front," a play written under Titzell's pseudonym, "Frederick Lambeck;" unpublished poems, an editorial on Titzell's writings, a tribute to Titzell by Ann Thomas (a classmate) and Mrs. Hugh Nesbit; "The Thirteenth of May," written by Anne Parrish Titzell on the last days and death of her husband; and "Portrait of My Friend" by John van Druten. In addition, there is a photograph of Josiah Titzell in the collection.

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## Index Terms

Force, Peter, 1790-1868.  
Georgia Historical Society.  
Georgia--History.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Manuscripts for publication.  
Maps (documents)  
Pamphlets.  
Photographs.  
Poems.  
Savannah (Ga.)--History.  
Savannah (Steamship)  
Steam-engines.  
Tefft, I. K., (Israel Keech), 1794-1862.

Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences.  
Titzell, Josiah, 1905-1943.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Most material was acquired from Margaret Silva, who received the collection from Josiah Titzell. The correspondence of Titzell, Anne Parrish Titzell, and Margaret Silva were donated by Silva's sister, Mary Teasdale Oemler.

### Preferred Citation

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### Acquisition Information

Gift of Margaret Silva, 1950; Mary Teasdale Oemler, 1953.

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## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

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## Separated Material

66 volumes were separated and cataloged with the library collection. Maps were separated and cataloged with the map collection.

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Encoding funded by a 2012 Documenting Democracy grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

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## Container List

### Fldr

- 1 Daniel Dodd papers, 1817-1823 ( 13.0 items. )  
Twelve letters of Daniel Dodd to John D. Ward, January 6-November 4, 1817, written from Elizabethtown, N.J., Philadelphia, and New York, discussing engines for steamships. A letter of Silas Ward to John D. Ward, May 13, 1823, tells of Daniel Dod's death.

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- 2 Israel Keech Tefft papers, 1845 ( 2.0 items. )  
I.K. Tefft to Robert Lemon, March 31, 1845, July 25, 1845, concerning plans for copying historical documents in London for the Georgia Historical Society.

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- 3 W.B. Tinsley papers, 1861 February 21-September 6 ( 15.0 items. )  
Correspondents: Reuben H. Howes, Park Bank of New York; C.O. Stillwell, Bank of the Empire State, Rome, Ga.; John M. Johnston, Danville Bank, Danville, Va.; Charles Palmer, Ocean Bank of the City of New York; C.H. Jones, Branch Planters' Bank, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; J.G. Lack[?], Bank of Cape Fear, Salem, N.C.; J.A. Guion, Bank of Commerce at Newbern, N.C.; Richard L. Hunter, Bank of Savannah Agency, Milledgeville, Ga., to M. Hatch at Augusta; Smith and Nicodemus, Baltimore; J. Adams Smith, Farmers Bank of Virginia, Richmond; Dyer Pearl, City Bank, Nashville, Tenn.

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- 4 Pamphlets ( 5.0 items. )  
*An Extract of the Journals of Mr. Commissary von Reck...and of the Reverend Mr. Bolzius...Giving an Account of Their Voyage to, and Happy Settlement in that Province. Published by the Direction of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, London: M. Downing, 1734 (Force's Collection of Historical Tracts, v. IV, no. 5). Stephens, William, A State of the Province of Georgia Attested Upon Oath, in the Court of Savannah, November 10, 1740 , London: W. Meadows, 1742, Peter Force reprint, Washington, 1835. A Brief Account of the Establishment of the Colony of Georgia, Under Gen. James Oglethorpe, February 1, 1733, Washington: Peter Force, 1835. A Description of Georgia, by a Gentleman Who Has Resided There Upwards of Seven Years, and Was One of the First Settlers, London: C. Corbet, 1741, Peter Force reprint, Washington, 1837. Annual Message of Governor Joseph E. Brown to the Georgia Legislature, Assembled November 7th, 1860, Milledgeville: Boughton, Nisbet and Barnes, 1860.*

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- 5 Titzell-Silva correspondence, 1940-1945 ( 13.0 items. )  
Letters and notes of Josiah Titzell to Margaret Silva re the Titzell gifts to the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences and his and Anne Parrish Titzell's writings; reply of Miss Silva; announcement from Doubleday, Doran and Company of the publication of *Galanty Show*, Josiah Titzell to May Silva Teasdale re her "Couplets for Juniors;" Christmas card, 1943, from Anne Titzell with a verse by Josiah Titzell; letters of Anne Titzell to Miss Silva with a reply from her.

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- 6 Writings, etc. ( 4.0 items. )  
Extract from *Publishers' Weekly*, January 23, 1943, of "Mr. Tertius on the Home Front," a play by Frederick Lambeck; copies in the hand of Margaret Silva on loose-leaf notebook paper of the following from *The Mask*, September 1943: "Unpublished Poems," by Josiah Titzell; editorial,

"Josiah Titzell;" tributes to Josiah Titzell by Ann Thomas, a classmate, and Mrs. Hugh Nesbit, teacher at Professional Children's School; "The Thirteenth of May," by Anne Parrish, a very moving account of Titzell's last days and death; "Portrait of My Friend," by John Van Druten; also a photograph of Josiah Titzell and an announcement of a Benefit for Alumni Association of Professional Children's School.