

Madeira Club papers

Descriptive Summary

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Title:	Madeira Club papers
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Biographical/Historical Note

The Madeira Club is a men's social and intellectual club formed in 1950 by Thomas Gignilliat, Dr. Thomas A. McGoldrick, Dr. Peter L. Scardino, Major General Haywood S. Hansell, Jr. and Dr. Antonio J. Waring. The club has no written rules, minutes, officers, or dues. Meetings rotate among the members' homes and consist of a formal dinner and a paper presentation by a member. The host and paper presenter are allowed to each invite a non-member guest.

The paper presented normally does not relate to the member's profession. A topic is selected which interests the member and requires research and study. After the paper is read, each member and guest has an opportunity to comment.

The name "Madeira Club" was chosen because of Savannah's involvement in the early history of Madeira, and Madeira's role as a favorite in the early wine cellars of Savannah. Madeira wine is regularly served with at least one course at club dinners.

For a complete history of the club, see the paper "The First Forty Years of the Savannah Madeira Club" by Verner E. Kelly (Box 7, folder 113).

Scope and Content Note

The collection is composed of miscellaneous club information, souvenir items from the Bicentennial dinner, personal club files of Mills B. Lane, Jr. (1912-1989), and the existing copies of member's papers. The papers are arranged in chronological order. The description includes title, author, subject if not apparent from the title, and date of presentation if known.

Index Terms

Bell, Malcolm, 1913-2001.
Georgia--Social life and customs.
Gibbons, Thomas, 1757-1826.
Lane, Mills B., (Mills Bee), 1912-1989.
Leonardo, da Vinci, 1452-1519.
Letters (correspondence)
Madeira Club (Savannah, Ga.)
Savannah (Ga.)--Climate
Savannah (Steamship)
Thomas, Dylan, 1914-1953.
Wild flowers--Savannah.
societies--Georgia--Savannah.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from the creating body.

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Acquisition Information

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Publication Note

"The Romantic Wines of Madeira," Malcolm Bell, 1953, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, December 1954. "Eye Witnesses to a Vanished America," Malcolm Bell, *Georgia Review*, Spring 1956. "Savannah, 1819," Malcolm Bell, enlarged and published by Pigeonhole Press as *Savannah Ahoy!* "The Biography of Ward Allen," John E. Cay, Jr., published by Pigeonhole Press as *Ward Allen, Savannah River Market Hunter*. "228 Habersham," Alexander A. Lawrence, *Georgia Review*, Fall 1968. "The Rice Plantation," Thomas Gignilliat, published as a chapter in *Dust of the Laboring Earth*. "The Weeping Time," Malcolm Bell, published as a chapter in *Major Butler's Legacy*. "At the City Hotel," Malcolm Bell, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Fall 1992.

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Container List

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| 1 | Miscellaneous club materials; Mills B. Lane, Jr. club files; papers presented by members and guests |
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| 5 | 74 | "The Right Way" by Leopold Adler, II. The building of the Central of Georgia Railroad Presented, 1976 January 27 |
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- 75 "The System Doesn't Work" by Joseph T. Elvove. The impeachment and resignation of Richard Nixon Presented, 1976 March 29
- 76 "The View to the Left" by Haywood S. Hansell, Jr. American capitalism vs. Soviet Union socialism in the 1970s Presented, 1976 October 14
- 77 "Charlie Orme Looks Back" by Verner E. Kelly. Kelly's brother-in-law's life Presented, 1976 December 1
- 78 "Ducks, Dogs, and Friends" by John E. Cay, Jr. Memories of old hunting exploits Presented, 1977 January 19
- 79 "Madeira Wine: Its Rise, Its Fall, Its Renaissance" by Mills B. Lane Presented, 1977 December 15, (original and revised copies)
- 80 "Make the Music Easy and Sad" by Malcolm Bell. Johnny Mercer and his music Presented, 1978 May 31
- 81 "The Rice Plantation" by Thomas Gignilliat. A chapter from his autobiographical novel, *Dust of the Laboring Earth* Presented, 1978 November 13
- 82 "Astronomy, Discovery, Adventure" by Mills B. Lane. A paper on Captain James Cook Presented, 1978 December 12, (2 copies)

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- 6 83 "The Old Shell Game" by Verner E. Kelly. A discussion of the archaeological or pre-history of Skidaway Island Presented, 1979 January 16
- 84 "Whither Boriquen?" by Robert S. Glenn. Puerto Rico in political limbo Presented, 1980 February 28
- 85 "The Weeping Time" by Malcolm Bell. A chapter from his book, *Major Butler's Legacy* Presented, 1980 October 8
- 86 "Sidelights on Our Caesar" by Haywood S. Hansell, Jr. A paper on General MacArthur and Count Belisarius Presented, 1981 January 14
- 87 "Rogues of the Sea" by John E. Cay, Jr. The destructive effects of the mysterious giant rogue waves Presented, 1981 February 17
- 88 "Oglethorpe: the Greatest Georgian" by Thomas Gignilliat Presented, 1981 April 23, (2 copies)
- 89 "Martha's Roots" by Verner E. Kelly. The life and ancestry of Martha Wright Wilson - a story of two generations of a Black family Presented, 1982 February 18
- 90 "EC-2" by Mills B. Lane. World War II Liberty ships Presented, 1982 March 31, (2 copies)
- 91 "Red is Beautiful" by Emma M. Adler. A paper on a recent trip to the Soviet Union Presented, 1983 February 14
- 92 "Dante: A Brief Encounter" by Robert S. Glenn. Personal impressions of Dante as well as a brief parody on the "Divine Comedy" Presented, 1983 April 28
- 93 "What Ward McAllister Found, Then Lost" by Malcolm Bell. A paper on Ward McAllister, Savannah's bon vivant and socialite Presented, 1983 December 15

- 94 "And a Few Great Lieutenants" by Haywood S. Hansell, Jr. The careers of generals Carl Spaatz, Ira Eaker, and Frank O'Driscoll Hunter Presented, 1984 February 7
- 95 "General Peter W. Meldrim" by Thomas Gignilliat Presented, 1984 September 28
- 96 "The American Assembly and Arden House" by Carl D. Wheeler Presented, 1984 November 29
- 97 "Doctors of Lawes" by Verner E. Kelly. Dr. Harold Kipp's experiences as a physician at Sing Sing prison Presented, 1985 March 17
- 98 "The Man Who Made Mice Miserable" by Arthur Gordon. Dealing with stress Presented, 1985 September 27
- 99 "Ancient Egyptian Medicine" by Peter L. Scardino Presented, 1985 November 13
- 100 "Some Footprints of the Bear" by Robert S. Glenn. American views of Russia over 200 years Presented, 1986 March 26
- 101 "Inevitable Sambo" by Malcolm Bell. Sherman frees the slaves Presented, 1986 September 26
- 102 "SDI in Perspective" by Haywood S. Hansell, Jr. Strategic Defense Initiative Presented, 1987 January 28
- 103 "The Waters Narrow" by Albert H. Stoddard. Development on Daufuskie Island Presented, 1987 May 6
- 104 "Me and Mary Telfair" by Thomas Gignilliat. Trials and tribulations of serving as President of Telfair Academy Presented, 1987 December 3

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- 7 105 "Jeremy Squam - What Might Have Been" by Verner E. Kelly. A plot to rescue Marie Antoinette and bring her to Maine Presented, 1988 October 25
- 106 "Notes on Shakespeare's Italy" by Robert S. Glenn. Italian geographic inaccuracies in Shakespeare's plays Presented, 1989 May 23
- 107 "Cryptoloquy" by William W. Waring. An imaginary conversation with early nineteenth century Savannah physician William R. Waring (1788-1843) Presented, 1989 October 2
- 108 "The Soviet Union: Renewal or Decline" by Paul Pressly. Will Gorbechev survive? Presented, 1990 January 17
- 109 "America the Beautiful - in Black and White" by Arnold Tenenbaum. The African-American struggle over 350 years Presented, 1990 March 28
- 110 "At the City Hotel" by Malcolm Bell. A paper on Savannah's old City Hotel
Also published in the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Fall 1992.
- 111 "Some Foods for Thought" by Mills B. Lane. Foods in early Georgia history Presented, 1990 October 17
- 112 "Wayward Walton" by Albert H. Stoddard. A look at the times and contemporaries of George Walton Presented, 1990 November 28
- 113 "The First Forty Years of the Madeira Club" by Verner E. Kelly Presented, 1991 January 23

- 114 "The Case for the Legalization of Drugs" by Robert S. Glenn Presented, 1991 February 27
- 115 "A Modest Proposal for preventing the felons of our country from being a burthen to their fellow citizens -- with apologies to Jonathan Swift" by Spencer Lawton. A paper on prison overcrowding Presented, 1991 April 4, (2 copies)
- 116 "Having a Ball" by Emma Adler and Leopold Adler. A visit to the Soviet Union Presented, 1991 May 1
- 117 "PACs Unlimited and More" by Robert S. Glenn. A discussion of political action committees Presented, 1992 January 22
- 118 "Political Correctness" by Arnold Tenenbaum Presented, 1993 January 20
- 119 "A Bad Rap" by Verner E. Kelly. A discussion of rap music in relation to the First Amendment Presented, 1993 March 24
- 120 "Drums, Sweat and Tears: An Overview of the Men's Movement" by Robert S. Glenn Presented, 1993 April 14
- 121 "Don't Get Mad-Don't Get Even-Get Confirmed" by Peter L. Scardino, M.D. Clarence Thomas' appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court Presented, 1993 October 13
- 122 "The Other Right to Life" by Robert S. Glenn. Capital punishment Presented, 1993 November 18
- 123 "The Land of Enchantment for the Maderia Club" by Leopold Adler II. Jewish migration West Presented, 1993 December 7
- 124 "An Effective Antidote to Catastrophe" by Verner E. Kelly. Blood pressure and ones health Presented, 1994 May 19
- 125 "Educating the Daughters of Savannah's Elite: The Pape School, The Girl Scouts and The Progressive Movement, 1890's-1920's by Paul M. Pressly Presented, 1994 August 1
- 126 "Confessions of a Novice Surfer" by Robert S. Glenn, Jr. Surfing the Internet Presented, 1995 February 16
- 127 "Coram's Fields" by Peter L. Scardino, M.D. Biography of Thomas Coram Presented, 1995 May 22
- 128 "More Patriotic Gore" by Robert S. Glenn. A look at antebellum poetry, mostly on slavery Presented, 1995 October 11
- 129 "Quinine or Blue Mass?" by Fremont P. Wirth. A look at treatment of malaria and dysentery by army doctors during the Civil War Presented, 1996 May 23
- 130 "Defeat of Piracy in its Golden Age and Lessons for the Modern World" by Jonathan D. Sprague Presented, 2004 March 2
- 131 "United Arab Emirates: Is the UAE Model a Better Alternative to Democracy in the Middle East, and Will Its Continued Growth be Good for the United States?" by Jonathan D. Sprague Presented, circa 2006 February
- 132 "Mulberry Grove Project" by Hugh Golson Presented, 2005 November
- 133 "What Next?" by John G. Lientz Presented, 2006 April 27