Murray McGregor Stewart and Elizabeth Pollock Stewart Waring papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Georgia Historical Society
Creator: Stewart, Murray McGregor, 1869-1928.
Title: Murray McGregor Stewart and Elizabeth Pollock Stewart Waring papers
Dates: circa 1886-circa 1924
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (11 volumes)
Identification: MS 1017

Biographical/Historical Note

Murray McGregor Stewart (1869-1928) prominent in Savannah, Georgia, and was the city's mayor, 1919-1923. He was the son of Major James Turner Stewart and Elisa Miller Reid Stewart. He married Harriet Jones of Baltimore, Maryland, and had five children, including Elizabeth Pollock Stewart (1903-1984).

Murray Stewart was a cotton broker. He began in his father's cotton gin, James T. Stewart and Son. He later formed Stewart, Moorehead Co. and finally Stewart Cotton Co. He was active in promoting the fertilizer industry in Savannah. He owned Southern Fertilizer and Chemical Co. He was President of Vidalia Compress and Power Co. which he moved to Savannah as the Mutual Warehouse and Compress Co.

Elizabeth Pollock Stewart married Charles E. Waring (1900-1973) of Savannah, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists primarily of minute books for Murray McGregor Stewart's businesses: the Vidalia Compress and Power Co., 1903-1921; the Stewart-Moorehead Company, 1906-1919; the South Atlantic Cotton Company, 1908-1910; and the Stewart-Wilson Company, Stewart Farm Company, and Seacoast Farm Company, 1917-1918. Also included is an album (ca. 1886), including photographs of Murray McGregor Stewart's classmates, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers, and the Junior Lawn Tennis Club; an unidentified cotton broker's account book, 1915-1919; and a code book used by cotton brokers in Savannah, titles "Private Code..." by Carl R. Heye (Bremen, Germany, 1924).

This collection also contains four scrapbooks created by Elizabeth Pollock Stewart in London, England, 1914. They consist of newspaper clippings from the Daily Mirror regarding World War I in Europe.

Index Terms

Brokers.
Business enterprises--Georgia--Savannah.
Clippings (information artifacts)
Cotton trade.
Minute books.
Photographs.
Scrapbooks.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
Stewart, Murray McGregor, 1869-1928.
World War, 1914-1918.
Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from one of the creators.

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Container List

Box Volume

1 1 Album, circa 1886
   includes photographs of Stewart's classmates, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers, and the Junior Lawn Tennis Club.

Box Volume

2 2 Minute book of the Vidalia Compress and Power Co., Vidalia, Ga., 1903-1921 (Typed sheets glued into the book; most are carbon copies.)

3 Minute book of the Stewart-Moorehead Company, Savannah, Ga., 1906-1919 (Typed sheets glued into the book; most are carbon copies.)
4  Minute book of the South Atlantic Cotton Company, Savannah, Ga., 1908-1910 (Typed sheets are glued into the book; most are carbon copies.)

5  Unidentified cotton broker's account book, Savannah, Ga., 1915-1919
    Possibly the Stewart-Moorehead Company's account book, because of code used.


Box Volume

3  7  "Private Code..." by Carl R. Heye (Bremen, Germany), 1924
    For Messrs. Stewart-Moorehead Company of Savannah. Code book to be used by cotton brokers.

11  Newspaper clippings from the Daily Mirror, re World War I in Europe.