

Charles Ellis and Elizabeth Stewart Waring papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Waring, Charles Ellis, 1900-1973.
Creator:	Waring, Elizabeth Stewart, 1903-1984.
Title:	Charles Ellis and Elizabeth Stewart Waring papers
Dates:	1730-1975
Extent:	1.6 cubic feet (1 box, 3 oversize volumes, 3 binders)
Identification:	MS 1018

Biographical/Historical Note

Charles Ellis Waring (1900-1973) was a pioneer in the Savannah, Georgia, restoration movement. His lifelong interest in Savannah's history prompted him and his wife, Elizabeth Stewart Waring (1903-1984) to undertake a research project on Georgia maps.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of the three-volume map collection, correspondence, notes, and notebooks. The volumes contain photocopies of maps collected by the Warings, the result of their research on maps of Savannah, Georgia. The first two volumes were presented to the Georgia Historical Society on October 5, 1970; the third volume, completed by Elizabeth Waring after her husband's death, was given to the society in 1974.

The three volumes contain maps spanning Savannah's history from 1720 until 1897. The first two volumes are titled "Savannah and Its Environs." Volume I, 1733-1770, covers most of Savannah's colonial period: 1733-1752 under the Georgia Trustees, and 1752-1782 under the royal governors. The second volume, 1773-1897, continues with two maps from the colonial period through Georgia's "first century of freedom from British rule." Neither of the first two volumes contain military maps, as this was the focus of the third volume. Volume III continues the title and purpose of the first two volumes, covering years 1733-1903, but also contains "Defenses, 1720-1812." This portion of the third volume focuses on the eighteenth and nineteenth century defenses of Savannah, giving particular attention to Fort Halifax and to the Trustees Garden area "with particular emphasis on its military role and significance." The maps in these volumes were (mostly) arranged chronologically, and the source of each map is noted. The volumes also contain a narrative of "items of special interest and importance" regarding Savannah's history.

The remainder of the collection consists of correspondence pertaining to the copies of early maps of Savannah and its vicinity, including defenses. Sources of information include: the Smithsonian Institution, Library of Congress, National Archives, Public Record Office in London, British Museum, University of Michigan Library, Boston Public Library, and Library of Harvard University. The correspondence is arranged chronologically.

Also included in the papers are notes and two notebooks detailing sites and the construction of early coastal Georgia forts. The notes include: information on Fort Wayne, Fort Argyle, Liberty Island (Dutch Island), Cockspur, Fort George, Fort Prevost, Fort King George, Old Fort Point; excerpts from the journal of the Earl of Egmont; excerpts from the Commons House of Assembly in 1757; copies of Sir James Wright's letters regarding fort construction; information on doing research in the National Archives and their collection; and a newspaper clipping on an ocean flight in 1913.

Index Terms

Clippings (information artifacts)
Cockspur Island Lighthouse (Ga.)

Fort King George (Ga.)
Fortification--Georgia.
Georgia--History--1775-1865.
Georgia--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.
Georgia--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.
Letters (correspondence)
Maps (documents)
Military maps.
Notes.
United States. National Archives and Records Administration.
Waring, Charles Ellis, 1900-1973.
Waring, Elizabeth Stewart, 1903-1984.
Wright, James, Sir, 1716-1785.

Location of Originals

Original maps in the following repositories: British Museum; Geographical Society of London; Harvard University Library; State Archives, Atlanta, Georgia; University of Michigan; Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; City Engineer's Office, Savannah, Georgia; Library of Congress; DeRenne collection, University of Georgia; Georgia Surveyor General Department; Savannah Public Library; Mills B. Lane IV (personal collection); National Archives, Washington D.C.; Historic Savannah Foundation, Davenport House; Southern Historical collection, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Charlton M. Theus, Jr. (personal collection); James G. Hardee (personal collection); Superior Court, Chatham County; Yale University Library; US Corps of Engineers, Savannah, Georgia; Boston Public Library, Boston, Massachusetts.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from creators.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Charles Ellis and Elizabeth Stewart Waring, 1970 (map volumes I and II); Elizabeth Stewart Waring, 1974 (map volume III), 1978 (papers).

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

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- 1 Correspondence, 1960-1969 (25.0 items.)
Correspondents are: Frank H.H. Roberts, Jr.; Charles E. Waring (16); John W. Bonner, Jr., (2); Walter W. Ristow (2); Mrs. Philip W. Bryant (2); Herman R. Friis; Donald C. Holmes.

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- 2 Correspondence, 1964-1965 (20.0 items.)
Correspondents are: Alexander A. Lawrence (2); Charles E. Waring (10); Alice Willard Power; A.P. Muntz (3); John W. Bonner, Jr.; David E. Estes; Walter W. Ristow; Jean Stewart.

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- 3 Correspondence, 1966 (36.0 items.)
Correspondents are: Charles E. Waring, (18); Leon de Valinger, Jr.: Erdmann N. Brandt (3); P.A. Purton; Marion S. Carson; John W. Bonner, Jr., (2); Nathaniel N. Shipton; John Alden; Walter W. Ristow (2); Carolyn E. Jakeman.

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- 4 Correspondence, 1967 (13.0 items.)
Correspondents are: Walter W. Ristow; Charles E. Waring (5); Nathaniel N. Shipton; Susan B. Tate (2).

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- 5 Correspondence, 1968 (35.0 items.)
Correspondents are: Charles E. Waring (20); Susan Barrow Tate (3); A.P. Muntz; Pat Bryant (2); Walter W. Ristow (2); Mary Flower (2).

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6 Correspondence, 1969-1971 (29.0 items.)

Correspondents are: Mary Flower (2); Charles E. Waring (23); Marion R. Hemperley (3); Leoda Sherry (2); Pat Bryant; Alice Cormany (3); Mills Bee Land IV; Vernon Nelson; Bessie M. Lewis; Susan B. Tate; Phinizy Spalding (2); Richard W. Stephenson (2); unsigned.

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7 Correspondence, 1972-1975 (29.0 items.)

Correspondents are: Charles E. Waring (6); Walter W. Ristow; Pat Bryant (2); Merita Rozier; E. Nave (3); Mrs. Charles E. Waring (8); Douglas W. Marshall (2); Richard W. Stephenson (2); unsigned.

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8 Early forts and outposts of Georgia, 1730-1762 (32.0 items.)

Includes notes of Charles E. Waring re Fort Wayne; Fort Argyle; excerpts from the journal of the Earl of Egmont; Hardwick; Cockspur; excerpts from the Commons House of Assembly, 1757; excerpts from DeBrahm's *History of Georgia*; copies of letters of Sir James Wright re fort construction.

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9 Forts and outposts of Georgia, 1763-1970, undated

Includes notes of Charles E. Waring re Fort Wayne; copies of letters of Sir James Wright; Liberty Island (Dutch Island); Fort George, Fort Prevost; magazine article (1964) re Fort King George; photocopy of newspaper clipping (1936) re commemorative services when marker was placed at the site of Fort Wayne; pamphlet (1970) re Old Fort Point.

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10 Miscellaneous (19.0 items.)

Includes information on the construction of Fort Wayne; research catalog of maps of America to 1860 in the William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan; typed and handwritten list of maps of Savannah and its fortifications, ca. 1734-1900; *An Exhibition of Maps of the Area* presented by the Fort Frederica Association and the National Park Service, from the private collection of Alfred W. Jones; maps in the cartographic records division of the National Archives; list compiled by the National Archives and Records Service of persons willing to search records for a fee; photocopy of newspaper clipping (8/28/27) re ocean flight 14 years ago.

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11 Volume 1, 1733-1775, 1974 (2.0 items.)

Notes of C.E. Waring regarding fortifications in Georgia, includes a glossary of selected military terms; letter fragment (March 18, 1974) unsigned regarding "Lubers Line."

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12 Volume 2, 1776-1891, undated (3.0 items.)

Notes of C.W. Waring regarding *Revolutionary Records of Georgia*; minutes of the Executive Council, 1777; *Savannah River Plantations*; Lee and Agnew, *Historical Record of Savannah*; letter to Mrs. Waring from Peter A. Marziliano, acting County Extension Chairman, informing her that information is being sent to her as per her request; abstract of titles to John Rourke property on Bay Street, River Street, and East Broad Street.