

Pleasant Alexander Stovall papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Stovall, Joseph Ganahl, approximately 1901-1979.
Creator:	Stovall, Pleasant A., 1857-1935.
Title:	Pleasant Alexander Stovall papers
Dates:	1846-1974
Extent:	1.5 cubic feet (3 boxes)
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Biographical/Historical Note

Pleasant Alexander Stovall (1857-1935) was born in Augusta, Georgia. He attended a private boy's school in Augusta, where Woodrow Wilson was a classmate. In 1885, Stovall married Mary Ganahl also of Augusta. They moved to Savannah in 1891 where Stovall and David Robinson established the *Savannah Press*. Stovall represented Chatham County in the Georgia General Assembly from 1902 until 1906 and again 1912-1913. In June, 1913, President Woodrow Wilson appointed Stoval as minister to Switzerland, a post he held until May, 1920, when he reigned to return to his editorial work and political activities. He was the author of *Robert Toombs, Statesman, Speaker, Sage* (1892), *Switzerland and the World War* (1939), and a collection of impressions written while he was minister to Switzerland and published after his death.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of correspondence, printed materials, speeches, business and legal papers, photographs, newspaper clippings, diplomatic papers, genealogical data, and scrapbooks. The collection contains papers regarding American Embassy in Switzerland, an unsigned, undated will of Pleasant A. Stovall, a purchase agreement for six city lots and portion of a seventh in Harden Ward, Savannah, a program from a testimonial supper to George M. Tiedman, a broadside on the laying of the corner stones of Greene and Pulaski monuments, 1825, Stovall's membership certificate as a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and a list of trustees of the Georgia Infirmary. Correspondents include: President Benjamin Harrison; General William T. Sherman; Justice O.W. Holmes; President Grover Cleveland; President Theodore Roosevelt; President William McKinley; Mills B. Lane; A.R. Lawton; Juliette Low; Hoke Smith; Woodrow Wilson; William H. Taft; A.A. Lawrence; John D. Rockefeller, Jr.; and Franklin D. Roosevelt. The collection also includes Sarah Adams Bulkley's will and memoriams to Bulkley, who was lost at sea. She was Mary Stovall's (Pleasant Stovall's wife) aunt. In addition, the diary of Rev. A.E. Wilson which he sent to his daughter, Martha Smithey Wilson, is in the collection. The diary describes Wilson's travels and sites in Africa where he served as a missionary. Also included is part of a speech and "The Tragedy of Mosega," by Edyth Kaigh-Eustace (2 copies) which recounts the death of Mrs. A.E. Wilson in Africa. Martha Smithey Wilson Stovall became the mother of Pleasant Alexander Stovall.

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United States--Foreign relations--History.
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Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Container List

Box

1 Correspondence, 1866-1932

Correspondence, 1846-1905, 23.0 items.

Correspondents are: President Benjamin Harrison, General William T. Sherman, Justice O.W. Holmes, Jacob Phinizy, President Grover Cleveland, President Theodore Roosevelt, President William McKinley, William J. Bryan, Henry Watterson, F.M. Stovall, F.G. du Bignon, mother, George J. Blake, Harriet R. Colquitt, Herman Myers, William E. Dawson, W.J. Donlan (2), Mills B. Lane, A.R. Lawton, and John Adams (2).

Correspondence, 1914-1915, 33.0 items.

Correspondents are: Alben Barkley, Pleasant Stovall (5), Francis B. Keene (2), Robert Lansing (2), Michael Francis Doyal (2), M. Bibikoff, E.F. Duff, Thomas H. Birch, Delcasse, William G. Sharp (3), Frederick Penfield, Thomas Hardwick, Juliette Low (5, one letter signed Daisy Low), William J. Bryan (2), O. Hauser, M. Charles Roth, Princesse Foster de Fanciquy Lucenge, Hoke Smith.

Correspondence, 1916-1917, 13.0 items.

Correspondents are: Walter Hines Page (2), Pleasant A. Stovall (2), Frederick C. Penfield (2), Thomas Morrison, William Phillips (3), Wilbur J. Carr, W.G. McAdoo, W.G. Sutlive.

Correspondence, 1918 February-May, 24.0 items.

Correspondents are: Andrew J. Cobb, Thomas H. Bevan, W.G. Sutlive (2), Woodrow Wilson (2), Vira Bearman Whitehouse, Burton C. Mason (3), Pleasant A. Stovall (5), Monsieur George Passaroff, Robert Woods Bliss, Walter Hines Page, H.M. Labouchere, Charles R. Crisp, William Phillips, L.M. House, A. Siegerfried Mermillsy, Harvey Stovall.

Correspondence, 1918 June-October, 31.0 items.

Correspondents are: Burton C. Mason (4), Charles Neville, R.S. Clayton, Pleasant A. Stovall (11), Charles A. Mitchell (2), Lucien Brunel, Woodrow Wilson (2), H.S. Pfyffer (2), O. Hauser, Horace Rumbold, J.P. Tumulty (2) E. Stone, Brand Whitlock (2), Philip Holland.

Correspondence, 1919 August-1920 August, 36.0 items.

Correspondents are: Pleasant Stovall (24), Clark Howell, Hugh Dorsey, Louis Sussdorff, Jr., Games G. Bailey, A. Mitchell Palmer, William McNeir (2), Bainbridge Colby, James Hamilton Lewis, Allen W. Dulles (2), Hugh R. Wilson.

Correspondence, 1920 September-December, 38.0 items.

Correspondents are: Pleasant A. Stovall (14), Henrietta M. Tichner (2), Wilbur J. Carr (3), Bainbridge Colby (3), William McNeir 94), James Hamilton Lewis, Mrs. N.H. Camp.

Correspondence, 1921, 31.0 items.

Correspondents are: Pleasant A. Stovall (10), Gifford Pinchot, Bainbridge Colby, Leonard Wood, John Randolph Bolling (2), Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. (2), Robert Woods Bliss (3), William Walker Smith, William H. Taft, Hugh McElroy, Adolph Ochs, Thomas T. Brown, A.A. Lawrence, Murray M.

Stewart, Ambrose E. Gonzales (2), W.F. Stovall, R.T. Taylor, Kirk Sutlive.

Correspondence, 1922 January-May, 35.0 items.

Correspondents are: Pleasant A. Stovall (17), William K. Johnson (2), Frank B. Noyes, Churchill Mehard (3), Clark Howell (2), James A. Hollomon, C. Nuggmary (3), William L. McLean, Casey Morgan, William H. Taft, Joe, Robert Woods Bliss.

Correspondence, 1922 June-December, 28.0 items.

Correspondents are: Pleasant A. Stovall (11), Charles Edgeworth Jones (2), William H. Barrett, Robert Woods Bliss (2), W. Dewey Cooke, William McNeir (4), William A. Winburn, Frank Stovall Roberts (2), R.C. Gordon, John Randolph Bolling, Gipsy Smith, Cordell Hull.

Correspondence, 1923, 36.0 items.

Correspondents are: Pleasant A. Stovall (14), Gipsy Smith, Jr., John Randolph Bolling (2), Charles R. Macloon, John Temple Graves (2), Samuel B. Adams, John M. Neyle Colquitt (3), F.L. Seely, Daniel C. Roper, Ford P. Fuller, William Gonzales, Paul E. Seabrook (2), Josephus Daniels, Jr.

Correspondence, 1924, 25.0 items.

Correspondents are: Pleasant A. Stovall (15), Samuel B. Adams, Warren A. Candler (2), Frank B. Noyes, William G. Lee and E.B. Fitzgerald, John W. Davis, Sylvanus Morris, John Temple Graves, James W. Gerard, Walter F. George.

Correspondence, 1926-1927, 23.0 items.

Correspondents are: L.E. Schreiner, Louise Marks Drumont, Josephus Daniels, Martha Berry (2), Pleasant A. Stovall (6), R.L. Craigie, Hollins N. Randolph, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Robert M. Hitch Franklin D. Roosevelt (2), Hugh R. Wilson, William G. McAdoo (2), Leslie (2), Fanny O'Driscoll Hunter.

Correspondence, 1928, 24.0 items.

Correspondents are: Walter F. George, Arthur Lucas, William J. Harris, Otis Ashmore, John E. Drewry, H.C. Walthour, U.L. McCall, Pleasant A. Stovall (4), Adolph Ochs, Claude G. Bowers, L.G. Hardman, Chase S. Osborn, W.D.O. Fisher, W.G. McAdoo (3), John T. Knox, Thomas W. Hardwick, George C. holt, John W. Davis, James Hamilton Lewis.

Correspondence, 1929-1931, 21.0 items.

Correspondents are: Frank E. Gannett (2), Hamilton Holt, Claude G. Bowers, Pleasant A. Stovall (2), Gifford Pinchot (2), Richard B. Russell, William W. Brewton, Lawrence S. Holt, Paul A. Hill, Richard B. Russell, Jr.(2), Howard E. Coffin, Newton D. Baker, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Kent Cooper Clark Howell, Telamon Cuyler.

Correspondence, 1932, 38.0 items.

Correspondents are: Moina Michael (2), Homer C. parker, James A. Farley (2), Telamon Cuyler, Pleasant A. Stovall (12), George W. Watt (2), Franklin D. Roosevelt (3), Malcolm H. Bryan, Lucian Lamar Knight, John S. Cohen, William G. McAdoo (2), Hughes Spalding, Warren A. Cander (2), Roy D. Chapin, Landon Thomas, F.W. Brabson (2), Thomas Gamble, Dorothy L. Oliver, Harvey.

Box

2 Correspondence, Other papers, 1933-1974, undated

Correspondence, 1933-1938, 26.0 items.

Correspondents are: Pleasant A. Stovall (3), chase S. Osborn, M.H. McIntyre, Louis McH. Howe,

Daniel C. Ryser, Clark Howell, Albert C. Ritchie, Nealy Tyler Gray, James A. Farley, William Phillips, Francis B. Sayre, Theodore Marriner, H.C. MacLean, T.P. Waring, M.H. Hall, Jonathan Daniels, Richard F. Roper, Robert Ramspeck, M.A. Le Hand, P.E. Vasselade, John Dickinson, Franklin D. Roosevelt (4).

Correspondence, 1946-1974, undated, 21.0 items.

Correspondents are: Josephus Daniels, Robert Murphy (2), T.F. McDonell, Joseph G. Stovall, W. Averell Harriman, Gordon C. Carson, Thomas Cook Wyly, John Sutlive, Joseph A. Mack, Casey Morgan, W.G. Sutlive, Hugh R. Wilson, S.B. Morgan, Lucy B. McIntosh (2), Lewis Susdorff, Jr., Vira B. Whitehouse, unsigned.

Papers regarding American Embassy in Switzerland, 14.0 items.

Includes two diplomatic passports of Pleasant A. Stovall; two seating arrangements for diplomatic dinners; two transportation expense vouchers; voucher (with two copies) and one copy of a check for transportation expenses of Joseph C. Grew, American Charge D'Affaires at Vienna and of Glenn Stewart, Sec. of Embassy; two formal diner invitations; news release in Swiss papers; list of diplomatic corps in Switzerland; Swiss checkbook of Pleasant A. Stovall, Ambassador; typed paper re political and military conditions in Switzerland, 1916.

Business and legal papers, 1885-1935, undated, 12.0 items.

Includes list of stocks and bonds held by Pleasant A. Stovall (1935); unsigned, undated will of Pleasant A. Stovall; purchase agreement of Pleasant A. Stovall for six city lots and portion of a seventh (Harden Ward, Savannah).

Speeches, 1895-1969, undated, 9.0 items.

writings by or about Pleasant A. Stovall. Includes speech regarding Woodrow Wilson (final and preliminary drafts); "The Neutrality of Switzerland" (one printed copy); eulogy to Stovall; "Editors Across the Seas," by John L. Sutlive; speech regarding women and war; "Against Free Silver" by Pleasant S. Stovall (printed); "A Visit to the Tomb of Oglethorpe," by Pleasant A. Stovall (printed); speech regarding Oglethorpe.

Printed materials, 2.0 items.

Includes lists of officers of the General Society of Colonial Wars (1924); address of Joseph P. Tumulty at Democratic Mass Meeting (1920).

Miscellaneous, 18.0 items.

Includes program of testimonial supper to George M. Tiedman; broadside re laying of the corner stones of Greene and Pulaski monuments, 1825; biographical sketch of Walter Hines Page (copy from *The National Cyclopaedia*); membership certificate of Pleasant A. Stovall as a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; list of trustees of the Georgia Infirmary.

Photographs, 20.0 items. **View online.**

Includes photographs of Rev. James Gray and Mary Tyler Gray; American legation in Berne, Switzerland; Cabell (Mrs. Joseph G.) Stovall.

Online Inventory Contains Digitized Items

Clippings, 32.0 items.

Includes obituaries of Pleasant A. Stovall.

Genealogy, 17.0 items.

Includes notes and letters re the Stovall family, John Lucas, John Baker Scott family, Robert Smithey, the Floyd family of Camden County, Georgia and William Gibbs McAdoo.

Bulkley materials, 9.0 items.

Includes will and memoriams to Sarah Adams Bulkley who was lost at sea. She was the aunt of

Mary Stovall, wife of Pleasant A. Stovall. Also includes the last composition at school by Lallie A. Bulkley.

Wilson materials, 5.0 items.

Includes the diary (with typed copy) of Rev. A.E. Wilson which he sent to his daughter, Martha Smithey Wilson. Diary describes Wilson's travels and sites in Africa where he served as a missionary. Also included is part of a speech and "The Tragedy of Mosega," by Edyth Kaigh-Eustace (2 copies) which recounts the death of Mrs. A.E. Wilson in Africa. Martha Smithey Wilson Stovall became the mother of Pleasant Alexander Stovall.

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3 Scrapbooks

Ambassador scrapbook, 1913-1933, 1.0 items.

Includes newspaper clippings of Pleasant A. Stovall's service in Switzerland; postcards of Rome; accounts of Mr. Stovall's visits to Georgia.

Ambassador scrapbook, 1913-1914, 1.0 items.

Includes newspaper clippings of Pleasant A. Stovall's service in Switzerland; diplomatic invitations; pamphlet of Spanish-American phrases.

Scrapbook of Joseph Ganahl, 1855-1881, 1.0 items.

Clippings and writings of Ganahl re national and state politics. Includes clippings re Kansas-Nebraska Act, Missouri Compromise, Democratic Platform, 1856; writing of Ganahl on the Georgia Constitution of 1877; address of Ganahl at the annual floral ceremony of the Augusta Orphan Asylum, 1861.

Artifacts

A-1021-001 Woodrow Wilson Medal awarded to Pleasant Alexander Stovall **View online.**

A-1021-002 Medal awarded to Pleasant Alexander Stovall from Belgium **View online.**

A-1021-003 Andreas Carnegie Medal **View online.**