

Anna Stowell Bassett collection on John Abbot

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Bassett, Anna Stowell, d. approximately 1954.
Title:	Anna Stowell Bassett collection on John Abbot
Dates:	1771-1938
Extent:	0.3 cubic feet (7 folders)
Identification:	MS 1193

Biographical/Historical Note

Anna Stowell Bassett, (d. ca. 1954), worked as a public health officer in Savannah, Georgia. As an active member of the Savannah Audubon Society, Bassett served as the president of that organization. Her interest in birds led her to study John Abbot, Georgia's first naturalist who specialized in ornithology and Lepidoptera. Bassett's study of Abbot led her to publish two articles about him.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains materials about John Abbot (1751-1840) assembled by Anna Stowell Bassett. Included in the collection are letters to Bassett, articles about Abbot, his work as a naturalist, and his experiences in the Revolutionary War, research notes, maps, and photographs of Abbot's drawings and water colors.

Index Terms

Abbot, John, 1751-1840.
Bassett, Anna Stowell, d. approximately 1954.
Birds--Georgia--Identification.
Letters (correspondence)
Maps (documents)
Naturalists.
Photographs.
Research notes.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from creator.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Anna Stowell Bassett, 1955.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

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- 1 Letters, 1931-1938 (37.0 items.)

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- 2 Documents about John Abbot from, 1771-1839 (28.0 items.)
Copies or notes about Abbot's land, Revolutionary War extracts, and his estate. Map of Abbot's property, and maps of Chatham, Screven, and Bulloch Counties.

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- 3 Articles about John Abbot (6.0 items.)
Arranged alphabetically by author or editor, A-D. *Notes on My Life*, John Abbot; Addenda to *Notes*, John Abbot; *Some Georgia Records of John Abbot, Naturalist*, A. S. Bassett; *John Abbot of Georgia*, A. S. Bassett; *The Work and Times of Dr. Harris*, R. P. Dow; and *John Abbot of Georgia*, R. P. Dow.

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- 4 Articles about John Abbot (10.0 items.)
Arranged alphabetically by author or editor, K-W. *John Abbot, the Aurelian*, W. F. Kirby; *References to John Abbot in Kirby and Spence's Introduction to Entomology*, no author; *Georgia's Rarities Further Discovered in a Second American Portfolio of John Abbot's Bird Plates*, S. N. Rhoads; *John Abbot, the Aurelian*, S. H. Scudder; *Scudder's Butterflies of New England: Boisduval and Le Conte*, S. H. Scudder; *Note on J. E. Smith and John Abbot*, J. B. Smith; *Notes from J. E. Smith's Memoirs and Correspondence*; *A Preliminary Discourse on the Study of Natural History*, William Swainson; and *Notes on John Abbot*, W. R. Walton.

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- 5 Research notes about Abbot (5.0 items.)
 3 incomplete sheets, a small memo book, and part of *A Catalogue of Books*, 1938, listing a copy of *The Natural History of the Rarer Lepidopterous Insects* by John Abbot and J. E. Smith for sale.

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- 6 Photographs (8.0 items.)
 Five photographs of Abbot's bird drawings; one photograph of a drawing from Abbot's *Rarer Lepidopterous Insects*; photograph of his self portrait with negative.

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- 7 Miscellaneous items including list of Georgia counties, 177-1796 (6.0 items.)
 article *Settlers of Montgomery County*, unsigned; poem *Death* by Mrs. W. A. Pigman; notebook with information on the Bassett and Stowell families.