

A. J. Cohen collection on the Sorrel-Weed House

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Cohen, Abram J., b. 1920.
Title:	A. J. Cohen collection on the Sorrel-Weed House
Dates:	1837-1942
Extent:	0.1 cubic feet (3 folders)
Identification:	MS 1197

Biographical/Historical Note

A.J. Cohen, Jr. (b. 1920) lived in Savannah, Georgia. His parents, Abram J. and Mildred K. Cohen, bought the Sorrel-Weed house in 1941.

The Sorrel-Weed house, named after its first two owners, was designed by Charles B. Cluskey in the Greek Revival Style and was built in 1840 for Francis Sorrel (1793-1870). It served both as a home for the Sorrel family and a salon where the affluent Savannah community could gather. The house was purchased by Henry Davis Weed in 1859. In 1862, Robert E. Lee stayed in the home during a stop in Savannah. A.J. Cohen, Sr., bought the Sorrel-Weed house in 1941; his son, A.J. Cohen, Jr., built a brick addition to the house and opened Lady Jane, a clothing store. The store closed in 1991, and the home was bought by Stephen Bader in 1996. Bader removed the brick addition soon after his purchase.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of deeds and other papers pertaining to Lots 6 and 7 in Jasper Ward, Savannah, Georgia. These lots are the site of the Sorrel-Weed House. The deeds date from 1837 to 1941, the first being the deeds of the property to Francis Sorrel by the City of Savannah and the last when it became the property of the Cohens. Other papers, 1941-1942, include a statement of the closing sale of the property, insurance against war damage, rentals, an undated description of the apartments in the house, and a sheet of penciled figures regarding financing the purchase of the property.

Index Terms

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Deeds.
Historic buildings--Georgia--Savannah.
Photographs.
Real property--Georgia--Savannah.
Sorrel, Francis, 1793-1870.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from collector.

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Acquisition Information

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Container List

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1 Deeds, 1837-1910 (7.0 items.)

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2 Deeds, 1920-1941 (8.0 items.)

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3 Miscellaneous papers, 1941-1942 (13.0 items.)
Includes a color photograph of a portrait of Henry Davis Weed.