

# Schroder family papers

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Schroder family.
<b>Creator:</b>	Schroder, Claus, approximately 1869-1955.
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## Biographical/Historical Note

Claus Schroder (ca. 1869-1955) was the second son of a wealthy German couple. At the age of 13, he left his home in Schambeck, Germany, and immigrated to the United States. He lived for a time in New York City before moving to Savannah, Georgia around 1893. By 1895 he had married Anna Gesine, an indentured servant two years older than Schroder; they had two daughters, Anna (Annie) and Lillian. Claus was one of the original directors of the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the Southern Savings and Loan Association. He was president of Schroder-Schnaars Grocery Company and was very involved in real estate. His daughter, Annie (ca. 1894-1971) was also quite involved in real estate management. She married Samuel F. Sicheloff in the early 1920s.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists primarily of business papers concerning the businesses of Claus Schroder and his daughter, Annie Schroder Sicheloff. The businesses concerned include Schroder's real estate business and Schroder-Schnaars Grocery Company. Also included is correspondence to and from various family members, including Claus Henry Schroder; his wife, Anna Gesine Schroder; Anna (Annie) Gesine Schroder Sicheloff; Lillian Schroder Schwalbe; Herman Schroder (Claus' brother); Henry F. Schwalbe (Lillian's husband); Henrietta Sicheloff Trotter (Annie Schroder Sicheloff's daughter).

Some of the correspondence is in German.

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## Index Terms

- Business enterprises--Georgia--Savannah.
- Business letters.
- Deeds.
- Groceries.
- Grocery trade.
- Letters (correspondence)
- Real property.
- Schroder family.
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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Material was acquired from a descendant of the Schroder family.

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## Container List

### Box Fldr

- 1 1 Family business correspondence to and from C.H. Schroder, 1903-1953, undated ( 46.0 items. )

Correspondents include (?) Halshen; Theodore A.H. Fincken; Fred and Fonnillis Gasan; Charles Seton Hardee; C. Henderson; Charles F. Fulton; Mary Helmken; Emil Wilhelm; Carl Mendel; Samuel Hornstein; W. Horace Stillwell; T.A. Waters; Sigo Mohr; Hattie Clark; Mr. Carr; H.L. Fulton; Walton Usher; Mamie Frazier; Mrs. Joe Brooker; Fred Wessels, Jr.; E.C. Knight; Rev. George S. Taylor; Washington Falk; Mrs. Louis Lucas; Harry and David; E.H. Tomlinson; A.D. Wells; Mrs. E.L. Brunson; Owen H. page, Jr.; Jason Collins; J.E. MacQuinn; J.S. Wakins. These letters deal with real estate, taxes the grocery business, and family news, primarily in Savannah.

- 2 Miscellaneous correspondence to and from Anna Gesine Schroder Siceloff, 1920-1954, undated ( 35.0 items. )

Correspondents include Adele Segelken ("Mag"); Shelton Moose; Robert E. Carl; Josie Lalmsem; Marie Annie Ferperuson; Mr. McCarthy; Mrs. Riche; Fred Wessels, Jr.; W. Harvey Atkinson; Mr. Echols; L.C. Kessler; W.H. Stillwell; H.F. Gibbons; J.M. Flinn; Allan S. Bond; Paul Ladson; Louise Lunday Pick (Mrs. AL Pick); C.F. Powers; E.E. Wanek; Sidney C. Anschell; Juanita Trulock.

- 3 Miscellaneous papers of Anna Gesine Schroder, 1952-1953

"Letter of Transmittal" from Anna Gesine Schroder to Philadelphia National Bank. Savannah, 1952

September 8, 1.0 p.

Transferal of stock, but letter was incomplete and was returned to her.

First Boston Corporation to Anna Gesine Schroder. New York, N.Y., 1953 May 25, 1.0 p.  
Regarding transferal of stock.

- 4 Miscellaneous papers of Lillian Schroder Swalbe, 1917-1927 ( 6.0 items. )  
Mainly school papers plus two letters written in German.
- 5 Johann Schroder to Herman Schroder. Osterholz, Germany, 1919 September 1 ( 2.0 p. )  
Written in German.
- 6 Marie Schwalbe to her cousin, Henrietta Siceloff Trotter. N.p., undated ( 2.0 p. )  
Family news.
- 7 Miscellaneous legal documents concerning the Schroder family and business, 1888-1943 ( 8.0 items. )  
These are primarily deeds and contracts for real estate improvements. People involved are Isaac Drayton La Roche, Mary Johnson, C.H. Schroder, Herman Schroder, W.F. Cardinal, Samuel Neal, Schroder-Schnaars Grocery Company, Samuel F. Siceloff, Thomas Patu, Margaret L. Proctor, C.F. Proctor et al.
- 8 Miscellaneous correspondence to and from unidentifiable members of the family, 1914-1944 ( 7.0 items. )  
Most of these letters are in German. Correspondents include John Greschen, Mrs. Bertha Schroder, Mildred Bertha Schroder Ruth, Harry Vernon Ruth, Phil Perron, Inin Bowden Johann, Mrs. J.M. Fesperman, et al.
- 9 Souvenir program for the "Sixth Annual Saengerfest." Atlanta, 1911 May 7-9 ( 1.0 items. )  
1 vol., printed. "Saengerfest" was sponsored by the "South Atlantic League of German Societies, Lodges, and Singers."

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- 2 10- 4 account books, apparently for the Schroder-Schnaars Grocery Company, Savannah,  
13 1918-1948 ( 4.0 items. )