

# Ernest A. Cutts business records and Alee Temple Shrine records

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Cutts, Ernest A., 1857-1927.
<b>Title:</b>	Ernest A. Cutts business records and Alee Temple Shrine records
<b>Dates:</b>	1891-1904
<b>Extent:</b>	0.5 cubic feet (6 volumes)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 1240

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Ernest A. Cutts (1857-1927) was a cotton broker. He is first listed in the Savannah, Georgia city directories in 1886 as a cotton merchant. He is listed as local manager for Russell & Mason, cotton commissioners of Philadelphia, 1888-1890. In 1891 or 1892 he began his own firm, E.A. Cutts, cotton broker, which continued under that name until circa 1920 when it became E.A. Cutts Company in association with Claude S. Cutts. After the death of E.A. Cutts the firm was continued for several years by C.S. Cutts. E. A. Cutts was also a charter member of the Alee Temple in Savannah, Georgia and served as the Illustrious Potentate from 1898-1912, and Imperial Potentate of North America in 1921-1922.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains 6 record books belonging to Ernest A. Cutts, 1858-1927. Four of the record books are letter books containing sales receipts and letters giving advice on the buying and selling of cotton. One book is a daybook with the daily account information for Cutts' cotton brokerage. And the sixth book contains records of Alee Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Savannah, Georgia, of which Cutts was a charter member.

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## Index Terms

Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America. Alee Temple (Savannah, Ga.)  
Charities.  
Commission merchants.  
Cotton trade.  
Cotton--Prices.  
Cutts, Ernest A., 1857-1927.  
Georgia--Social life and customs.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Sales records.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Unknown.

### Preferred Citation

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### Acquisition Information

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## Container List

### Item

1-4 Letter books. Savannah, Georgia, 1891, 1899, 1902, and 1904 ( 4.0 volumes )

### Item

5 Daybook. Savannah, Georgia, 1892 September-November ( 1.0 volume )

### Item

6 Letter book. Alee Temple, Savannah, Georgia, 1901-1902 ( 1.0 volume )