Saussy family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Georgia Historical Society
Creator: Saussy family.
Title: Saussy family papers
Dates: 1830-1969
Extent: 5.5 cubic feet (11 boxes, 1 oversize folder)
Identification: MS 1276

Biographical/Historical Note

Gordon Saussy (1874-1952) was mayor of Savannah, Georgia, Ordinary of Chatham County, State port pioneer, and agriculturalist. He was the son of Robert Saussy and Gertrude L. Keller Saussy. He married Harriet Saussy Varnedoe and was step-father to Samuel Lamartine Varnedoe.

Hattie Saussy (circa 1891-1978) was the daughter of Joachim Radcliffe Saussy (1862-1904) and Rachel Louise Shivers Saussy. Hattie was a prominent artist and patron of the arts in Savannah, belonging to the Savannah Art Association and the Association of Georgia Artists.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains information on the Saussy family as well as related families, including the Calais, Chapin, Chipman, Cornwell, Tiedeman, and Varnedoe families. The collection contains correspondence between Gordon Saussy and Hattie Saussy, papers from Gordon Saussy's legal practice, documentation of the creation of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 8 in Savannah, and family photographs.

Index Terms

Boy Scouts of America.
Clippings (information artifacts)
Cookbooks.
Deeds.
Letters (correspondence)
Pamphlets.
Photographs.
Plats (maps)
Saussy family.
Saussy, Gordon, 1874-1952.
Saussy, Hattie, approximately 1891-1978.
Savannah (Ga.)--History--19th century.
Scrapbooks.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from collector.

Preferred Citation
Acquisition Information

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Encoding funded by a 2012 Documenting Democracy grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Container List

Box

1 Family Correspondence and post cards

Personal correspondence, 1864, 1885, 1911-1948, 34.0 items.
Correspondents are Hattie Saussy, Gordon Saussy, Rachel Louise (Shivers) Saussy, John H. Calais, Irene Calais (Mrs. John H.), Mrs. G.W. Tiedeman, Sam (L. Varnedoe), Aunt Cadda (Mrs. L.R. Cotton), Annie Mathews (Mrs. George W.), F.R. Saussy, and M.G. Saussy.

Personal correspondence, 1950-1959, 31.0 items.
Correspondents are Hattie Saussy, Samuel Lamartine Varnedoe, Gordon Saussy Varnedoe, Frederick Tupper Saussy, Irving Saussy, Lilla Comer (Varnedoe) Meadows, Parker Saussy, and Walker Saussy.

Personal correspondence, 1960-1962, 38.0 items.
Correspondents are Hattie Saussy, Jack Peeples Saussy, Stephen Duncan Saussy, the Rev. Hug Saussy, Jr., Maud Estella (Saussy) Nussbaum, (Mrs. Walton Kempner), Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter Saussy, Nancy Hulbert (Saussy) Hobson, and Mrs. F.W. Saussy.

Personal correspondence, 1963-1967, 27.0 items.
Correspondents are Hattie Saussy, Mrs. Blanche C. Saussy, Mary Hoagland (Mrs. Donald Wright), M. and Mrs. Robert Downie Walker Saussy, Nancy Hulbert (Saussy) Hobson, Nell McIntire Varnedoe, Gordon Saussy Varnedoe, Peter Hoagland, Lilla Comer (Varnedoe) Meadows, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lamartine Varnedoe.

Personal correspondence, undated, 52.0 items.
Correspondents are Mrs. Irene Calais, Hattie Saussy, Mary Hoagland (Mrs. Donald Wright), Blanche Saussy, and Radcliffe Saussy.

Miscellaneous post cards, 1920-1929, 14.0 items.
Miscellaneous post cards, 1930-1939, 80.0 items.

Box
2 Post cards and financial correspondence

Miscellaneous post cards, 1940-1949, 51.0 items.
Miscellaneous post cards, 1950-1955, 79.0 items.
Miscellaneous post cards, 1956-1959, 75.0 items.
Miscellaneous post cards, 1960-1969, 80.0 items.
Miscellaneous post cards, undated, 94.0 items.

Financial correspondence and papers, 1896-1956, 27.0 items.
These papers are primarily concerned with Judge Gordon Saussy's law practice and real estate dealings. Also included are 5 insurance policies.

Box
3 Saussy Family Legal Papers
Many of these deeds, contracts, wills, etc., pertain to clients of Judge Saussy.

Land deeds and legal documents, 1830-1839, 7.0 items.
Land deeds and legal documents, 1840-1949
Land deeds and legal documents, 1850-1859, 4.0 items.
Land deeds and legal documents, 1860-1869, 17.0 items.
Land deeds and legal documents, 1870-1879, 10.0 items.
Land deeds and legal documents, 1880-1889, 12.0 items.
Land deeds and legal documents, 1890-1899, 15.0 items.
Land deeds and legal documents, 1900-1909, 17.0 items.
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<td>Land deeds and legal documents, 1950-1960, 11.0 items.</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous maps, plats, and blueprints to the Saussy land and buildings, 1846-1949, 48.0 items.</td>
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<td>Some of these deal with clients of Gordon Saussy. In an oversize folder at the end of the collection are the larger maps, plats, and blueprints.</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous family papers, 1890, 1954 and undated</td>
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<td>These papers consist of Hattie Saussy's astrological reading at 1:10 a.m. on March 17, 1890; and description and picture post card of Salvador Dali's masterpiece, <em>The Sacrament of the Last Supper</em>,</td>
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<td>Commission as Special Deputy Sheriff of Chatham County.</td>
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<td>Calais family papers, 1910-1918, 4.0 items.</td>
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<td>These papers consist of an ALS from Caroline G. Mallete Hale to Capt. W.C. Calais, August 27, 1910, re return of an application along with a roster of Company G of the 33rd Regiment of North Carolina Troops; a formal invitation for J.H. Calais to a dinner honoring President Taft; and two rosters of Company &quot;C&quot; Chatham Home Guard.</td>
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<td>George Nowlan Saussy correspondence and papers, 1864-1910, 6.0 items.</td>
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<td>Letters from N.P. Johnson, Mr. Saussy's mother, J.R. Saussy, and W.A. Moorhead; as well as George N. Saussy's application for soldier's pension and a song, &quot;The Rebel.&quot;</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous pamphlets, 1949-1964, 23.0 items.</td>
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<td>Regarding art exhibits and concerts which Hattie Saussy attended.</td>
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Poetry, possibly by Hattie Saussy, 31.0 items.

Religious pamphlets, 23.0 items.

Trinity Methodist Church paper, 1848, 1.0 items.

This is a copy of material and a list of members of the Trinity Methodist Church put in the cornerstone in 1848. The list contains names of J.R. Saussy and Robert D. Walker, great-grandfathers of Samuel Lamartine Varnedoe. photocopy.

Boy Scouts of America papers, 1917, 54.0 items.

These papers are correspondence and related papers concerning Gordon Saussy and his establishment of Troop 8 in Savannah.

"The Death of Toney McAlpin" poem, by Gordon Saussy, 1922, 1.0 items.


Box

6 News clippings and photographs

J.R. Saussy's diary, 1892-1893, 1.0 volume

News clippings, 11.0 items.

regarding Hattie Saussy.

News clippings, 27.0 items.

regarding Saussy family.

News clippings, 37.0 items.

regarding related families.

News clippings, miscellaneous, 5.0 items.

Miscellaneous photographs, 20.0 items.

Miscellaneous photographs, 30.0 items. . View images: 1 | 2.

Online Inventory Contains Digitized Items

Miscellaneous photographs, 37.0 items.

138 photographs and stereopticans were removed, and put with the Georgia Historical Society's photograph collection.

Box

7 Photograph Albums

Two photograph albums, re the Saussy family and friends, undated.
Box 8 Photograph Album and Daguerreotypes
   1 photograph album and 6 daguerreotypes of Saussy family and friends.

Box 9 Daguerreotypes and a Family Bible (1.0 volume)
   5 daguerreotypes of the Saussy family and friends, and a family Bible. J.L. Jones is written on
   the front page, but in the family records section of the Bible the Cornwell family is predominant.
   All the families here are related to the Saussys. 1851

Box 10 Scrapbooks
   2 scrapbooks probably owned by Miss Hattie Saussy. The first contains ALSs to Miss Saussy
   and to Eula O. Champlin (Mrs. Frederick R.). These letters concern religious activities and were
   from 1947-1951. The other scrapbook contains letters post cards and pamphlets concerning art
   and religion in Savannah.

Box 11 Account Books, and a Manuscript
   5 account books, 1840-1844, 1845-1846, 1847-1852, 1852-1854, and 1854-1860. All concern
   general supplies for J.R. Saussy. Also included in this box is a manuscript: My Calendar Stick
   by James Frank Pepper Breazeale (1874-1950). circa 1951. This is a biography of Mr. Breazeale
   as offered through his own writings. It was edited by his son Edward Lee Breazeale.

   Diary pages, hand colored maps, and photographs of the Savannah fire of 1889
   Also a description of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Parade in December 1889.

Artifacts
   A-1276-001 Frances Calais' Savannah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
   (DAR) badge View online.

   A-1276-002 Delegate badge from the United Daughters of the Confederacy convention in
   Savannah, Georgia, November 11-14, 1914 View online.

   A-1276-003 Savannah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) badge View
   online.