

Dancy and Woods family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Dancy family.
Creator:	Dancy, William Remshart, 1877-1960.
Creator:	Woods family.
Title:	Dancy and Woods family papers
Dates:	1836-1940
Extent:	2.75 cubic feet (1 box, 4 volumes)
Identification:	MS 1305

Biographical/Historical Note

David Yulee Dancy (circa 1848-1913) was a native of Florida and a cotton factor in Savannah. He married Julia Wilhelmina Remshart.

William Remshart Dancy (1877-1960), son of D.Y. and Julia W. Remshart Dancy, was born in Savannah. He received his early education in Savannah schools and in Pantops Academy in Charlottesville, Virginia. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Georgia in 1896 and his M.D. degree from Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1903. He did postgraduate study in medicine in the Universities of Berlin and Vienna. He was a prominent and successful physician in Savannah. In 1912, he married Cecelia Woods, the daughter of Clayton R. and Cecelia Elizabeth Malone Woods. Dr. Dancy was active in freemasonry, in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and United Confederate Veterans. During World War I, he was a captain in the Medical Corps, U.S. Army. He was the author of several medical and historical papers.

Clayton Rogers Woods (circa 1844-1920) was a native of Eufala, Alabama. He was a cotton factor in Savannah under the successive firm names of Woods, Garnett and Co. (John K. Garnett); Woods and Malone (Charles B. and Lewis Malone); and Woods and Cassard (Jules Cassard). He married Cecelia Elizabeth Malone of Mobile, Alabama. Their son, Drury H. Woods died in 1900. Their daughter, Cecelia, married Dr. William R. Dancy.

Rogers Sylvester Woods (1877-1939), another son of Clayton R. Woods, was born in Alabama. He began his business career with his father in the firm of Woods and Malone and worked for a few years with Stewart Cotton Co. For several years after this, he was Secretary and Treasurer of Savannah Chemical Co. In 1929, he became Chief Clerk of the Savannah City Water Department, a position he held until his death.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a few business papers of David Y. Dancy, William R. Dancy's letter book and scrapbooks concerning the activities of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a few Dancy and Woods personal items, and photographs. Of special interest are the scrapbook of Roger S. Woods pertaining to Savannah social life in the late 1890s and early 1900s and the autobiography of Phyllis Melissa Green, an African American woman, of her great-grandfather, Halle Salassie, her grandfather, Harie Walpole, her parents, William Bellinger (formerly William Salassie Walpole) and Rachel Holmes Bellinger, and of herself.

Index Terms

African Americans--Georgia--Savannah.
Business records.
Dancy family.
Dancy, William Remshart, 1877-1960.
Georgia--Social life and customs.
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Savannah (Ga.)
Scrapbooks.
Sons of Confederate Veterans (Organization)
Woods family.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from a creator.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of the estate of Mrs. William R. Dancy, 1972.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Separated Material

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Container List

Fldr

- 1 David Yulee Dancy papers, 1910-1911 (50.0 items.)
Bills of lading for cotton, cotton bagging, etc. shipped by water to D.Y. Dancy, August. 1910-February 14, 1911. The steamship lines are The Consolidated Steamboat Co., Bluffton and Savannah Line, Merchants and Farmers Line, Augusta and Savannah Steamboat Co.

Fldr

- 2 Dancy miscellany. T.J. Dinkins to Mrs. D.Y. Dancy. Savannah, 1892 September 22 (2.0 items.)
regarding his impending marriage; calling card of Charles Coburn, with photograph and autograph, n.d.

Item Fldr

- 53 3 William Remshart Dancy papers
Biographical data for *Who's Who Among Physicians and Surgeons*, n.d. Vital records, activities, military record.

Volume

- 1 William Remshart Dancy papers
Letter book regarding Sons of Confederate Veterans, 1932-1936, 1940.

Volume

- 2-3 William Remshart Dancy papers
Scrapbooks regarding Reunions of Sons of confederate Veterans.

Fldr

- 4 Dancy photographs (55.0 items.)
Photograph of William R. Dancy in Georgia Militia uniform; 46 pictures of activities at reunions of Sons of Confederate Veterans; photo of Dancy home at White Bluff; 5 pictures of damages by the hurricane of August 1940 (4 at white bluff, one in Savannah); 4 unidentified pictures of people.

Fldr

- 5 Woods papers. P.R.Z. to unknown recipient Savannah, 1896 September 30 (5.0 items.)
Describes the hurricane; Drury H. Woods' scrapbook of riddles. Clippings pasted in a notebook advertising the Savannah Hair and Jewelry Store; business card of Woods and Malone; memory book of Cecelia Elizabeth Malone (later Mrs. Clayton R. Woods), 1861-1865. Largely verses "To Cecelia," decorated with flower cut-outs; incomplete article on football at the University of Georgia in the 1890s. 5 p. TD, p. 1-2 missing (by Rogers S. Woods?).

Fldr

- 6 Rogers S. Woods' photographs (3.0 items.)
Photographs of the Savannah football teams of 1894 and 1900-1901, and of the Savannah Volunteer Guards softball team, n.d.

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6A Legal papers

Deed of sale, Stephen Britton to David Brydie Mitchell, 300 acres in Chatham County, April 20, 1804. 4 p. D.S. Abstracts of deeds of tracts of land in Bryan County, 1835-1854. 4 p. The name "William Remshart" is written in pencil on the last page.

Volume

4 R.S. Woods' photograph album

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7 Clippings (3.0 items.)

Obituary of Robert J. Woods, n.d.; accounts of the funerals of Varina Ann Jefferson ("Winnie") Davis and General Lafayette McLaws, n.d.

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8 121 Autobiography of Phyllis Melissa Bellinger Frair Green, written in, 1939

Account by an African American woman of her great-grandfather, Halle Salassie, her grandfather, Harie Walpole, her parents, William Bellinger (formerly William Salassie Walpole) and Rachel Holmes Bellinger, and of herself.

Volume

5 Rogers S. Woods scrapbook

Largely concerned with Savannah social life. Invitations to weddings, card parties, dances and balls, dinners, debuts, picnics, etc., rules and regulations of several Savannah clubs, calling cards, programs, athletic events, post cards, menus. A few clipped obituaries are included.

Artifacts

A-1305-001 Savannah Volunteer Guards marksmanship medal **View online.**

A-1305-002 Georgia Volunteer Infantry medal for marksmanship **View online.**

A-1305-003 Gold Marksmanship medal **View online.**

A-1305-004 Bronze medal on an ochre ribbon **View online.**

A-1305-005 Bronze medal, the Southern Cross of Honor **View online.**

A-1305-006 Delegate badge for the 30th annual Confederate reunion, Dallas, Texas, 1925 **View online.**

- A-1305-007 Badge for the 30th annual Confederate Reunion, Dallas, Texas, 1925 **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-008 Sons of Confederate Veterans badge from the 31st Annual Confederate Reunion **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-009 Staff Commander in Chief badge for the 32nd annual Sons of Confederate Veterans reunion in Tampa, Florida, 1927 **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-010 Sons of Confederate Veterans badge from the 40th Annual Confederate Reunion in Biloxi, Mississippi **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-011 Sons of Confederate Veterans badge from the 40th Annual Confederate Reunion in Biloxi, Mississippi **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-012 Sons of Confederate Veterans delegate medal from the Annual Confederate Reunion in Jackson Mississippi in 1937 **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-013 Sons of Confederate Veterans delegate badge for the 37th Annual Confederate Reunion, 1931 **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-014 Sons of Confederate Veterans delegate badge for the 36th Annual Confederate Reunion in 1932, in Montgomery, Alabama **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-015 Badge from the Sons of Confederate Veterans reunion, 1934, at Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-017 Annual Confederate Reunion badge **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-018 Badge from the Annual Confederate Reunion **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-019 United Confederate Veterans reunion badge, 1934 **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-020 Sash for the United Confederate Veterans reunion in Mobile, Alabama **[View online.](#)**
- A-1305-021 Sons of Confederate Veterans badge from the 40th Annual Confederate Reunion in Biloxi, Mississippi **[View online.](#)**