

Lena O. Cowan collection of Cowan family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Cowan, Lena O., approximately 1897-1984.
Title:	Lena O. Cowan collection of Cowan family papers
Dates:	1832-1936
Extent:	0.14 cubic feet (2 folder)
Identification:	MS 1329

Biographical/Historical Note

George Cowen (ca. 1820-1887) was born in Scotland and moved to Savannah, Georgia, with his wife, Jane Widdrington Horsley and their sons, John Robert Cowan (1849-1915) and Harry Widdrington Cowan. Harry Widdrington Cowan's first wife was Maggie P. Oliver (ca. 1864-1908), a native of Georgia. The family name was originally "Cowen," but changed to "Cowan."

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of Cowan family papers, including a letter from James Neill to Harry Cowan, two autograph books of Maggie Olive Cowan, Laurel Grove cemetery plot titles, John Robert Cowan's birth certificate, Harry W. Cowen and Maggie P. Oliver's marriage license, a log by Charles Samuel Oliver of his journey on *The Brunswick*, two performance programs and a photograph of a family picnic at Potters Grove, 1886.

Index Terms

Autograph albums.
Birth certificates.
Brunswick (Ship)
Cowan family.
Cowan, Lena O., approximately 1897-1984.
Laurel Grove Cemetery (Savannah, Ga.)
Letters (correspondence)
Marriage licenses.
Ocean travel.
Photographs.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from collector.

Preferred Citation

[item identification], Lena O. Cowan collection of Cowan family papers, MS 1329, Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Lena O. Cowan, 1979.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

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- 1 Item 1: Title to George Cowen. Lot number 1827, Laurel Grove Cemetery. Savannah, Ga., 1882 July 17 (1.0 p.)

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- 1 Item 2: Title to Julia B. Oliver. Lot number 2066, Laurel Grove Cemetery. Savannah, Ga., 1883 December 27 (1.0 p.)

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- 1 Item 3: Certificate of birth of John Robert Cowen. Northumberland Co., Westgate District, England, 1849 November 27 (1.0 p.)

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- 1 Item 4: Marriage license of Harry W. Cowen and Maggie P. Oliver. Savannah, Ga., 1888 December 27 (1.0 p.)

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- 1 Item 5: Certificate of Naturalization of H.W. Cowen. Chatham County, Ga., 1890 March 6 (1.0 p.)

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- 1 Item 6: James Neill to Harry W. Cowen. Savannah, Ga., 1915 December 1 (2.0 p.)
Regarding death of John Robert Cowen.

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- 1 Item 7: Log by Charles Samuel Oliver of journey upon *The Brunswick*, 1832-1936 (23.0 p.)
Log is dated May 1-June 27, 1832, with introduction and comparison to the *Queen Mary* by his granddaughter, Beatrice Oliver Jackson. May 27-June 1, 1936.

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- 1 Item 8: Program. Signor Seveio Strini's "Soiree Musicale." Savannah, Ga., 1886 January 29
(1.0 p.)

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- 1 Item 9: Program. Masonic Hall Vocal and Instrumental Concert. Savannah, Ga., Undated (1.0 p.)

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- 1 Item 10: Photograph of a family picnic at Potters Grove, 1886
With identifications on the back.

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- 2 Item 11: Autograph book of Maggie P. Oliver, 1877
Autograph book is dated Christmas, 1877.

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- 2 Item 12: Autograph book of Maggie P. Oliver, 1878 August 23