

# Walter Kramer photograph collection

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Kramer, Walter F., approximately 1878-approximately 1922.
<b>Title:</b>	Walter Kramer photograph collection
<b>Dates:</b>	circa 1890-1930
<b>Extent:</b>	1.0 cubic feet (4 boxes)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 1378

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Very little is known about Walter F. Kramer. He is listed in Savannah city directories from 1890 through 1930. He is listed as a clerk or bookkeeper at various companies over the years, but never as a professional photographer. In 1907, Kramer's wife was Eleanor (Nellie) Folliard, the daughter of May and William Folliard; he is noted as a widower and living with his mother-in-law (also widowed) in the 1920 census. Walter F. Kramer, Jr. is listed in 1915.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of photographs and scanned images of certain categories, such as agriculture, buildings, people, street views, and transportation. Numerous images depict views of Savannah such as the Hermitage Plantation, the Independent Presbyterian Church, and commercial buildings on Broughton Street.

The collection was originally given to the Historic Savannah Foundation by Walter F. Kramer, possibly the son of the man to whom these images are attributed. Historic Savannah Foundation in turn donated them to the Georgia Historical Society. However, it is uncertain who the photographer was. The photographs have also been attributed to William E. Wilson.

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## Index Terms

Buildings--Georgia--Savannah  
Dwellings--Georgia--Savannah.  
Kramer, Walter F., approximately 1878-approximately 1922.  
Landscapes.  
Photographs.  
Plantations--Georgia--Chatham County.  
Savannah (Ga.)  
Ships--Georgia--Savannah.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Material was acquired by the Historic Savannah Foundation from the collector.

### Preferred Citation

[item identification], Walter Kramer photograph collection, MS 1378, Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia.

### Acquisition Information

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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## Container List

### Box Fldr

- 1 1 Agriculture. Plantations. Hermitage  
Includes photographs and images of the grounds, the main house, and the slave quarters.
- 2 Buildings. Churches  
Includes photographs and images of Independent Presbyterian Church, St. John's Episcopal church, First Baptist Church (all of Savannah, Ga.).
- 3 Buildings. Churches. Savannah, Ga.  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, includes views after the fire in 1898.
- 4 Buildings. Federal. Savannah, Ga.  
The Federal Building located on Bull Street.
- 5 Buildings. Orphanages  
A photograph of an orphanage in Chatham County, Georgia: Bethesda Home for Boys.
- 6 Geographical locations. Cemeteries  
Includes images of Bonaventure Cemetery and Laurel Grove Cemetery (view of the grounds) in Savannah, Ga.

7 Geographical locations. Parks

This includes views of Forsyth Park in Savannah, Ga., photographs and images of the park, the fountain, and the extension.

8 Geographical locations. Public squares

These are views of public parks in Savannah, Ga. Includes Telfair Square, Chippewa Square, Madison Square (includes Jasper Monument).

9 Geographical locations. Unidentified landscapes

These views include pictures and images of wooded areas.

10 Monuments and memorials

This is a photograph of the Green Monument in Johnson Square in Savannah, Ga.

11 People

Includes unidentified African American children; a group of men and boys at a beach; a man and a woman; a manuscript for a W.M. Foy.

12 Street views

West Broad Street (commercial view of Union Station); Broughton Street (commercial views of Meinhardt, Appel, and Schaul Store on the southwest corner of Broughton St. circa 1902 and an image of the B.H. Levy Bro. Store); Bull Street (image of the Chatham County Court House); Oglethorpe Avenue (residential); State Street and Barnard (Independent Order of the Odd Fellows Building).

13- Street views

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Unidentified residential, commercial, and street scenes in Savannah, Ga.

15 Transportation. Railroads

Includes photograph of a streetcar.

16 Transportation. Ships

Includes shipping activity in Savannah, Ga. (dock and river front, etc.).

**Box**

1A- Glass negatives

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