

# Savannah Electric and Power Company (Ga.) photograph albums

## Descriptive Summary

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| <b>Repository:</b>     | Georgia Historical Society                                  |
| <b>Creator:</b>        | Unknown.  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Savannah Electric and Power Company (Ga.) photograph albums |
| <b>Dates:</b>          | 1912-1926   |
| <b>Extent:</b>         | 0.5 cubic feet (1 oversize box)                             |
| <b>Identification:</b> | MS 1381   |

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## Biographical/Historical Note

The Savannah Electric Company was incorporated on December 27, 1901. On January 15, 1902, it purchased the Savannah, Thunderbolt, and Isle of Hope Railway, the Savannah and Isle of Hope Railway, the City and Suburban Railway, and the Edison Electric Illuminating company of Savannah (which had been in existence since May 29, 1897). The Savannah Power Company was formed on May 3, 1912.

In 1902, Stone and Webster Management Association of Boston, Massachusetts were hired to manage the Savannah Electric Company. This firm was renowned for its management of electrical utilities and managed utility companies all over the southeast. In April of 1912, engineers from Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation came to Savannah to construct a new power station for the city. The Riverside Station was located at the corner of what was then River Street and west Broad. This plant began operation on October 31, 1912 and was fully completed by April, 1913. The Riverside station was actually built for the Savannah Power Company to operate. The electricity that it produced was then sold to the Savannah Electric Company.

On October 28, 1921, the Savannah Electric Company and the Savannah Power Company were transferred along with the Chatham County Traction Company to the Savannah Electric and Power Company, which had been incorporated on August 5, 1921. This new company expanded rapidly during the 1920s. In 1926, Stone and Webster, Inc. designed and constructed an addition to the Riverside power station.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of four photograph albums, three of which date from 1912 and the other from 1926. Two of the books provide day-by-day documentation of the 1912 construction of and the 1926 addition to the Riverside Power Plant in Savannah. The album of Stone and Webster Southeastern Properties has pictures from 1912 of scenes from Jacksonville, Tampa, Key West, and Pensacola, Florida; Columbus, Georgia; and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The 1912 Savannah Electric Company album shows electricity coming to Savannah. The photographs in all of the albums are black-and-white and are identified.

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## Index Terms

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Custodial History**

Unknown.

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### **Acquisition Information**

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### **Access Restrictions**

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## **Container List**

### **Volume**

- 1 Savannah Electric Company, 1912  
**Online Inventory Contains Digitized Items**

Hotel De Soto, Liberty Street

Casino showing bandstand, trolley tracks, and portion of river, Wilmington River

East Bay Street showing City Hall and Wholesale Houses

View from National Bank showing Mill Haven and Merchants and Miners docks

Bird's-eye view from National Bank of Savannah

Merchants and Miners, and Central of Georgia docks, showing lighter of cotton

Square rigged schooner. This means South American trade. Town in distance

Broughton Street, looking east

Boiler room at Power House **View online.**

Interior view of Power House showing switchboard and belted generators **View online.**

National Bank from Adler Building

West Broad Street looking north from station **View online.**

Broughton Street looking east from front of Savannah Electric Company's office

Bull Street looking north, showing National Bank

Union Station showing teams ready to transfer freight, West Broad and Berrin Streets

Broughton Street showing Savannah National Bank and Adler Building

Cotton shed on the Sea Board R.R. Terminals

A log train, unloading poplar logs

Freight yard and town in distance

Car barn **View online.**

A rosin lighter

Casino, Wilmington river, front view

## Volume

2 Stone and Webster Southeastern Properties, 1912

Jacksonville Traction Company. Bird's-eye view looking southeast

Jacksonville Traction Company. Corner Bay and Main Streets looking west

Jacksonville Traction Company. View from Main Street across Bay Street towards the ferry in the background, the Dyal-Upchurch Building

Jacksonville Traction Company. Post office, Atlantic National Bank, Bisbee Building, and Seminole Hotel

Jacksonville Traction Company. Main Street showing double track and palmettos. Catholic Church in distance

Jacksonville Traction Company. View in Riverside Park

Jacksonville Traction Company. R.R. yards looking east from viaduct showing town and docks in distance

Jacksonville Traction Company. Railroad freight sheds

Jacksonville Traction Company. Merchant and miners docks and Seaboard R.R. Lumber docks

Jacksonville Traction Company. Merrill Stevens, dry docks, largest ship yard south of Norfolk

Jacksonville Traction Company. car barn and office, Riverside Ave.

Jacksonville Traction Company. Exterior of new power station

Jacksonville Traction Company. Engine room of new power station

The Key West Electric Company. Bird's-eye view from lighthouse

The Key West Electric Company. Lower Duval Street showing Island City Bank at the right and Hotel Jefferson

The Key West Electric Company. Custom House and Naval Store House

The Key West Electric Company. Duval Street, Hotel Jefferson

The Key West Electric Company. Ruy Lopez Cigar Company

The Key West Electric Company. Sponge market

The Key West Electric Company. Exterior of power plant

Tampa Electric Company. Zack Street and YMCA building

Tampa Electric Company. Post Office, Custom House, and Weather Bureau

Tampa Electric Company. Tampa Bay Hotel

Tampa Electric Company. Catholic Church, Zack Street

Tampa Electric Company. Seidenberg Cigar Factory

Tampa Electric Company. Pendas and Alvarez Cigar Factory

Tampa Electric Company. Boiler room of main power plant

Tampa Electric Company. Interior of main power plant

Tampa Electric Company. New car barn

Tampa Electric Company. Exterior of hydraulic plant

Pensacola Electric Company. Bird's-eye view from American National Bank, showing harbor and South Palafox Street

Pensacola Electric Company. South Palafox Street

Pensacola Electric Company. Savannah Theatre and court House, Government Street

Pensacola Electric Company. San Carlos Hotel, North Palafox and Garden Street

Pensacola Electric Company. Escambia Lumber Co. yard and mill

Pensacola Electric Company. Goulding Fertilizer Co.

Pensacola Electric Company. S.S. Saltmarch at the L. and N. docks, freight shed, etc.

Pensacola Electric Company. Transportation of blue jackets from Navy yard on Bay Shore line

Columbus Electric Company. Chattahoochee River

Columbus Electric Company. Broad and 12th Streets, looking north

Columbus Electric Company. YMCA building

Columbus Electric Company. Union Station

Columbus Electric Company. The Hamberger Mills and Old Power House

Columbus Electric Company. Home-Mixture Company

Columbus Electric Company. Perkins Hosiery Mill

Columbus Electric Company. Meritus Mills

Columbus Electric Company. City mills plant, power house #1, from Central of Georgia Bridge

Columbus Electric Company. Steam Power Station

Columbus Electric Company. Interior of steam plant, generators

Columbus Electric Company. Balcony at steam plant, switchboard, etc.

Columbus Electric Company. North Highlands plant interior, showing generators and

switchboard

Columbus Electric Company. Gas plant

Baton Rouge Electric Company. Mississippi River, ferry boat

Baton Rouge Electric Company. Third Street, looking south, night scene

Baton Rouge Electric Company. Federal building

Baton Rouge Electric Company. North Boulevard, looking east from Church Street

Baton Rouge Electric Company. Standard Oil Works

Baton Rouge Electric Company. Oil barges and steamship

Baton Rouge Electric Company. Standard Box Factory, yard and works

Baton Rouge Electric Company. Baton Rouge Electric Company, station exterior

Baton Rouge Electric Company. Gas works looking east

**Volume**

3 Construction of Riverside plant, 1912

**Volume**

4 1926 Addition to Riverside Plant, No. 4 Unit