

Mary Faith Wilson collection

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Wilson, Mary Faith, 1920-1996.
Title:	Mary Faith Wilson collection
Dates:	1816-1994
Extent:	4.8 cubic feet (8 boxes, 4 oversize folders)
Identification:	MS 1588

Biographical/Historical Note

Mary Faith Wilson (1920-1996) was born in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Lawrence Otis and Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson. She had one younger sister, Nancy Otis Wilson (Mrs. Scott Lyons). She was a graduate of the Putney School in Vermont and the University of Chicago. She was one of the heirs to the Otis Elevator fortune. She was a freelance news writer in Washington, D.C. for many years, as well as a consultant on national public affairs to various organizations. She headed many fund-raising campaigns and briefly delved into real estate. She was also a member of the Georgia Historical Society. Through her work with the movement to restore and preserve the historic district of Georgetown (where she owned a house on Q Street), Mary Faith became interested in American history.

She soon began gathering materials on her own family and their experiences in America. She wrote several manuscripts about different members of her family. She was a descendant of the McAdoo, Davis, and Brooks families of eastern Tennessee; the Hazzard family of South Carolina and Georgia; the Otis family of New England; and the Floyd family of Georgia. Mary Faith never married. She died in Washington, D.C. on November 21, 1996 and is buried in Chicago, Illinois (probably in Graceland Cemetery).

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists mainly of notes and manuscripts of Mary Faith Wilson regarding her family's genealogy. She wrote manuscripts on the Brooks, Davis, and McAdoo families of East Tennessee; and the Hazzard family of South Carolina and Georgia. There are handwritten notes about the Floyd family of Georgia and the Otis family of New England as well as a manuscript about the Otis family (the author of which is uncertain). There are also handwritten and typed copies of the letters and diary of General Charles Rinaldo Floyd (1797-1845), Mary Faith's great-great-grandfather. There is also a copy of Augusta "Gussie" Gallie Floyd's (1848-1926) diary, which was kept from 1872-1874.

Also included in the collection are 7 volumes of diaries of Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson (for the years 1906-1911, 1922-1925 and 1929-1933) and 1 diary of Mary Faith Wilson from 1927. Three boxes and 4 oversized folders of photographs accompany this collection and are described in VM 1588.

Also included in the collection are photographs of Mary Faith Wilson's family and friends. These pictures cover a wide range of dates and many different photographic processes are represented, from nineteenth-century daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, and card photographs, to twentieth-century nitrate film, and color film. The first box contains photos of the Wilson family and their homes in Illinois and Connecticut. The second box contains photos of the Lynch, Pitt, Otis, Davis, Brooks, and Dickson families. There are pictures of John and Charles Rinaldo Floyd as well of the remains of the Floyd's plantation homes, Bellevue and Fairfield (which are located in Camden County, Georgia). There are also copies of some of Charles Rinaldo Floyd's drawings. The last file in this box contains photos and negatives of unidentified people. The third box in this collection contains mainly photos of the McAdoo family.

The fourth box in the collection contains the 6 photograph albums. These albums belonged to Laurence Otis Wilson, Malcolm Ross McAdoo and his wife, Mary Faith Wilson, and Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson (2). The owner of the last album is unclear, but it was someone in the Wilson family. These albums range in date from 1900s to 1940s and contain photos

from a variety of places all over the world. Some photos are identified but not all of them.

There are two portraits in this collection of General John Floyd and one portrait of Mary Faith Floyd McAdoo (Mrs. William Gibbs McAdoo). The first portrait of General Floyd is a 1971 copy made by Christopher Murphy of Savannah, Georgia from the original portrait owned by Picot D. B. Floyd. The second portrait is a copy by Gregory Stapko from the original miniature of General Floyd. The oil portrait of Mary Faith Floyd McAdoo is also a copy by Gregory Stapko of the original owned by Brice McAdoo Clagett.

The boxes and four oversized folders in this collection are labeled as to who is in each folder. In oversized folder 4, there is an oversized genealogical chart of the Floyd-McAdoo line.

The boxes and folders containing visual materials are noted as "VM" in the collection inventory.

Index Terms

Ambrotypes (photographs)
Anderson County (Tenn.)
Brooks family.
Brooks, John, 1730-1793.
Brooks, Joseph Alexander, 1801-1879.
Brooks, Moses, 1760-1830.
Camden County (Ga.)
Chicago (Ill.)
Clagett, Brice McAdoo, b. 1933.
Clagett, Brook McAdoo.
Couet, Brigitte, 1899-1962.
Daguerreotypes (photographs)
Davis family.
Davis, Anne Brooks
Davis, George Caldwell, 1874-1961
Davis, Jane Scott, 1803-1868.
Davis, John M., 1804-1882.
Davis, Joseph Brooks, b. 1867.
Davis, Margaret Brooks, 1869-1922.
Davis, Samuel H., 1834-1901.
Diaries.
Floyd family.
Floyd, Augusta Gallie, 1848-1926.
Floyd, Charles Rinaldo, 1797-1845.
Floyd, Isabella Maria Hazzard, 1772-1859.
Floyd, John, 1769-1839.
Genealogies (histories)
Gibbs family.
Gibbs, Nicholas, approximately 1733-approximately 1817.
Hazzard family.
Knox County (Tenn.)
Knoxville (Tenn.)
Lake Forest (Ill.)
Letters (correspondence)
Lyons, Nancy Otis Wilson, b. 1924.
McAdoo family.
McAdoo, Anne Brooks, 1898-1953.
McAdoo, Brigitte Couet, 1899-1962.
McAdoo, Ellen Wilson.
McAdoo, Francis Huger.
McAdoo, John, 1790-1854.
McAdoo, John, active 1750s

McAdoo, Malcolm Ross, 1865-1932.
McAdoo, Malcolm Ross, 1893-1951.
McAdoo, Malcolm Ross, b. 1920.
McAdoo, Margaret Brooks Davis, 1869-1922.
McAdoo, Mary Faith Floyd, 1832-1913.
McAdoo, Mary Faith, 1891-1956.
McAdoo, Nona Howard, b. 1868.
McAdoo, Rosalie Floyd, 1861-1920.
McAdoo, W. G., (William Gibbs), 1820-1894.
McAdoo, W. G., (William Gibbs), 1863-1941.
Meacham, Carrie Otis, 1851-1936.
Otis family.
Otis, Carrie, 1851-1936.
Otis, James, 1725-1783.
Otis, Jennie, 1853-1936.
Otis, Joseph Edward.
Otis, Lydia Anne Arnold.
Otis, Mary Birchard, 1859-1903.
Perkins, Marion Veronica Lynch, 1842-1923.
Photographs.
Plantations--Georgia--Camden County
Reagan, Nancy, 1923-
Research notes.
Tintypes (prints)
Westbrook (Conn. : Town)
Willard, George Caldwell Davis, 1874-1961.
Wilson family.
Wilson, Laurence Otis, 1890-1950.
Wilson, Mary Birchard Otis, 1859-1903.
Wilson, Mary Faith McAdoo, 1891-1956.
Wilson, Mary Faith, 1920-1996.
Wilson, Nancy Otis, b. 1924.
Wilson, Walter Herbert, 1856-1934.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Material was acquired from collector.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of the estate of Mary Faith Wilson, 1997.

Restrictions

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Container List

Box Fldr

- 1 1-3 Letters of Charles Rinaldo Floyd copied by Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson, 1818-1830
(1 of 3)

Copy of Charles Rinaldo Floyd letters

1816-1824

1820-1827

- 6 Copy of Charles Rinaldo Floyd letters and diary, 1822-1824

- 7 Copy of Charles Rinaldo Floyd diary, 1826-1829

Copy of Charles Rinaldo Floyd letters

1827

1828-1830

- 10 Copy of Charles Rinaldo Floyd letters (copied by Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson)

Box Fldr

- 2 1 Copy of Gussie Floyd's Diary, 1872 September-1874 February

- 2 Mary Faith Wilson's notes on Floyd family

- 3 Brooks family manuscript by Mary Faith Wilson

- 4 Davis family manuscript by Mary Faith Wilson
- 5 Hazzard family manuscript by Mary Faith Wilson, 1987
- 6 John McAdoo I (manuscript by Mary Faith Wilson)
- 7 John McAdoo II (manuscript by Mary Faith Wilson)
- 8 John McAdoo III (manuscript by Mary Faith Wilson)
- 9 William Gibbs McAdoo (manuscript by Mary Faith Wilson)
- 10 McAdoo (Appendices A, B, C, and D)
- 11 East Tennessee (manuscript by Mary Faith Wilson)

Malcolm Ross McAdoo by Mary Faith Wilson

1985

1989

Box Fldr

- 3 1 Genealogical chart showing relationship between Mary Faith Wilson and Brice McAdoo Clagett
- 2 Correspondence of Mary Faith Wilson regarding family genealogy, 1973, 1979, 1980, 1984 (6.0 items.)
- 3 News clippings and articles about Otis family, 1967, 1972, 1974
- 4 Notes on Otis family genealogy
- 5 Otis family manuscript
- 6 1874 letter to Mary Faith McAdoo; invitations to Mary Faith Wilson; notes on Marquis de Lafayette

- 7 Inventory of items sold by Mary Faith Wilson in auction, 1994
- 8 Auction receipts, 1994
- 9 Mary Faith Wilson;s research notes from DAR Library
- 10 Mary Faith Wilson;s notes about the engraving of Thomas Earl of Surrey

Box Fldr

- 4 1 *The Otis Family in Provincial and Revolutionary Massachusetts* by John J. Waters, Jr.
- 2 Chicago Society Directory, 1876
(Otis family is listed)
- 3 Diary of Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson (Mrs. Laurence Otis Wilson), 1906, from Switzerland (3.0 volumes)
- 4 Diary and address book of Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson, 1908-1911
- Diary of Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson
 - from Westbrook, Connecticut, 1907
 - 1922-1925
 - 1929-1933
- 8 Story "*Billy*" or "*Getting Billy at Home*" by Anne Brooks McAdoo, 1912
- 9 Diary of Mary Faith Wilson, 1927

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- 1 1 Laurence Otis Wilson (1890-1950)

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- 1 2 Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson (1891-1956)

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1 3 Mary Faith Wilson (1920-1996)

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1 4 Nancy Otis Wilson Lyons (1924-)

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1 5 Walter Herbert Wilson (1856-1934), Mary Birchard Otis Wilson (1859-1903), and children

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1 6 Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson and Mary Faith Wilson, 1920; Irene Wilson, undated

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box**

1 7 Georgetown, Washington, D.C., 1970s; Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence O. Wilson, undated

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1 Wilson family homes

Connecticut, 1940s-1950s

Chicago and Lake Forest, Illinois, undated

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1 10 Unidentified Wilson family photos

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1 11 Grave site of Irene Wilson, Carrie Otis Meacham, Jennie Otis Counselman, Westbrook, Connecticut

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2 1 Mary Faith Wilson's dog and horse

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2 2 Lynch and Pitt families

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2 3 Clinton, Emory, Knoxville, and Bristol, Tennessee, 1960s-1972

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2 4 Otis family

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2 5 Joseph A. Brooks (1801-1879) and Anne Brooks Davis (1835-1896)

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2 6 Davis and Dickson families

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2 7 Floyd family members

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2 8 Floyd plantations - Bellevue and Fairfield, 1930s, 1960s, 1980

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2 9 Copies of drawings by Charles Rinaldo Floyd

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2 10 Artwork by Mary Faith Wilson

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2 11 Unidentified photos

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3 1 William Gibbs McAdoo Sr. (1820-1894) and Mary Faith Floyd McAdoo (1832-1913)

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3 2 Malcolm Ross McAdoo (1865-1932) and William Gibbs McAdoo II (1863-1941)

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3 3 Malcolm Ross McAdoo II (1893-1951)

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3 4 Margaret Brooks Davis McAdoo (1869-1922) and Winthrop McAdoo (1900)

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3 5 Malcolm Ross McAdoo II, Samuel Davis, and Mary Faith McAdoo

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3 6 Anne Brooks McAdoo, Nona H. McAdoo, Rosalie F. McAdoo

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3 7 Margaret Davis McAdoo, Maude Caldwell Hagan, Mary Faith McAdoo, and other family members

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3 8 Other McAdoos

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3 9 James Saunders "Sandy" Turner, 1959-1963

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3 10 Fisher family, Brooke Clagett, Robert G. Johnson, and Janie Long

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3 11 Prue Scheidt farm, Highland, Maryland; Wohl;s place (unknown location)

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3 12 John Chauncy Williams Jr. and Andrea Hill, 1953 and 1955

Photograph album

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4 1 Laurence Otis Wilson photos, 19102-1920s

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4 2 Malcolm Ross McAdoo and his family

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4 3 Mary Faith McAdoo. Sausanne, Switzerland and Westbrook, Conn.

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4 4 Mary Faith Wilson, 1927-1930

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4 5 Mary Faith McAdoo, 1910s-

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4 7 Wilson family photo album, late 1920s-1940s

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1 Mary Faith McAdoo Wilson and Laurence Otis Wilson

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2 Mary Faith Wilson, Nancy Otis Wilson Lyons, and Walter H. Wilson

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3 Floyds and McAdoos
(includes genealogical chart)

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4 Georgetown, Washington, D.C.; Thomas, Earl of Surrey

Artifacts

A-1588-001 Toile fabric from the curtains in Isabella Maria Hazzard Floyd's childhood home **View online.**

A-1588-002 Single edged short sword **View online.**

A-1588-003 Portrait of General John Floyd copied by Christopher Murphy from an original portrait **View online.**

A-1588-004 Portrait of General John Floyd copied from a miniature by C. Gregory Stapko **View online.**

A-1588-005 Portrait of Mary Faith Floyd McAdoo copied by C. Gregory Stapko from a family owned portrait **View online.**