

# John H. and Gladys Monroe family papers

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Monroe, Gladys Madison Louise, 1908-1966.
<b>Creator:</b>	Monroe, John H., 1880-1941.
<b>Title:</b>	John H. and Gladys Monroe family papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1885-1948
<b>Extent:</b>	1.1 cubic feet (3 boxes, 1 oversize folder)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 1684

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## Biographical/Historical Note

John H. Monroe (1880-1941) was born in Monroe County, Florida, on June 20, 1880. In 1900, he joined the Savannah Fire Department, with which he served until his death on February 6, 1941. Monroe was appointed fire chief on January 27, 1913, and on April 30, 1941, was voted chief Emeritus by the Savannah City Council in recognition of his long and valued service. John Monroe married Alice L. Eddy and they had two daughters, Gladys Madison Louise Monroe (1908-1966) and Elaine Francis Monroe (1904-1970). Gladys Monroe attended Savannah High School and in 1933 graduated from the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of newspaper clippings, Savannah High School yearbooks, correspondence, a scrapbook, deeds, a photograph album, loose photographs, and stereographs. The deeds, 1885-1940s, concern the area at Rose Dhu plantation south of Savannah, along the Vernon River; the collection also contains a plat map of the plantation. Correspondence relates to the land at Rose Dhu plantation. The newspaper clippings concern the Monroe family's civic and social activities, including John's position as fire chief and Gladys' performance in Savannah High School plays. Yearbooks, the Savannah High School *Bluejacket*, are dated 1920, 1921, and 1927; the 1927 yearbook shows Gladys involved in numerous school clubs. The scrapbook belonged to Gladys and is a school memory book. It includes photographs, clippings, friendly notations, and a list of graduation presents. Gladys' photograph album includes images of her and her friends in Savannah and at the beach, circa 1923. Most photographs have captions with people identified. Other images in this collection include stereographs of Savannah, photographs of Coffee Bluff, and photographs of groups of people. There is one oversize folder with an undated group photograph of the Savannah Fire Department.

The papers are arranged by form, then alphabetically by subject; the yearbooks are arranged chronologically. The containers of visual materials are marked as "VM" in the collection inventory.

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## Index Terms

Clippings (information artifacts)  
Deeds.  
Fire departments--Georgia--Savannah.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Monroe, Gladys Madison Louise, 1908-1966.  
Monroe, John H., 1880-1941.  
Photograph albums.  
Photographs.  
Real property--Georgia--Chatham County.  
Savannah (Ga.)--Photographs.  
Scrapbooks.  
Stereographs.  
Yearbooks.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Unknown.

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## Container List

### Box Fldr

- |   |   |               |
|---|---|---------------|
| 1 | 1 | Anderson lot  |
|   | 2 | Columbia Ward |
|   | 3 | Dittmersville |
|   | 4 | Grant Ward    |
|   | 5 | Grimshaw Ward |
|   | 6 | Liberty Ward  |

- 7 Rose Dhu
- 8 Tybee
- 9 Plat maps of Rose Dhu plantation
- 10 Tax records and receipts
- 11 Land, correspondence
- 12 John Monroe documents
- 13 Scrapbook
- 14 Newspaper clippings, John Monroe
- 15 Newspaper clippings, Gladys Monroe

**Box Volume**

- 2 1 Yearbook, *Bluejacket*, 1920
- 2 Yearbook, *Bluejacket*, 1921
- 3 Yearbook, *Bluejacket*, 1927

**vm\_box Fldr**

- 1 1 Photo album

**vm\_box Fldr**

- 1 2 Loose photographs from the photo album

**vm\_box Fldr**

- 1 3 John Monroe

**vm\_box Fldr**

1        4     Gladys Monroe

**vm\_box Fldr**

1        5     Coffee Bluff

**vm\_box Fldr**

1        6     Stereographs (Savannah, Georgia)

**vm\_box Fldr**

1        7     Unidentified group photographs

**vm\_oversizefolder**

1                    Savannah Fire Department