

Chatham County Health Department death cards

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Chatham County (Ga.). Dept. of Health.
Title:	Chatham County Health Department death cards
Dates:	1803-1893
Extent:	7.1 cubic feet (40 boxes)
Identification:	MS 1712

Biographical/Historical Note

In 1925, there was an agreement for the Savannah Health Center, the Health Department and the County Commission to amalgamate their programs. This amalgamation formed the Chatham-Savannah Health Center in 1944. The Executive Reorganization Act of 1931 created the Georgia Department of Health to oversee the local health departments (Georgia Laws, 1931, p. 11), and the Social Security Act of 1935 was responsible for further expansion of the department. By 1939, regional agencies had been established and, in 1972, the department's functions were transferred to the Georgia Department of Human Resources by an act of the legislature (Jackson and Stakes, Handbook of Georgia State Agencies, pg. 47).

Scope and Content Note

This collection of Chatham County Health Department Death Cards presumably provides a record of all the deaths in the city of Savannah for the period of 1803-1893. Each card provides the name of the deceased, date of death and location, color, sex, age and remarks. The remarks often include the cause of death, place of origin, name of physician, and location of burial site.

Within boxes 1-7, cards are arranged alphabetically within the date span 1803-1832. Cards dated 1833-1893 are arranged chronologically and then alphabetically in boxes 8-39.

These cards correspond with the City of Savannah Health Department Death Registers, 1803-1853 (MS 5600HE-60.1). The information in the registers was published as the Register of Deaths In Savannah, Georgia, an indexed, six-volume set by the Genealogical Committee of the Georgia Historical Society. The original record books include the same information available on the Death Cards, but occasionally include additional information such as monthly and annual recapitulations for various categories, including the number of deaths, cause of death, age, sex, residency status, and nativity.

Index Terms

Chatham County (Ga.)--Genealogy.
Death--Proof and certification.
Registers of births, etc.--Georgia--Chatham County.
Vital statistics records.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Unknown.

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Container List

Box

1 A-C, 1803-1832

Box

2 D-Gra, 1803-1832

Box

3 Gre-Ke, 1803-1832

Box

4 Ki-Mi, 1803-1832

Box

5 Mo-Ri, 1803-1832

Box

6 Ro-Ti, 1803-1832

Box

7 To-Z, 1803-1832

Box

8 1833-1836, 1833-1836

A-S, 1837

Box

9 T-Z, 1837

1838-1840, 1838-1840

A-I, 1841

Box

10 J-Z, 1841

1842-1844, 1842-1844

A-R, 1845

Box

11 S-Z, 1845

A-B, 1850

Box

12 C-Z, 1850

1851, 1851

A-H, 1852

Box

13 I-Z, 1852

1853, 1853

Box

14 A-T, 1854

Box

15 U-Z, 1854

1855-1856, 1855-1856

Box

16 1857-1858, 1857-1858

Box

17 1859-1860, 1859-1860

Box

18 1861, 1861

A-N, 1862

Box

19 O-Z, 1862

1863, 1863

A-F, 1864

Box

20 G-Z, 1864

A-I, 1865

Box

21 J-Z, 1865

A-R, 1866

Box

22 S-Z, 1866

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A-R, 1868

Box

23 S-Z, 1868

1869-1870, 1869-1870

Box

24 1871, 1871

A-S, 1872

Box

25 T-Z, 1872

1873-1874, 1873-1874

Box

26 1875, 1875

A-K, 1876

Box

27 L-Z, 1876

A-S, 1877

Box

28 T-Z, 1877

1878-1879, 1878-1879

Box

29 1880-1881, 1880-1881

A-C, 1882

Box

30 D-Z, 1882

1883, 1883

Box

31 1884-1885, 1884-1885

Box

32 1886, 1886

A-H, 1887

Box

33 I-Z, 1887

A-S, 1888

Box

34 T-Z, 1888

1889, 1889

A-C, 1890

Box

35 D-T, 1890

Box

36 U-Z, 1890

A-O, 1891

Box

37 P-Z, 1891

A-G, 1892

Box

38 H-Z, 1892

Box

39 A-Mc, 1893

Box

40 M-Z, 1893