

# **Finding Aid to the Traub family Papers MS 1873**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Traub family.
<b>Title</b>	Traub family papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1930-2005
<b>Extent</b>	17.0 cubic feet (15 boxes, 4 scrapbooks, 3 oversize folders, 1 roll)
<b>Language</b>	English

## Biographical Information

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Herbert Smith Traub, Jr. was born in Savannah, Georgia, on 31 August 1917. He was the grandson of German immigrants. Traub attended Armstrong Atlantic State University (then Armstrong College) and Emory University. He married Franklin Smith Traub and they had three children: Herbert S. Traub III, Richard L. Traub, and Kimberly Traub Ribbens.

In 1945, Herbert Traub opened his first restaurant, a drive-in called Our House located on Victory Drive and Skidaway Road in Savannah. Traub also opened the Triple XXX drive-in restaurant on Victory Drive across from Grayson Stadium and the Harvest House on Ogeechee Road. However, his most successful restaurant was the Pirates' House. Located at East Broad and West Bay streets, he and a partner opened the Pirates' House in 1953. By the time he sold the Pirates' House 34 years later, it was one of the best restaurants in the South, and among America's 50 most successful restaurants.

Herbert Traub was also active in community organizations such as the Junior Chamber of Commerce and later the Rotary Club. He pushed the city of Savannah to light its many monuments at night and spearheaded efforts in the early 1990s to beautify the Daffin Park lake in Savannah. Herbert Traub died on 20 March 2008.

Franklin Smith Traub was a native of Asheville, North Carolina. She was active in the Christ Episcopal Church in Savannah, the Coastal Community Food Bank, the Florence Crittenton Home, Savannah Symphony Women's Guild, and the American Red Cross. She was also one of the founders of the Savannah Visitor Service Inc., which was given to Historic Savannah Foundation and is now Historic Savannah Tour Service.

Franklin Traub was a co-author of the guide book *Sojourn in Savannah*. Traub and her co-author, Betty Rauers, spent several years researching the history of Savannah and conducting tours to gain knowledge and an intimate understanding of the needs and interests of visitors to Savannah. The book includes both walking tours and driving tours.

She was also a member of the board of directors of Historic Savannah Foundation, the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, the Tourist Bureau, and a charter member of the board of Savannah Visitors Council. Franklin Traub died at the age of 57 in January of 1985.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This collection contains Herbert Smith Traub Jr.'s restaurant and Rotary Club records and Franklin Smith Traub's *Sojourn in Savannah* records. Restaurant records in the collection include artifacts, artwork, awards, clippings, correspondence, menus, photographs, postcards, programs, publicity materials, recipes, and scrapbooks dating from the 1950s-1980s. The bulk of the restaurant records pertain to the Pirates'

House, but there are some materials on Our House and Harvest House. Also included is Herbert Traub's "Light-Up Savannah Projects" Rotary scrapbook.

There is additional materials including publications collected by Herbert Traub, Jr. many from various World's Fairs, as well as a program from the 1939 film *Gone With the Wind*, booklets on President Franklin Roosevelt's visit to Savannah, including a ticket to his speech, and the N.S. Savannah, clippings on *Savannah the Walking Giant* and City of Lights event, as well as various photographs. Materials date from the 1930s-1960s.

Franklin Traub's Sojourn in Savannah records include artwork, books, clippings, correspondence, draft text, financial records, photographs, and tour information dating from the 1960s to 1970s. Also included in the collection are family photographs dating to 2005.

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## Arrangement Note

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This collection is organized into 15 boxes, 4 scrapbooks, 3 oversize folders, and 1 roll:

- 1 Box 1: Our House restaurant materials, programs, postcards, clippings, notes, newsletters, correspondence, 1950s-1980s.
- 2 Box 2: Photographs of family members, restaurants, buildings, etc., 1950s-2005.
- 3 Box 3: Cookbooks, clippings, magazines, publicity, 1960s-1970s.
- 4 Box 4: Clippings, restaurant materials, 1960s-1980s.
- 5 Box 5: Recipes, clippings, 1960s-1980s.
- 6 Box 6: Recipes, clippings, 1960s-1990s.
- 7 Box 7: Restaurant artwork, menus, giveaway hats for children, undated.
- 8 Box 8: Artifacts (mostly from Pirates' House restaurant), undated.
- 9 Box 15: Published material belonging to Herbert Traub many from World's Fairs, a program from the film "Gone with the Wind", photographs, postcard, and clippings, 1930s-1960s.
- 10 Boxes 9-14: Sojourn in Savannah files including correspondence, books, clippings, photographs, artwork, tour information, financial records, draft text, 1960s-1970s.
- 11 Scrapbook 1: Pirates' House restaurant.
- 12 Scrapbook 2: Our House restaurant.
- 13 Scrapbook 3: Harvest House restaurant.
- 14 Scrapbook 4: Rotary "Light-Up Savannah Projects".
- 15 OS folder 1: Pirates' House artwork.
- 16 OS folder 2: H.T. Silver Spoon award, 1968.
- 17 OS folder 3: Sojourn in Savannah oversize materials.
- 18 OS loose item: Oversize Pirates' House artwork.
- 19 Roll 1: Savannah in Royal Province of GA (reproduction map); Savannah street map w/tour routes (from Sojourn in Savannah); 3 artist prints of Savannah City Market, Union Station, and Desoto Hilton, 1970s-1980s.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Georgia Historical Society

### Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

### Processing Information

This collection is processed at the Basic Level (or collection level). There is no detailed inventory for this collection as it is not fully processed. To request that this collection be added to our priority list of collections to be fully processed as staffing and funding allow, please contact the Library and Archives staff.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Family Name(s)

- Traub family.

### Genre(s)

- Artifacts (object genre)
- Awards.
- Booklets.
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Drawings (visual works)
- Financial records.
- Letters (correspondence)
- Menus.
- Photographs.
- Postcards.

- Programs (documents)
- Publications.
- Recipes.
- Scrapbooks.
- Tickets.

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Savannah (Ga.)--Guidebooks.
- Savannah (Ga.)--History.
- Savannah (Ga.)--Tours.

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Roosevelt, Franklin D., (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.
- Traub, Franklin Smith, d. 1985.
- Traub, Herbert Smith, 1917-2008.

### **Subject(s)**

- Exhibitions.
- Restaurants--Georgia--Savannah.