

Victor G. Schreck collection of Chatham County property records

Descriptive Summary

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| Repository: | Georgia Historical Society |
| Creator: | Schreck, Victor G., 1870-1941. |
| Title: | Victor G. Schreck collection of Chatham County property records |
| Dates: | circa 1730s-1920s |
| Extent: | 4.5 cubic feet (5 boxes) |
| Identification: | MS 1906 |

Biographical/Historical Note

Victor G. Schreck worked for over 50 years at the Chatham County court house. A native of Savannah, Schreck's first connection to the court house was in 1888 when he was appointed to the tax collector's office. After resigning his position as a clerk in that office, he prepared a history of the land records of Chatham County beginning with the founding of Georgia. Schreck was later employed as a clerk in the office of the receiver of tax returns. After a long illness he died at the age of 71 on 3 November 1941.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains chains of title prepared by Lawyers Association of Savannah, abstracts of title, court proceedings, correspondence, marriage settlements, wills, and other handwritten and typewritten copies of records related to property in Chatham County, Georgia. The records were collected by Victor G. Schreck when preparing a history of Chatham County land records. The content of the records dates from the 1730s to the 1920s.

Abstracts of title are organized by ward name (boxes 1 and 2) and by tract name, neighborhood, etc. (boxes 4 and 5). They are housed in Schreck's original envelopes. Some of the envelopes are sealed closed and may be opened by library staff only, upon request.

Chains of title created by Lawyers Association of Savannah (box 5) include many of the properties described in the abstracts of title (both by ward and by tract name, neighborhood, etc.). Chains of title are loose in the box and many of them are rolled and brittle.

Individual envelopes entitled: court decrees, marriage settlements, trustees appointed, and wills A-Z are located at the end of box 2 in Schreck's original envelopes.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 5 boxes:

Box 1: Abstracts of title organized by wards: Anson, Atlantic, Ballantyne, Barry/Gartland, Berrien, Brownsville, Canty, Carmichael, Charlton, Chatham, Choctaw, Crawford, Cumming, Currytown, Cuthbert, Dale, Dasher, Davis, Decker, Demere, Derby, Duncan, Elbert, Estill, Falligant, Flannery, Forsythe, Franklin, Gallie, Garden, Garrard, Glen, Granger, Grayson, Green, Gue, Harden, Harmon, Haywood, Jackson, Jasper, Johnston, Jones, Kehoe, Lafayette, Lathrop, Lawton, Lester, Liberty, Lovell, Marshall, McKenna, McNamara, Mercer, and Monterey.

Box 2: Abstracts of title organized by wards: Myers, Norwood, Oglethorpe, Oliver, Owens, Percival, Pierpont, Pulaski, Rail Road, Reppard, Reynolds, Roberts, Schwarz, Seabrook, Southville, Stephens, Stiles, Telfair, Teynac, Thomas, Troup, Waring, Warren, Washington, Watson, Wesley, White, Wright, and Wylly.

Also contains envelopes entitled: court decrees, marriage settlements, trustees appointed, and wills A-Z.

Box 3: Abstracts of title by tracts/neighborhood/etc.: Acton Plantation, Ardsley Park, Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road depot, Avondale, Beach Tree and Prarie Plantation, Beaulieu, Bellview, Belmont Plantation, Bonaventure tract, Brownsville, Butcher Pen tract, Buzzard Islands, Carmarthan, Carmarthan/Courvoisie/Zouberbukler tracts, Carpenter Row, Cattle Park, Central Park/Hampstead Plantation, Cockspur Island, Creighton tract, Cuyler farm lots, Dittmersville, Elba Island, Ely's subdivision, Ewenburg, Fairlawn, Feeley tract/Eppinger's Brick Yard, Foundation tract/Brampton and Retreat, Garrard tract, "The Grange", Greenwich Park, Hampstead, Harmon tract/Elyod Heights, Hawthorne Park, Hollis tract, Home Crest, Mary Houston tract, Hussars tract, Isle of Hope, Kingsville, Long Island, Liberty Island, Macceo Island, Matthews Point/Thunderbolt, McQueen's Island, Merchants and Mechanic's, Millen Lots, Miller/Demere tract, Millerville/Stotesbury tract, Moreland tract, Myer's Park Place, Norton tract, Placentia, Pooler/Rothwell's subdivision, Poplar Grove, Port Wentworth, Prospect Park, Ruchert subdivision, Saltner tract, Saranac, Sharon Plantation, Springfield Plantation, Stiles Garden Lots, Teynac Farm Lots, and Tremont.

Box 4: Abstracts of title by tracts/neighborhood/etc.: Trustees Garden, Twickenham Annex/Plantation, Tybee Island, Vale Royal, Vernonburg, Wagner Heights, West Savannah, Wharf Lots/Yamacraw, White Bluff, Whitmarsh Island, Wilmington Island, and Wolfe (Michael) Tract.

Box 5: Chains of title, Lawyers Association of Savannah, 1738-1928.

Index Terms

Chatham County (Ga.)
Conveyances.
Deeds.
Letters (correspondence)
Marriage records.
Real property, Exchange of.
Schreck, Victor G., 1870-1941.
Title (property rights)
Wills.

Administrative Information

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.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Sponsorship

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