

Altrusa Club of Savannah (Ga.) records

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

The Altrusa Institute was founded on April 11, 1917 in Nashville, Tennessee by Dr. Alfred Durham. The organization was created to offer professional women opportunities in public service and personal achievement. Dr. Durham's associate, Mamie L. Bass, is credited with turning the club into a classified service organization in 1918, renaming it the National Association of Altrusa Clubs. Following Mamie L. Bass' leadership, clubs sprang up both nationally and internationally. Altrusa clubs attract professional women (and recently, men) who have an interest in volunteerism and making positive changes in their communities.

The Savannah Altrusa Club was founded on April 22, 1938 by Nancy Hatch, an International Association of Altrusa Clubs field organizer from Chicago, Illinois. At that time, the Savannah club was the thirteenth club in Altrusa's Second District, which included: Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Over time, the districts changed due to increased membership and the Savannah club became of a part of District Three, which includes Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. The Altrusa Club of Savannah was active from 1938 until 1999. Currently, the club has no members due to the small numbers of members and the strain of competing with other civic women's groups. However, the club charter is still in effect so that club funds can be distributed for scholarships.

Scope and Content Note

The Altrusa Club Records, 1938-2002, consist of administrative organizational records as well as materials distributed by District Three and Altrusa International, Inc. The six series reflecting the organizational structure and volunteer efforts of the Altrusa Club are: Board of Directors; Projects and Programs; Publications; Clubs; Newspaper clippings and Scrapbooks; and Visual Materials. Many of the date spans listed are incomplete with significant gaps.

Index Terms

Administrative records.
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Altrusa International.
Candler Hospital School of Nursing (Savannah, Ga.)
Clippings (information artifacts)
Martus, Florence.
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Photographs.
Publications.
Scrapbooks.
Slides (photographs)
Women civic leaders--Georgia--Savannah.
Women--Societies and clubs--Photographs.
Youth--Societies and clubs.

Administrative Information

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Container List

SERIES 1:: Board of Directors, 1938-2002

This series contains five subseries: President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and General Materials. These materials document the administrative activities of the club. Each of these subseries is arranged by type of record, chronologically. The bulk dates are 1960-2000, with gaps. Within the Treasurer subseries are three oversized ledgers.

SUBSERIES 1.1:: President, 1959-1975

Box	Fldr	
1	1	Transfer of Assignment of Presidency of Savannah Altrusa Club, 1959
	2	Correspondence, 1965-1966
	3	"Letters of Congratulations to Women of the City for Outstanding Accomplishments", 1965-1966

- 4 Local correspondence, 1965
- 5 Local correspondence, 1966
- 6 Local correspondence, 1967
- 7 Correspondence, 1968-1969
- 8 Correspondence, 1970-1971
- 9 Correspondence, 1974-1975
- 10 Agendas, 1965-1966
- 11 Minutes, 1965-1966
- 12 Minutes, 1968-1969
- 13 Business meetings, 1968-1969
- 14 Program meetings, 1968-1969

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- 2 4 Board meetings, 1974-1975
- 15 Board meetings, 1968-1969
- 1 Special meetings, 1970-1971
- 2 Agenda, 1974-1975
- 3 Club meetings, 1974-1975
- 5 Committees, 1968-1969
- 6 Altrusa Information Committee, 1968-1969
- 7 Community Service Committee, 1968-1969
- 8 International Relations Committee, 1968-1969
- 9 Vocational Services Committee, 1968-1969
- 10 Entertainment Committee, 1968-1969
- 11 Classification and Membership Screening Committee, 1968-1969
- 12 Courtesy Committee, 1968-1969
- 13 Publicity Committee, 1968-1969
- 14 Waving Girl Memorial Fund Committee, 1968-1969
- 15 Committee reports, 1970-1971
- 16 *District Three News*, 1965-1966
- 17 *International Service Bulletin*, 1965-1966

- 18 *Altrusa News and Views, 1968-1969*
- 19 *International Service Bulletin, 1968-1969*
- 20 *District Three News, 1968-1969*
- 21 *District Three Service Bulletin, 1968-1969*

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- 3 1 *District Three Service Bulletin, 1970-1971*
- 2 Golden Anniversary, 1965-1966
- 3 President's report, 1944-1945
- 4 President's report and file, 1965-1966, 1970-1971
- 5 Miscellaneous, 1965-1966
- 6 Altrusa International, 1965-1967
- 7 President, 1966
- 8 President, 1967
- 9 Finance, 1968-1969
- 10 Resignations, 1968-1969
- 11 Miscellaneous, 1968-1969
- 12 Conferences, 1970-1971

SUBSERIES 1.2:: Corresponding Secretary, 1963-1969

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- 3 13 Altrusa International, 1963-1964
- 14 Altrusa International, 1964-1965
- 15 District Three, 1963-1964
- 16 District Three, 1964-1965
- 17 Local correspondence, 1963-1964
- 18 Local correspondence, 1964-1965
- 19 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1964-1981

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4	1	New clubs, 163-1964
	2	New clubs and members, 1964-1965
	3	Corresponding Secretary, 1967
	4	Corresponding Secretary, 1968
	5	Corresponding Secretary, 1969

SUBSERIES 1.3:: Recording Secretary, 1938-2000

Box	Fldr	
4	6	Minutes
	7	Minutes, July 1939-June 1940
	8	Minutes, July 1940-June 1941
	9	Minutes, July 1941-June 1942
	10	Minutes, July 1942-June 1943
	11	Minutes, July 1943-June 1944
	12	Minutes, July 1944-June 1945
	13	Minutes, July 1945-June 1946
	14	Minutes, July 1946-June 1947
	15	Minutes, July 1947-June 1948
	16	Minutes, July 1948-June 1949

Box	Fldr	
5	1	Minutes, July 1949-June 1950
	2	Minutes, July 1950-June 1951
	3	Minutes, July 1951-June 1952
	4	Minutes, July 1952-June 1953
	5	Minutes, July 1953-June 1954
	6	Minutes, July 1954-June 1955
	7	Minutes, July 1955-June 1956

- 8 Minutes, July 1956-June 1957
- 9 Minutes, July 1957-June 1958
- 10 Minutes, July 1958-June 1959
- 11 Minutes, July 1959-June 1960
- 12 Minutes, July 1960-June 1961
- 13 Minutes, July 1961-June 1962
- 14 Minutes, July 1962-June 1963

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- 6 1 Minutes, July 1976-June 1977
- 2 Minutes, 1977-1978, 1994, 1997-1998
- 3 Program meetings, 1962-1969
- 4 Program meetings, 1970
- 5 Program meetings, 1974-1975
- 6 Program meetings, 1975-1977
- 7 Board meetings, 1962-1965
- 8 Board meetings, 1966-1967
- 9 Board meetings, 1968-1969
- 10 Board meetings, 1970
- 11 Board meetings, 1971
- 12 Board meetings, 1972
- 13 Business meetings, 1962
- 14 Business meetings, 1963
- 15 Business meetings, 1964
- 16 Business meetings, 1965
- 17 Business meetings, 1966

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- 7 1 Business meetings, 1967
- 2 Business meetings, 1968-1969

- 3 Business meetings, 1970-1975
- 4 Business meetings, 1975-1977
- 5 Business meetings, 1982-1999, undated
- 6 Club meetings, 1973-1974
- 7 Board of Directors, 1973-1974
- 8 Board of Directors, 1974-1975
- 9 Board of Directors, 1975-1977, 2000
- 10 Miscellaneous, 1967, 1975-1980
- 11 Attendance, 1970-1972, 1974-1975
- 12 Reports, 1977-1978
- 13 Correspondence, 1977-1978

SUBSERIES 1.4:: Treasurer, 1940-2000

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7 14 Treasurer's reports, 1971-1978

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8 1 Treasurer's reports, 1979-1994

2 Budget reports, 1950-1982, undated

3 Budget reports, 1988-2000

4 Bank statements, January 1973-June 1976

5 Bank statements, July 1976- June 1979

6 Bank statements, July 1979-April 1984

7 Bank statements, June 1993-June 1994

8 Bank statements, July 1994-June 1995

8 Bank statements, July 1995-June 1996

10 Bank statements, July 1996-June 1997

11 Bank statements, July 1997-June 1998

12 Bank statements, July 1998-June 1999

13 Bank statements, July 1999-June 2000

14 Bank statements, July 2000-2002

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9 1 Treasurer's guides, 1988-1989
2 Treasurer's guides, 1991-1997
3 Receipts and invoices, 1974-1977
4 Receipts and invoices, 1978-1979
5 Receipts and invoices, 1980-1982
6 Receipts and invoices, 1989-1991
7 Receipts and invoices, 1992-1993
8 Receipts and invoices, 1994-1996
9 Receipts and invoices, 1997-1999
10 Receipts and disbursements, 1997-1998
11 Receipts and disbursements, 1998-2000

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10 1 Treasurer's file, 1979-1980
2 Treasurer's file, 1980-1981
3 Treasurer's file, 1983-1984
4 Treasurer's file, 1999
5 Filing annual corporation reports, 1940-1977
6 Income tax exemption form 990, 1960-1981
7 Savings account, 1961, 1971-1972, 1975
8 District Three Annual Conference, 1971
9 Financial correspondence, 1980-1999
10 Altrusa merchandise orders, 1989-1994
11 ACT Foundation, Inc. trust application, 1990, undated
12 Federal tax information, 1994-1998
13 Coastal Empire fair book funds, 1997-1998
14 Myrtice Price Altrusa Achievement Award fund, 1997-1999

- 15 Contingency Fund, 1997-2000
- 16 Swing Medallions Program Fund, 1998-1999
- 17 Fair checking account, 1998-1999
- 18 Fund raising, undated
- 19 Cookbook sales, undated
- 20 Membership rosters, 1967-1970, 1982-1983
- 21 Membership correspondence, 1979
- 22 Recommendations for membership, 1971-1997
- 23 Member accounts, 1967-1977

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- 11 1 Membership and dues reports, 1970-1982
- 2 Membership and dues reports, 1989-1992
- 3 Membership and dues reports, 1993-1997
- 4 Membership and dues reports, 1997-1999
- 5 Membership information forms, 1989-1996, undated
- 6 Membership standings, 1990-1995
- 7 Annual dues, 1992-1997
- 8 Allocation of dues, 1993-1994
- 9 Emeritus memberships, 1993-1994, 1999
- 10 Member dues paid/outstanding, 1999-2000
- 11 Member lists, undated
- 12 Member lists, 1991, undated
- 13 Member account ledger, 1960-1981, bulk 1976-1980
- 14 Member account ledger, 1981-1983
- 15 Member account ledger, 1983-1984

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- 12 1 Member account ledger, 1989-1990
- 2 Statement ledger, 1961-1963

Volume

1 Ledger 1, 1967-1971

Volume

2 Ledger 2, 1971-1977

Volume

3 Ledger 3, 1980-1983

3 Cash receipts ledger, 1992-1999

4 Contingency Fund ledger, 1992-1999

5 Myrtice Price Altrusa Achievement Award Fund, 1997-1999

SUBSERIES 1.5:: General materials, 1938-2000**Box Fldr**

12 6 Organization welcome letters, 1938

 7 Correspondence, 1942, 1944, 1964

 8 Membership recruitment, 1942, 1968-1969, 1991-1999, Undated

 9 Inter Club banquet programs, 1995, 1958

 10 Awards presented to the Savannah Altrusa Club, 1962-1971, 1999

 11 Officer and committee directories, 1966-1967, 1993-2000

 12 Savannah's Classified Women's Civil Clubs joint meetings, 1968, 1971

 13 Articles of incorporation, 1969

 14 Altrusa Club of Savannah, miscellaneous, 1969-1996, undated

 15 Membership initiation ceremony, 1990-1992, undated

 16 Membership Committee binder, 1993-1999, undated

 17 Altrusa Club of Savannah directory, 1998-1999

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13 1 Meeting schedules, 1998-2000

 2 Constitution and bylaws for Second District Altrusa Clubs, undated

SERIES 2:: Projects and programs, 1931-2002

This series contains three subseries: Waving Girl Memorial, Nurses' Loan, and Miscellaneous Projects and Programs.

SUBSERIES 2.1:: Waving Girl memorial, 1931-1973

This subseries documents the erection and dedication of a statue of Florence Martus, known as the "Waving Girl" of Savannah.

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| 13 | 4 | News clippings, 1931, 1943, 1958 |
| | 5 | News clippings, 1961, 1966-1969 |
| | 6 | News clippings, 1971-1973, undated |
| | 7 | Dedication invitation list, February 1972 |
| | 8 | Dedication R.S.V.P. Correspondence, February 1972 |
| | 9 | Dedication invitations and program, February 2, 1972 |
| | 10 | Correspondence and financial, 1966 |
| | 11 | Correspondence and financial, 1967 |
| | 12 | Correspondence and financial, 1968 |
| | 13 | Correspondence and financial, 1969 |

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| 14 | 1 | Correspondence and financial, 1970 |
| | 2 | Correspondence and financial, 1971 |
| | 3 | Correspondence and financial, 1972 |
| | 4 | Correspondence and financial, 1973 |
| | 5 | The Waving Girl Memorial Fund, Inc. incorporation Papers, 1966-1973 |
| | 6 | Memorial fund, 1971-1972 |
| | 7 | Birthday part for Florence Martus, 1938 |
| | 8 | "Savannah's Waving Girl," by Ruth S. Healy, 1967 |

- 9 Sculptor contract, July 10, 1968
- 10 "A Tribute to Miss Martus," by Frank Rossiter, 1968
- 11 Centennial birthday observance, 1968
- 12 Projects Committee questionnaire, 1968
- 13 Memorial example: John Wesley monument, 1969
- 14 Pedestal and planter designs, 1971-1972
- 15 Congressman G. Elliot Hagan speech to the House of Representatives, February 16, 1972
- 16 Florence Martus poetry, undated

SUBSERIES 2.2:: Nurses' Loan, 1942-1995

In 1956, the Altrusa Club of Savannah began its Nurses' Loan program. The loan was given to qualified candidates enabling them to attend the Warren Candler Hospital School of Nursing. Materials in the Nurses' Loan subseries pertain to applicant and recipient information.

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- 14 17 Recipient information, 1956-1964
- 18 Correspondence, 1961-1966
- 19 General information, 1962, undated
- 20 Projects and programs, general, 1942-1973, 1995
- 21 Civic Club Council of Savannah, 1946-1960

SUBSERIES 2.3:: Miscellaneous projects and programs, 1956-2002

The Miscellaneous files are arranged by project or program, chronologically and consist mainly of publicity and committee records.

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- 15 1 Job Clinic for Mature Women, 1956-1957
- 2 Advertising benches, 1959-1975
- 3 Science seminar, 1965
- 4 Walking tours of history, 1965-1966
- 5 Nomination for the Mamie L. Bass Award, 1968-1969

- 6 Altrusa Anniversaries, 1977-1996, undated
- 7 Founders Fund Vocational Award, 1985-1986
- 8 Fair Booth Committee, 1995
- 9 Savannah Runaway Home Committee, 1995-1996
- 10 Annual Luncheon, 1997
- 11 Myrtice Price Achievement Award, 1997-2002
- 12 Program in honor of Myrtice Price, undated
- 13 "The Swinging Medallions", September 5, 1999

SERIES 3:: Publications, 1944-1995

This series contains two subseries: the *Altrusa News and Views* and the Altrusa Club of Savannah yearbooks.

SUBSERIES 3.1:: *Altrusa News and Views*, 1955-1995

This subseries consists of the *Altrusa News and Views*, a monthly newsletter specific to the Altrusa Club of Savannah. Highlighted in the newsletter were editorials, monthly meetings, current projects and membership. The bulk dates for the *Altrusa News and Views* are 1955-1973 with gaps through 1995.

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- 16 1 1958
- 16 2 1959
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- 16 4 1961
- 16 5 1962
- 16 6 1963
- 16 7 1964

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	2	1969
	3	1970
	4	1971
	5	1972
	6	1973
	7	1981
	8	1982
	9	1983
	10	1989
	11	1990
	12	1991
	13	1994
	14	1995

SUBSERIES 3.2:: Altrusa Club of Savannah yearbooks, 1944-1975

This subseries consists of yearbooks, published by the club, containing detailed lists of the club's officers, committees, projects, and membership. They date from 1944 to 1975.

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17	15	1944-1950
	16	1950-1961
	17	1961-1971
	18	1970-1975

SERIES 4:: Clubs, 1955-2000

This series consists of three subseries: Astra Club, District Three, and Altrusa International, Inc.

SUBSERIES 4.1:: Astra Club, 1979-2000

This subseries consists of general information and correspondence about this youth organization hosted by the Altrusa Club of Savannah at the St. Andrews on the Marsh High School.

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18	1	1979-1983, undated
	2	Correspondence, 1980-1982
	3	1987-1997, undated
	4	1998-2000

SUBSERIES 4.2:: District Three, 1988-2000

This subseries consists annual convention materials, manuals and publications.

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18	5	1988-2000
	6	Conferences, 1990-1991
	7	42nd Annual Conference, October 17-October 20, 1996
	8	43rd Annual Conference, April 19, 1997
	9	<i>District Service Bulletin</i> , 1989-1990, 1997, 1999

SUBSERIES 4.3:: Altrusa International, Inc., 1955-1997

This subseries consists annual convention materials, manuals and publications.

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18	10	24th Convention, July 1955
	11	Convention, July 1997
	12	Publications. <i>Classification Guide: Membership in Altrusa</i> , 1970

- 13 Publications. *Project Planner, Fundraising*, 1977, 1981
- 14 *Altrusa Encyclopedia*, 1986
- 15 *Altrusa Encyclopedia, Newly Revised*, 1991
- 16 *Altrusa International Encyclopedia*, 1997

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- 19 1 Bylaws, 1970
- 2 Bylaws and policies, 1985
- 3 Bylaws and policies, 1995
- 4 Club bylaws, undated
- 5 Principles of Altrusa, undated
- 6 *International Altrusan*, 1987, 1989, 1997, undated
- 7 *Altrusa Accent*, 1986-1997

SERIES 5:: Newspaper clippings and scrapbooks, 1938-1975

This series contains newspaper clippings that date from the 1940s to 1960s with some undated articles. There are six scrapbooks plus addenda. Four of the scrapbooks are oversized. This subseries documents the social and charitable activities and accomplishments of the Altrusa Club, as well as administrative appointments and milestones. Scrapbooks contain clippings, photographs, programs and ephemera.

Box

- 19 Scrapbook 1, 1938-1946

Volume

- 4 Scrapbook 2, 1942-1972

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- 20 Scrapbook 3, 1946-1953

Volume

- 5 Scrapbook 4, 1953-1958

Volume

- 6 Scrapbook 5, 1958-1964

Volume

7 Scrapbook 6, 1966-1975

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20 1 Scrapbook addenda, 1951-1957, undated
2 Scrapbook 2, newspaper clippings, 1942-1972
3 Scrapbook 4, newspaper clippings and addenda, 1953-1958
4 Scrapbook 5, newspaper clippings, 1958-1964
5 Scrapbook 5, newsletters, photographs, and correspondence
6 Scrapbook 6, newspaper clippings, 1966-1975

SERIES 6:: Visual materials, 1941-1999

This series contains 14 slides, one VHS cassette, and eight folders of photographs and scrapbook materials. The fourteen slides, March 1973, are color slides of three subjects: the chandelier at the Owens-Thomas house museum; Tayloe (?) Lanterns at the (Juliet Gordon Low?) Birthplace; and Advertising Benches. All three of these subjects were funded by the Altrusa Club. The VHS cassette is an Altrusa International Incorporated film titled, "This is Altrusa International" and is undated. The Altrusa Club photographs (1941-1999, undated) are arranged chronologically, a mixture of black and white and color, and are contained in eight folders. The bulk of the photographs, 1972, in folders 3 and 4, come from a dismantled photo album/scrapbook that documents the erection and dedication of the Waving Girl statue; a project spearheaded and funded by the Altrusa Club. Folder 1 contains three black and white photographs removed from Scrapbook #3, 1946-1953, that is found in MS 2011, Altrusa Club Records. Folders 6 and 7 contain color snapshot photographs from two unidentified Altrusa Club events. One oversize folder contains a panorama black and white photograph of Altrusa members at the 1941 Altrusa International Convention.

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1 Slides, 1-14, March 1973. Include the chandelier at the Owens-Thomas House; Tavloe Landers at the Juliette Gordon Low birthplace; advertising benches

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1 VHS tape. "This is Altrusa International," Altrusa International Incorporated, undated

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1 1 Photographs from Scrapbook 3, 1946-1953

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1 2 Miscellaneous photographs, 1965, 1966, undated

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1 3-4 Photo album/scrapbook, The Waving Girl Memorial, 1972

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1 5 Photograph. ASTRA club officers and sponsors, 1981-1982

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1 6 Photographs. Unidentified event, 1999

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1 7 Photographs. Unidentified event, undated (circa 1999)

Photograph. Altrusa International Convention, Hotel Roanoke, Virginia, July 12, 1941