

# Louisa Heath Olson research materials on migration from Dorchester, England

## Descriptive Summary

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| <b>Repository:</b>     | Georgia Historical Society  |
| <b>Creator:</b>        | Olson, Louisa Heath, active 1951-1984.                                      |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Louisa Heath Olson research materials on migration from Dorchester, England |
| <b>Dates:</b>          | 1951-1982   |
| <b>Extent:</b>         | 5.5 cubic feet (8 boxes, 4 card file boxes, 2 rolls)                        |
| <b>Identification:</b> | MS 2180   |

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Louisa Heath Olson resided in Quitman, Georgia and had ancestors. Her Way family ancestors settled in Massachusetts after migrating from England and would eventually migrate to Dorchester, South Carolina, and finally to Midway, Georgia.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains research materials including books, research notes, maps, bibliographies, genealogies, and newspaper clippings collected by Louisa Heath Olson from 1951 to 1982 on the colonial histories of Dorchester, Massachusetts; Dorchester, South Carolina, and Midway, Georgia and genealogical information on the settlers in these areas up until the end of the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783). Her research details the migration of settlers from these locations, starting in 1630 when a group of men and women migrated from Dorchester, England to settle in Dorchester, Massachusetts. This group of settlers then had a part in a later migration to South Carolina in 1695, when they decided to form another Congregational Church community in Dorchester, S.C. Later from 1752 to 1770, when looking for additional land for future expansion and wanting to stay together as a church group, the Dorchester settlers bought land in Midway, Georgia and began a new congregation there as well.

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 8 boxes, 4 card file boxes, and 2 rolls:

Box 1: Articles and research notes on U.S., United Kingdom, world history, Rev. John White of England, 1960s-1980s

Box 2: Articles and research notes on the history of New England and Dorchester, Massachusetts, 1960s-1980s

Box 3: Articles, books, clippings, and research notes on the history of Dorchester, Mass., witchcraft in colonial Massachusetts, maps of New England, bibliographies, photocopies and notes on Daniel Axtell's daybook of accounts from the Massachusetts Historical Society which mentions names in Dorchester, Mass., articles and research notes on history of Dorchester, South Carolina, 1961-1982

Box 4: Articles and research notes on Dorchester, S.C., maps of Beach Hill and Dorchester, S.C., bibliographies, 1960s-1980s

Box 5: Books with Olson's notations: An exhibition commemorating the settlement of Georgia - 1733-1948; English crown grants in St. Andrew Parish in Georgia, 1755-1775; English crown grants in St. John Parish in Georgia, 1755-1775; English crown grants in St. Philip parish in Georgia, 1755-1775; South Carolina - A short history, 1520-1948; The dead towns of Sunbury and Dorchester; The late affair has almost broke my heart: the American Revolution in the South, 1780-1781; South Carolina's expansion into colonial Georgia, 1720-1765; A chronicle of the American Revolution; The American Revolution: A selected reading list; Creating

independence, 1763-1789: Background reading for young people, Periodical literature on the American Revolution: Historical research and changing interpretations, 1895-1970; 1951-1976

Box 6: Research notes and photocopies of Georgia Colonial Records, list of people who migrated from England to Massachusetts to South Carolina and finally to Georgia, research notes and articles on history of Georgia during the American Revolutionary War, bibliographies, 1960s-1980s

Box 7: List of libraries used by Olson in her research, deeds and probate records in Mass. of first settlers of Dorchester, S.C.; Way family genealogy; lists of first settlers in Dorchester, S.C. with a New England background; genealogies of settlers in Mass., S.C., and Georgia; maps of Midway, Georgia; handwritten manuscript: Dorchester, England to Midway, Georgia, a Migration, 1623-1784; 1970s-1980s

Box 8: Alphabetical lists of first settlers in Dorchester, Mass.; Dorchester, S.C., and Midway, Ga., with genealogical information; index cards with bibliographic information; 1960s-1982

Box 9: List of settlers in Mass., S.C., and Ga., A-E, 1960s-1982

Box 10: List of settlers in Mass., S.C., and Ga., F-N, 1960s-1982

Box 11: List of settlers in Mass., S.C., and Ga., O-Y, 1960s-1982

Box 12: Bibliography, 1960s-1982

2 rolls: South Carolina maps and plats, 1960s-1982

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## Index Terms

Articles.  
Bibliographies.  
Books.  
Clippings (information artifacts)  
Dorchester (Boston, Mass.)  
Dorchester (S.C.)  
Emigration and immigration.  
Genealogies (histories)  
Georgia--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.  
Maps (documents)  
Midway (Ga.)  
Olson, Louisa Heath, active 1951-1984.  
Research notes.  
United States--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.  
Way family.

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## Administrative Information

### Processing Information

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## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

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