

Travis and Travis records

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Travis and Travis (Savannah, Ga.)
Title:	Travis and Travis records
Dates:	1785-1949
Extent:	13.5 cubic feet (15 boxes, 1 volume, 1 rolled item)
Identification:	MS 2196

Biographical/Historical Note

Travis and Travis were attorneys and counselors at law whose offices were located at the Provident Building in Savannah, Georgia. The law firm was managed by brothers: John L. and Robert J. Travis. They served as the city attorneys of Savannah and county attorneys for McIntosh and Effingham Counties.

John Livingston and Robert Jesse Travis were the sons of Dr. Amos Campbell Whitfield and Allie Margaret Livingston Travis and were born in Conyers, Georgia. John Livingston Travis was born on 25 September 1868 and graduated from Emory College in 1887. In 1895, he was admitted to the bar and opened a practice in Decatur, Georgia in partnership with John S. Candler as Candler and Travis. This firm dissolved after Candler became a member of the Supreme Court of Georgia. By this time, Travis's brother, Robert J. had established a law firm in Savannah, Georgia and John moved there in 1904 and in 1905 the two brothers formed a partnership named Travis and Travis, where John excelled in real estate matters. John was active in a number of fraternal organizations as well as the Wesley Monumental Methodist Episcopal Church in Savannah, Georgia. He was married to Anna Morrison (1868-1937). John L. Travis died on 11 May 1950 in Savannah, Georgia and is buried next to his wife in Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta, Georgia.

Robert Jesse Travis was born on 13 January 1877. In 1897, he graduated from Emory University and received his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1899. During the fall of 1899, he moved to Savannah, Georgia where he entered the practice of law as an associate of the Adams, Freeman, Denmark and Adams law firm. In 1899, Robert became a private in the Savannah Cadets and was active in the Georgia National Guard throughout World War I and World War II. Just before the outbreak of World War I, he was named city attorney for Savannah and he also served as the county attorney for both McIntosh and Effingham Counties. He was married to Rena F. Falligant and he died on 22 March 1963.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains records from the law offices of Travis and Travis in Savannah, Georgia from 1785 through the 1940s. Included within this collection are abstracts and indexes of deeds and titles, court petitions, wills, correspondence, and financial records from the Travis and Travis law firm. Also included is a genealogical chart for the Travis family as well as Robert J. Travis's military handbooks from his days of service in the Georgia National Guard.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 15 boxes, 1 oversize volume, and 1 rolled item:

Box 1: Indexes to the deed books on note cards, early 1900s

Box 2: Correspondence, index of McIntosh County, Ga. grantors, account books, check registers, index to Liberty County deeds, 1915-1932

Box 3: Deed abstracts for McIntosh County, 1910s to 1940s

Box 4: Wills, title abstracts, deeds, maps, stationary, 1886-1944

Box 5: Deeds, 1910s-1940s

Box 6: Wills, correspondence, petitions, titles, 1916-1934

Box 7: Deed abstracts, maps, wills, 1910s-1940s

Box 8: Index of McIntosh County, Ga. grantors, abstract of titles in McIntosh County and Liberty County, Ga., deeds, 1910s-1940s

Box 9: Will index, deed indexes for Bryan, Liberty, and McIntosh Counties, check registers, 1881-1940s

Box 10: Index to mortgages in McIntosh County, index to McIntosh County grantors, direct and indexes of deed in Liberty County, deed abstracts, 1876-1940s

Box 11: Military handbooks, title abstracts for McIntosh and Liberty Counties, maps, deed, 1860-1938

Box 12: Correspondence, deeds, check registers, deed abstracts, 1910s-1940s

Box 13: Books, check registers, military handbooks, deeds, 1910s-1940s

Box 14: Deed index, sheriff deed abstracts by county, 1870s-1930s

Box 15: Deed abstracts and title abstracts for Chatham County, 1785-1905

Oversize volume: Cash book, 1921-1933

Rolled item: Travis family genealogical chart, circa 1940s

Index Terms

Abstracts (summaries)

Account books.

Card indexes.

Chatham County (Ga.)

Deeds.

Effingham County (Ga.)

Financial records.

Genealogies (histories)

Handbooks.

Law firms--Georgia--Savannah.

Lawyers--Georgia--Savannah.

Legal documents.

Letters (correspondence)

Liberty County (Ga.)

Maps (documents)

McIntosh County (Ga.)

Mortgage deeds.

Petitions.

Title (property rights)

Travis and Travis (Savannah, Ga.)

Travis family.

Travis, John, 1868-1950.

Travis, Robert J., 1877-1963.

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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