

# Hotel DeSoto photographs and menus

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Hotel DeSoto (Savannah, Ga.)
<b>Title:</b>	Hotel DeSoto photographs and menus
<b>Dates:</b>	1941
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## Biographical/Historical Note

The Hotel DeSoto was designed by Boston, Massachusetts architect, William Preston in Savannah, Georgia. The six story hotel with three hundred guest rooms and 8,900 feet of verandas first opened its doors to guests on 31 December 1890. The hotel soon become one of the country's finest hotels and was often referred to as the "Dowager Empress of the South" and "Savannah's Grand Hotel." By 1965, the hotel could no longer compete against the growing presence of motels and hotels with more modern amenities and was demolished in January 1966. The hotel was replaced by the present day DeSoto Hilton Hotel in 1968.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains photographs of guests and two menus from the Hotel Desoto in Savannah, Georgia in 1941.

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## Index Terms

Hotel DeSoto (Savannah, Ga.)  
Hotels--Georgia--Savannah.  
Menus.  
Photographs.

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## Administrative Information

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## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

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