

Julia Floyd Smith and Strachan family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Dunn, Celia.
Title:	Julia Floyd Smith and Strachan family papers
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Biographical/Historical Note

Julia Floyd Smith was born on 30 January 1914 and resided in Savannah, Georgia throughout her life until her death on 17 July 2001. She was married four times to Lt. Henry Garden Strachan Jr. (1935-1941), Walter Andrew Hering (1943-1945), James Angus Baggs Jr. (1946-[1950s]) and Albert Franklin Smith (1957-[2001]). Smith attended Florida State University where she received her B.S., M.S., and PhD in history. Her research focused on the history of the South and African-American history. Smith taught history with an emphasis on the antebellum South for twenty five years at institutions of higher education including Armstrong Junior College (present day Armstrong Atlantic State University) from 1955 to 1961 and Georgia Southern College (present day Georgia State University) from 1965 to 1983. She died on 17 July 2001.

Francis Garden Strachan (1841-1902) was born in Scotland and immigrated to Savannah, Georgia in 1886 where he established a trading company. His son, Henry Garden Strachan (1876-1951), was the Vice-President of the Strachan Shipping Center and involved in several boating clubs and committees and the National Council of the Boy Scouts. Lt. Henry Garden Strachan Jr. (1915-1941) married Julia Frances Floyd in 1935 in Savannah. He died at Barksdale Field Air Force Base in Shreveport, Louisiana. They had one son, Henry Garden Strachan III (1938-1959) who died in an auto accident.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains correspondence, clippings, manuscripts, and ephemera related to Dr. Julia Floyd Smith from 1975-1993. The bulk of the materials focus on the publication of her book *Slavery and Rice Culture in Low Country Georgia* and include correspondence with her publisher and published reviews. Also included are copies of last will and testaments and other legal documents related to the estates of Francis Garden Strachan, Henry Garden Strachan, Henry Garden Strachan, Jr. and Harry Strachan III from 1902-1990.

Index Terms

- Accounts.
- Articles.
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Georgia--History--1775-1865.
- Lecture notes.
- Letters (correspondence)
- Manuscripts for publication.
- Newspapers.
- Pamphlets.
- Plantation life--Georgia--History.
- Publishers and publishing.

Research notes.
Rice trade--Georgia--History.
Slavery--Georgia--History.
Slaves--Georgia--Social conditions.
Smith, Julia Floyd, 1914-2001.
Strachan, Francis Garden, 1841-1902.
Strachan, Henry Garden, 1876-1951.
Strachan, Henry Garden, 1915-1941.
Strachan, Henry Garden, 1938-1959.

Administrative Information

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Restrictions

Access restrictions

The collection is open for research.

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