Georgia records

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

On April 21, 1732, King George of England signed a charter establishing the colony of Georgia. The colony was settled by James Edward Oglethorpe in 1733.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a microfilm copy of records from Georgia's colonial, Revolutionary, and post-Revolutionary eras, 1735-1822. The records are divided into 7 series: conveyance books, 1750-1804; probate records, 1755-1829; printed materials, 1735-1743; marks and brands, 1755-1793; mortgage books, 1755-1822; will books, 1754-1777; and inventory books, 1754-1778. The printed materials series consists of George Whitefield's Continuation of the Account of the Orphan-House in Georgia (1743); two acts: An Act for rendering the Colony of Georgia more defensible by prohibiting the importation and use of black slaves or negroes into the same and An Act to prevent the importation and use of rum and brandies in the Province of Georgia, or any kind of spirits or strong waters whatsoever (both 1735); and two volumes of William Stephens' A Journal of the Proceedings in Georgia, (1737) volumes 1 and 3.

Additional information on Series I, conveyance books, can be found in Abstracts of Georgia Colonial Conveyances Book C-1 (Call Number: F 285 .B42)

Index Terms

Bethesda (Orphanage : Savannah, Ga. (1740-1809))
Bonds (negotiable instruments)
Conveyances.
Georgia—History—1775-1865.
Georgia—History—Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.
Georgia—History—Revolution, 1775-1783.
Inventories.
Microfilms.
Probate records.
Stephens, William, 1671-1753.
Whitefield, George, 1714-1770.

Location of Originals

Original records in the Georgia Department of Archives and History.

Technical Access Restrictions
A microfilm reader is required to access this collection.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Unknown.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Unknown.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Published Descriptions

A published index to Series 1 is located in Index to Georgia colonial Conveyances and Confiscated Land Records, 1750-1804 (Call Number: F 285 .I5). A published index to Series 2 is located in Index to Probate Records of Colonial Georgia, 1733-1778 (Call Number: F 285. I53 1983). A published index and abstracts can be found in Abstracts of Colonial Wills of the State of Georgia 1733-1777 (Call Number: F 285 .A67) and Georgia Wills 1733-1860 (F 285 .B760)

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Container List

SERIES 1:: Conveyance books, 1750-1804

This series contains of eleven bound volumes and includes records of land transactions, exclusive of grants, from the colony's beginnings in the 1730s through the colonial period (prior to the creation of Georgia's counties by the Constitution of 1777). The documents in the conveyance books were recorded during the period 1750-1804, with a gap between 1778 and 1783, but many of the transactions took place well before the recording dates.
During Georgia's colonial period, probate records were maintained by the Register of Records and Secretary of the Colony, beginning in the 1750s. These early volumes include recordings of relevant records dating from the founding of the colony in 1733. Separate volumes were kept for recording wills, inventories and appraisements, letters of administration (letters testamentary), and letters of guardianship. In addition, a number of documents, even a few wills, were recorded in a series known as Miscellaneous (Bonds, Bills of Sale, Deeds of Gift, Powers of Attorney, etc.) Loose probate records (original wills, inventories and appraisements, administrator's bonds, and so forth) were filed separately and, although many have been preserved, they are scattered. Many are housed at the Georgia Department of Archives and History, some at the University of Georgia Libraries, some at courthouses of early counties, and a few are probably in private hands.
SERIES 3:: Printed materials, 1735-1743

This series contains various printed materials related to colonial Georgia. Included are George Whitefield's Continuation of the Account of the Orphan-House in Georgia (1743); two acts: An Act for rendering the Colony of Georgia more defensible by prohibiting the importation and use of black slaves or negroes into the same and An Act to prevent the importation and use of rum and brandies in the Province of Georgia, or any kind of spirits or strong waters whatsoever (both 1735); and two volumes of William Stephens' A Journal of the Proceedings in Georgia, (1737) volumes 1 and 3.

SERIES 4:: Marks and brands, 1755-1793

This series contains the Marks and Brands Book K for the British and Americans from 1755-1793.
SERIES 5:: Mortgage books, 1755-1822

This series contains Mortgage books E, P, Q, W, and EE, covering 1755-1822.

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16     X-4000-16. Mortgages Book E, 1755-1763

roll
17     X-4000-17. Mortgages Book P, 1762-1765; Mortgages Book Q 1765-1770

roll
18     X-4000-18. Mortgages Book W, 1770-1775 and 1778-1822

roll
19     X-4000-19. Mortgages Book EE, 1776-1778 and 1785-1822

SERIES 6:: Will books, 1754-1777

This series contains Will books A and AA, from 1754-1777.

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20     X-4000-20. Wills Book A, 1754-1772

roll
21     X-4000-21. Wills Book AA, 1772-1776 and 1776-1777

SERIES 7:: Inventory books, 1754-1778

This series contains Inventory books F (identified as D in some lists), FF, and GG, covering 1754-1778.

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22     X-4000-22. Inventories (Ordinary's Office) Book F, 1754-1770

roll
23     X-4000-23. Inventories (Ordinary's Office) Book FF, 1776-1777; Inventories (Ordinary's Office) Book GG, 1777-1778