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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: Gignilliat family papers

Date: 1891-1975

Extent: 4 Boxes

Creators: Sewell, Clifford Gignilliat, 1906-1990; Gignilliat, Robert Deas, Jr., 1901-1954; Gignilliat, Leigh Robinson, 1909-1980

Language: English

Repository: Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. specolle@georgiasouthern.edu. 912-478-7819. library.georgiasouthern.edu.

Processing Note: Finding aid revised in 2020.

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Related Collections: [Gignilliat family papers \(Georgia Historical Society\)](#)

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Scope and Content: This collection consists of papers of the Gignilliat family of Savannah (Ga.) from ca. 1891-1975. The bulk of the collection relates to Clifford Gignilliat Sewell and includes correspondence (1928-1932) between Sewell and W.L. Sewell as well as correspondence (1928-1934) between Sewell and others. Materials also include manuscripts of Sewell's works, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, and loose clippings and articles written by Sewell about the history of Savannah. The collection also contains correspondence (1891-1908) to and from Robert Deas Gignilliat, Jr, information on Leigh Robinson Gignilliat, and other genealogical materials on the Gignilliat family including photographs.

Acquisitions Info: Gift of Meta Gignilliat Colley, 1994.

Access Points:

Gignilliat, Leigh Robinson, 1875-
Sewell, W. L
Gignilliat family
Gignilliat family -- Photographs

Authors, American -- Georgia
Authors, American
Savannah (Ga.) -- History

CONTAINER LISTING

Box 1: 0200105033241

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| <u>Items</u> |
| Family Information - genealogical information re: Gignilliat family |
| Lila's Letters - letters to "Aunt Lila and Uncle Rayburn" (Webb) and "Aunt Tip and Uncle Walter" (Sewell) from "Lila" [1951] |
| Robert D. Gignilliat - miscellaneous correspondence to and from Robert D. Gignilliat [1891-1908] |
| General Leigh R. Gignilliat - poem - "General L. R. Gignilliat" by Edgar A. Guest - article re: Gen. Gignilliat from <i>Culver</i> |

Alumnus, Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana

Clifford Gignilliat Sewell - Correspondence (1)

- correspondence between Clifford Gignilliat Sewell and various others [1928-1934]

Clifford Gignilliat Sewell - Correspondence (2)

- correspondence between Clifford Gignilliat Sewell and W. L. Sewell [1928-1932]

Clifford Gignilliat Sewell - Manuscripts (1)

- manuscripts of works by Cliff Sewell, source materials for her works, photocopies of newspaper articles

Clifford Gignilliat Sewell - Manuscripts (2)

- manuscripts of works by Cliff Sewell, source materials for her works, photocopies of newspaper articles

Roses - God's Autograph

- book - *Roses . . . God's Autograph*, but Anne Douglas Leitch with Cliff Sewell [copyright 1976] - articles about book

Filler for Candle

- copy of *The Candle*, publication of St. Andrew's Independent Episcopal Church [9/78] - miscellaneous manuscripts

Photographs

- miscellaneous photographs of the Gignilliat family, mostly unidentified

Miscellaneous

- ration books from World War Two
- booklet - *Calvary Catechism*
- letter to "Mother" from William Robert Gignilliat, with form of contract for employment of freed slave attached [undated, but sounds like from just after the Civil War]
- handwritten story - "The lost son," by Hattie H. Gignilliat [1/1907]
- plat of part of Tybee Island
- **Economy Purchase Plan** from Georgia Power, signed by W. L. Sewell [3-9-39]

Not in Folders

1) notebook - "Clifford Gignilliat, Man 101"

2) composition book - "Clifford Gignilliat, English I, Rm. 27"

3) **Articles of Marriage Settlement**, Adeline S. Graham, James A. Probhart to [illegible] Jacob Probhart [9/1830]

Box 2: 0200105033035

| <u>Items</u> |
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| 1) autograph book, with binding falling apart - barely written in, but there is a name and date written on the first page - "Miss A. G. [illegible], January 9, 1877" |
| 2) <i>Georgia Magazine</i> , Volume 11, Number 3 [October-November 1967], with story by Cliff Sewell on p. 25 "When Somebody Cares - A Short Georgia Story" |
| 3) <i>Savannah News-Press Sunday Magazine</i> [4-14-74], with story by Cliff Sewell on first page - "Monterey Square: Honors Count Pulaski" |
| 4) <i>Georgia's Coastal Illustrated</i> , bi-monthly newspaper, Volume 8, Number 170 [no date given] - Cliff Sewell is listed as a feature writer, but her by-line does not appear on any of the stories |
| 5) <i>Savannah News-Press Sunday Magazine</i> [5-4-75], with story by Cliff Sewell on first page - "Ghostly Tales Freeze the Blood and Other Savannah Memories" |
| 6) <i>Savannah News-Press Sunday Magazine</i> [6-16-74], with story by Cliff Sewell on first page - "Savannah Dolls" |
| 7) <i>Savannah News-Press Sunday Magazine</i> [6-2-74], with story re: Cliff Sewell on first page - "Savannah, Now and Then": Sunday Magazine Writer Authors Book on Savannah" |
| 8) bound scrapbook, labelled "Volume II: 1968-1969" |
| 9) unbound scrapbook (held together by paper fasteners) [1966-67] |

Box 3: 0200105033043

| <u>Items</u> |
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| 1) 7 issues of <i>Savannah</i> magazine [November 1969, December 1969, January 1970, February-March 1970, April 1970, July 1970, September 1972] |
| 2) Scrapbook kept by Clifford Gignilliat Sewell |
| 3) unbound scrapbook (held together by paper fasteners) - copies of <i>Savannah Morning News-Evening Press Magazine</i> for 1970 |

Box 4: 0200105033456

Items

Magazine Page: David Lawrence, "Only the People can Regulate Broadcasting."

Magazine Pages (121-130): Joseph Kastner, "Colonial botanist, self-taught, filled European Gardens."

Letter from H.K. Smith to H.G. Williams, August 11, 1920

Newspaper Clipping: United Methodist Church – Claudine Phillips Circle Christmas Party

Letter, its remains, illegible, W.M. Shamburg & Co. Restaurant card

Newspaper Clipping: "Mrs. Coxon heads Red Cross Group."

Alabama Sunday Magazine: July 23, 1963, "William Rufus King"

Magazine Pages: two pages of cats

Magazine Pages: "Women's Day Dictionary of American Painted Furniture" (four pages)

Magazine Pages: Life Magazine: Vol. 55, No. 5, August 2, 1963, "Glory of the Sun's Big Show"

Page from Antique Monthly, July 1972

Page: "Shells...Nature's Living Jewels"

Warren Record: Vol. 61, pg. 1, Warren, North Carolina

The News and Courier Sunday Magazine: November 8, 1964, 1-C, "Joel Poinsett, Charleston's Fiery Statesman," Charleston, South Carolina

Magazine Page: The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, "Living Echoes of the Past"

The Coastal Empire Today: February 7, 1965

Savannah Morning News: April 20, 1930, "Midway Church Scene Saturday of 300 th Anniversary Celebration of Pilgrims Landing on American Soil"

Savannah Morning News: October 26, 1939, "Coastal Empire Development Edition"

- Section 1: 1-12
- Section 3: 25-36
- Section 4: 37-48
- Section 5: 49-60

Savannah Evening Press: Vol. XLIX, No. 104, March 19, 1940

Savannah Evening Press: Vol. XLIX, No. 127, April 15, 1940, "British Troops Get Foothold in Norway"

Savannah Morning News: August 24, 1940, "Georgia Press Association Celebrities"

The Toyland Herald: Vol. I, November 23, 1939, "Santa Claus' Own Newspaper"

The Augusta Chronicle: Vol. CLV, No. 348, December 14, 1939

The Augusta Chronicle: Vol. CLV, No. 351, December 17, 1939

The Atlanta Journal: Vol. LVII, No. 294, December 15, 1939

Gone with the Wind movie premier and excitement

The Atlanta Constitution: December 15, 1939, "Rhett Butler at Five Points"

The Atlanta Constitution: December 16, 1939, "Driving Club Breakfast Climaxes Gone with the Wind Festivities"

The Atlanta Constitution: December 17, 1939, "Nazi Raider Poised to Run Gauntlet"

The True Citizen: Vol 95, No. 20, June 16, 1976

The Signers Sunday Chronicle – Herald: July 4, 1976, Augusta, Ga

- Bicentennial Section 29
- Bicentennial Section 79

The Ludowici News: January 16, 1925

What Others Say: September 7, 1938, "Mrs. Coxon's Record Justifies Her Return to the House"

The Ludowici News: Vol. 15, No. 49, September 8, 1938, "Remember the Primary Wednesday, September 14"

The Ludowici News: Vol. 49, No. 17, April 28, 1961

The Ludowici News: Vol. 54, No. 17, April 28, 1966

The Ludowici News: Vol. 50, No. 34, November 26, 1970

The Ludowici News: Vol. 53, No. 44, February 15, 1973

The Fayetteville Observer, November, 1939, North Carolina Catalogued Separately.

The Christian Index, July 23, 1970

