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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: Clermont H. Lee papers

Date: 1936-1994

Extent: 2 boxes (including 1 tube)

Creator/Collector: Lee, Clermont Huger, 1914-2006

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: Collection was originally processed by Julia Sikes in 2000. Finding aid revised in 2019.

INFORMATION FOR USE OF COLLECTION

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Related Collections: [Clermont Huger Lee architectural drawings and negatives, 1940-1996 \(Georgia Historical Society\)](#), [Clermont H. Lee papers, 1977, 1985](#)

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Biographical History: Clermont Huger Lee was born March 4, 1914, in Savannah, Georgia to Lawrence Lee, MD and Clermont Huger Lee. She attended Barnard College before transferring to Smith College, where she earned a Bachelor Degree in Landscape Architecture in 1936. After completing her undergraduate degree, she attended the Smith College Graduate School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, obtaining a master's degree in 1939. In the 1940s, Lee worked as an assistant to landscape architect Talmadge Baumgardner with the Sea Island Company.

In 1949, she established her own firm, becoming one of the earliest women landscape architects to practice privately in Savannah. She created designs and planting plans for several historic buildings in the city, including the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, the Andrew Low House, and the Green-Meldrim House. From 1951 to 1972, Lee developed and oversaw the renovations of five of Savannah's historic city squares including Green, Madison, Troup, Warren, and Washington Squares. Having joined the American Society of Landscape Architects in 1950, she worked with Hubert Bond Owens to establish the Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects.

In 1964 Lee transferred seventy-two acres of land to the Nature Conservatory for the creation of the Charles Harrold Nature Preserve. Lee, along with Mr. F. R. Dulany, had been deeded the land in 1958 by the widow of Dr. Charles C. Harrold, who bought the land in the 1930s. Located in Chandler County, near Metter, Georgia, the Charles Harrold Preserve protects ecologically significant land which includes two distinct habitats: a sandhill community and a mixture of flatwoods and alluvial swamp.

Biographical history derived from [New Georgia Encyclopedia](#).

Scope and Content: The collection consists of Clermont H. Lee's research on the wild south Georgia shrub, *Elliottia racemosa* and the development of the Charles C. Harrold Nature Preserve in Candler County, Georgia. Materials span 1936 to 1994 and include correspondence, field notes, photographs, and published materials.

System and Arrangement: These files were arranged and organized by Clermont H. Lee. Her arrangement of the materials is undisturbed. Detailed notes containing background and

content information on the papers in the folders were prepared by Lee for the first eight folders. The originals and typed transcripts of these notes are in the front of each individual folder.

Box 1: 0200105011841

Box 2: 0200105011858 (Tube)

Acquisitions Info: Gift of Clermont H. Lee, 2000.

Access Points:

Lee, Clermont H

Harrold, Charles Cotton -- Correspondence

Charles C. Harrold Nature Preserve

Elliottia racemosa

CONTAINER LISTING

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Historical Account of <i>Elliottia racemosa</i>	1	1
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Correspondence about <i>Elliottia racemosa</i> Propagation 1962-1990	1	4
Correspondence to and from Charles C. Harrold 1933-1944	1	5
Correspondence about Charles C. Harrold Nature Preserve 1954-1973	1	6
Correspondence about Charles C. Harrold Nature Collection 1975-1985	1	7

Correspondence about Charles C. Harrold Nature Preserve 1986-1994	1	8
Photos of <i>Elliottia racemosa</i>	1	9
Charles C. Harrold Preserve- Bridges Study This file contains a Master's thesis by William H. Bridges, Jr. - A Floristic and Edaphic Study of the Charles C. Harrold Preserve (Georgia Southern College, 1969).	1	10
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Box 2: 0200105011858 (Tube)

C.C Harrold Preserve Diagrammatic Map (Tracing) of Property by Clermont Lee & Ivan Tomkins 1983