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## **OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION**

**Title:** S. E. "Zeke" Perkins papers

**Date:** 1896-1985

**Extent:** 1 box

**Creator:** Perkins, S. E. "Zeke", 1908-1987

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. [specolle@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:specolle@georgiasouthern.edu). 912-478-7819. [library.georgiasouthern.edu](http://library.georgiasouthern.edu).

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## ABOUT THE COLLECTION

**Biographical History:** Sheppard Ezekiel "Zeke" Perkins (Apr. 8, 1908-May 20, 1987) was born in Evans County, Georgia, and spent most of his life there. He was the son of Emma (Smith) and John Harrell Perkins and husband of Mary (Hunter) Perkins (1902-1985). He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II and later became a squadron leader of the Savannah Civil Air Patrol. In addition to owning a florist business in Claxton, Georgia, he served as a councilman and mayor of Hagan, Georgia, and was the first elected president of the Silver-Haired Legislature, an advisory group to the Georgia General Assembly. He is buried in Brewton Cemetery, Hagan, Georgia.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of printed and manuscript materials collected by S. E. "Zeke" Perkins, a lifelong resident of Evans County, Georgia. Materials include printed and manuscript materials related to several churches and the Hepzibah Baptist Association; a copy of the diary of John Rogers Smith's visit to the last Blue/Gray reunion at Gettysburg (1938); an unpublished manuscript history of the Perkins mill and lumber company, Hagan, Georgia; an unpublished manuscript history of Ezell Masonic lodge; information about Perkins family history; pamphlets and news articles about the Claxton Annual Rattlesnake Roundup (1970-1973); a Georgia almanac (1911); Evans County Jubilee volume (1964); and miscellaneous travel brochures and newspaper clippings.

**Acquisitions Info:** Gift of the Perkins family, 1988-1990

### Access Points:

Perkins, Sheppard Ezekiel	Georgia -- Evans County
Perkins, S. E. Zeke	Georgia -- Tattnall County
Smith, John Rogers	Rattlesnake Roundup, Claxton, Ga.
Gettysburg Reunion (1938)	Ezell Masonic Lodge
Perkins family	Perkins Mill and Lumber Company
Gettysburg Reunion, 1938	Hepzibah Baptist Association
Evans County (Ga.) -- History -- Sources	Antioch Baptist Church, Claxton, Ga.
Tattnall County (Ga.) -- History -- Sources	Bull Creek Baptist Church, Claxton, Ga.
Georgia -- Church history	

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## CONTAINER LISTING

**Box 1:** 0200105033290

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
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<i>The Empire State of the South Almanac 1911</i>	1	1
Pamphlet – <i>Mount Vernon, Virginia</i>	1	1
News Article – “The Men Behind Savannah Street Names” by Samuel A. Cann, <i>Savannah Morning News-Evening Press</i> Magazine [9-16-67]	1	1
Copy of marriage certificate of John H. Perkins and Emma Smith [8-23-1898]	1	1
pamphlet - <i>Coats of Arms</i>	1	1
photograph postcard of Maggie Smith and Debbie DeLoach	1	1
manuscript - “Freedom and the Bill of Rights”	1	1
news article on history of Perkins family	1	1
“A Map of the Heavens, put out by <i>National Geographic</i> magazine [12/1957]	1	1
Diary of the Trip of John Rogers and Bernice E. Smith, Sr. to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, June 29 to July 7, 1938 to Attend the Last Reunion of the Blue and Gray (Confederate and Union Veterans of the Civil War) on the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg	1	1
manuscript - “The Perkins Mill of Hagan”	1	1
typed notes on Perkins family history	1	1
program for honoring Bernice E. Smith, Sr. [6-14-1981], with brief biography of Smith attached	1	1
original deed for Perkins Lumber Company, Tattnall County, Georgia [1912]	1	1
manuscript - “History of Ezell Lodge Free and Accepted Masons”	1	1
brochure - <i>The Acropolis of Athens</i> [1945]	1	1
brochure - <i>Special Collections at Georgia Southern</i>	1	1
paper - “Mississippi Relief Cattle for Greece”	1	1
miscellaneous photographs of Sequoia National Park, Greece, and Danzig [1945]	1	1
manuscript - “Antioch Missionary Baptist Church”	1	2

three copies of photographs of S. E. "Zeke" Perkins	1	2
copy of news article - "The Secession Vote at the Georgia Convention"	1	2
manuscript - "The Great Seal of the United States"	1	2
pamphlets from the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Annual Rattlesnake Roundups [1970-72]	1	2
news article - "They'll Hunt for Big Ones at Rattlesnake Roundup," by Bob Harrell, <i>Atlanta Constitution</i> [3-6-1973]	1	2
manuscript - "The Perkins Mill at Hagan"	1	2
Church bulletins	1	2
Bay Branch Primitive Baptist Church [4-24-1977]	1	2
First Baptist Church, Claxton [7-8-1984]	1	2
Rehoboth Baptist Church [1-13-1985]	1	2
copy of booklet - <i>The Hepzibah Baptist Association Centennial 1794-1894</i>	1	2
booklet - <i>Evans County Golden Jubilee Anniversary Album</i> [1964]	1	2
section copied from booklet re: New Sunbury Association - "History of the Organization" [11/1866]	1	3
copy - Deed Book I, Pages 102-103 [6/1881]	1	3
copy - Deed Book Q, Pages 58-59 [9/1896]	1	3
copy of plat of Antioch Church [1978]	1	3
copy of deed to Antioch Church [9/21]	1	3
handwritten notes - Church Location	1	3
two spiral notebooks: "Antioch Church Research from Mercer Library" and "Antioch"	1	3
handwritten manuscript - "History of Bull Creek Baptist Church," by S. E. (Zeke) Perkins [10/1978]	1	4
four photographs of Bull Creek Baptist Church	1	4

Booklet: <i>1985 Minutes of Primitive Baptist Associations</i>	1	
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