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## **OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION**

**Title:** Waddie Welcome collection

**Date:** 2006-2009

**Extent:** 5 boxes (1.25 linear feet)

**Creator:** Kohler, Tom and Earl, Susan

**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).

**Processing Note:** Collection was previously known as "The Waddie Welcome Archive." Finding aid revised in 2020 by Tyler Hendrix, Graduate Assistant, under the supervision of Autumn Johnson, Special Collections Librarian. Finding aid revised additionally in November 2021 by Nathan Chapman, Student Assistant, under the supervision of Willow Farmer, Special Collections Assistant.

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## **INFORMATION FOR USE OF COLLECTION**

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**Related Collections:**

[Waddie Welcome and the beloved community / Tom Kohler, Susan Earl.](#)

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## ABOUT THE COLLECTION

**Administrative History:** The photographs were assembled by Tom Kohler and Susan Earl as they prepared the book *Waddie Welcome and the Beloved Community* (2004). In 2006, at the organizing meeting of the Southern Coastal Humanities Consortium at the Coastal Georgia Center, Tom Kohler came and talked with a group of non-profit directors, leaders of community organizations and academics about his and Susan Earl's work to reunite Waddie Welcome with the community he knew as he was growing up. The genius of Kohler's and Earl's project was that Waddie Welcome's story gave life to a whole series of places and histories that were otherwise being neglected, forgotten and lost to history.

Waddie Welcome was born in Sylvania, Georgia in 1914 and moved to Savannah in the mid-1920's. His life story coincides with the period during which Savannah's African-American small business and artistic culture flourished, and it also suggests the relationship between rural and urban South Georgia during that same period. The story was not only inspiring in the words of Jimmy Carter as "a modern day parable, but it also indicated to many among the group a new kind of method for approaching both history and regional development.

**Scope and Content:** This collection consists of approximately 668 photograph slides taken by Tom Kohler and Susan Earl from 2006 to 2009. Slides capture artwork created by Waddie Welcome in the Savannah area. Collection also includes print photographs and compact discs containing digital files that supplement materials found on the slides.

[Find this collection in the University Libraries' catalog](#)

**System of Arrangement:** Photographic slides are arranged within the first four (4) boxes. Box 5 consists of twelve (12) CDs and two (2) envelopes of photographic prints that supplement the slide collection.

**Box 1:** 0200106095678

**Box 2:** 0200106095553

**Box 3:** 0200106095652

**Box 4:** 0200106095561

**Box 5:** 0200106672898

**Access Points:**

Welcome, Waddie, 1914-2001

African Americans -- Georgia -- Savannah -- History

African American artisans -- Georgia -- Savannah -- History

Signs and signboards

African American artisans

African Americans

Signs and signboards

Savannah (Ga.) -- History

Savannah (Ga.) -- Pictorial works

Georgia -- Savannah

History

Photographs

Pictorial works

**CONTAINER LISTING**

**Box 1: 0200106095678**

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Slides (Folders 1-4)	1	<i>Loose</i>

**Box 2: 0200106095553**

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Slides (Folders 5-8)	2	<i>Loose</i>

**Box 3: 0200106095652**

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Slides (Folders 9-12)	3	<i>Loose</i>

**Box 4: 0200106095561**

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
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Slides (Folder 13)	4	<i>Loose</i>
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**Box 5: 0200106672898**

<b><u>Items</u></b>	<b><u>Box Number</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Number</u></b>
Photographs envelope (1)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Photographs envelope (2)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (1)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (2)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (3) "Slides"	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (4) "Photos Large"	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (5)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (6)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (7)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (8)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (9)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (10)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (11)	5	<i>Loose</i>
Waddie Welcome Archive CD (12)	5	<i>Loose</i>