

## TATTNALL COUNTY ARCHIVES

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

#### MS 001

#### Lillian Eason Papers

##### Descriptive Summary:

Creator Information:	Eason, Lillian G., 1916-2002
Title:	Lillian Eason Papers
Collection Identifier:	MS 001
Accession History:	Accession date: Unknown
Method of Accession:	No deed of gift, box from family members
Date Span of Material:	1921-2004
Extent:	7.01 linear feet (4 folder boxes, & 3 - 3-ring binder boxes)
Archivist & Finding Aid Author:	Signe Anderson
Languages:	English
Repository:	Tattnall County Archives

##### Administrative Information:

Location Information:	Shelves: 1 <sup>st</sup> Jail Cell/ Boxes 1-5 Shelves: Superior Court/Box 6 & 7 / 2 – 3-ring binder boxes Annex: Annual Collection: <i>The Reflector</i> S.G.T.C. 1939 Annual
Accession Restrictions:	None
Custodial History:	One oversized box was delivered to the courthouse office of Frank Murphy, county manager, by family members, date unknown. One plastic tote was donated by Lyndal Tatum, who had been given the material at the end of a family estate sale.
Accession Number:	None
Preferred Citation:	Lillian Eason Papers, MS 001, Tattnall County Archives, Reidsville
Copyright Notice:	Consult the archivist for details.

##### Subjects & Genres:

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)  
Lillian Eason  
Michael W. Eason  
Genealogy  
Heart of GA Altamaha Regional Commission  
Historic Resources Survey

Retired Teachers Association  
South Georgia Teachers College  
Tattnall County Campground  
Tattnall County City Court  
Tattnall County Preservation, Inc.  
Tattnall County Schools  
Tattnall County Superior Court  
United Methodist Church

**Biographical Note:**

Lillian Gertrude Eason was born November 29, 1916 in Tattnall County, Georgia, to Michael William and Lillian Gertrude Cobb Eason. She was a 1937 Graduate of the South Georgia Teachers College, Collegeboro, Georgia, with a major in English. She continued to live in her father's home as she never married or had issue. She taught high school in both Sylvania, Screven County, and Reidsville, Tattnall County, Georgia. Lillian was an avid genealogist and proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and was very civic minded, working diligently to record and preserve the history of Tattnall County and her ancestral connections to both it and the Methodist Church in Tattnall County. She was in integral part of creating the Methodist's Church "100 Years" booklet. She was an active member involved several projects and clubs, to include Retired Teachers Association, the committee that prepared a history of Tattnall Camp Ground in 1967, contributed numerous articles relating to Tattnall County history to *The Tattnall Journal*, Tattnall County Preservation, Inc for the Alexander Hotel, and was a supporter of the Tattnall County Historic Resources Survey. She also maintained many of her father's files. Lillian died December 30, 2002.

Michael William Eason, also known as Mike, was born December 26, 1889 and died April 5, 1971. After graduating law school in 1922 he and his wife Gertrud Cobb Eason moved to Reidsville where he began his law practice serving as both solicitor and judge of the City Court of Reidsville. He and Gertrud had 4 children, Lillian, Jack, Virginia "Shug", and Martha Jean. He was a member and steward of the Reidsville Methodist Church as well as a faithful leader and Trustee of the Tattnall Camp Ground.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection includes 3 series:

1) Miss Eason's personal papers include correspondence, school annuals, ephemera, photos, blueprints, her papers related to Tattnall County Preservation, Inc., and The Tattnall County Historic Resources Survey.

2) The correspondence and business files of Michael William Eason, Esq., a leather pouch that contained notes of his, and preliminary court documents. All actual court documents found in this collection were returned to the respective Court Files in this facility.

3) Tattnall County Methodist church history, to include photos, pamphlets, art work, newspaper clippings, directories, and trustee, pastor, and member lists.

**Arrangement:**

Note: this collection had been sorted through and rearranged prior to processing as a collection, thus original order did not exist. Staff decided to use a combination of series, and then both alphabetical and chronological order to best arrange this collection.

Series 1 in Box 1 is Lillian Eason's personal papers and collections to include pamphlets, school annuals, photos, and correspondence. Her 1956 & 1958 Panorama Annuals (she was faculty) are in Box 5 along with a blank Tobacco Log booklet. Tattnall County Resource Survey has been separately housed in Boxes 6 & 7, 2- 3-ring binder boxes, and is shelved in the Reading Room of Tattnall County Archives. Her 1939 Reflector Annual, from Georgia Southern Teachers College, is shelved with the "Areas College Annuals Collection" in our annex.

Series 2 in Boxes 2-3 are Michael W Eason's files. His leather document pouch is housed separately in Box 5.

Series 3 in Box 4 is Miss Eason's papers that relate to the history of Tattnall County's Methodist Church and it's Tattnall County Campground.

**Detailed Description of the Collection and Box Content:**

**Box 1: Personal Papers**

Folder 1 -- Tattnall County History. Photocopy of Gov. Brown's handwritten proclamation establishing Tattnall. List of Sheriffs.

Folder 2 -- Brief History of Tattnall County Schools by Samuel J. Lawson III (1980)

Folder 3 -- DAR Papers (Veteran Patients Committee, Chapter achievement awards, chapter growth & productivity award, materials donated to the VA 86-87, minutes 1983)

Folder 4 -- Proceedings of the Georgia DAR 1974-75

Folder 5 -- Genealogy: COBB, including 6 bushes corn to The Confederate States 1865, John Cobb agreement with emancipation, paper re: Noah, enslaved man, letter from Anna Cobb to husband re: leave from Capt. Walthour

Folder 6 -- Genealogy: EASON;

Easons Everywhere, From Loch Ness to Undine Compiled by Gerald Eason

Eason Family Reunion Oct 18, 1987, Henry Merle Eason, Sr.

Copies from Family Bible of William Eason 1771-1831

Death Cert. Michael William Eason

Genealogy Data Page 103 (Descendancy) rootsweb.com (17 pages Tillman's highlighted)

Photo: Lillian Eason, Virginia Eason Kicklighter & 2 unknown men -- labeled "Memorial Service Judge Eason" (REMOVED TO PHOTO COLLECTION)

Folder 7 -- Genealogy: MATTOX, Family, Census Account

Folder 8 -- Genealogy: SIKES, Families (revised 1987)  
Folder 9 -- Genealogy: Other (Tootle, James A. Tippins, John Peterson, Edward Cowart & Elvina Collins marriage certificate)  
Folder 10 -- History of Tattnall County Courthouses, Jails, & Alexander Hotel (compiled 1987)  
Folder 11 -- Land Lottery GA 1805 (2), Land Grants Index SC 1784-1800, 1820 Census  
Folder 12 -- *Sketches of By-Gone Days* by Joseph T. Grice, photocopy  
Folder 13 -- Map of Taylors Creek Community, 1940  
Folder 14 -- Perry's Mill Article (1984)  
Folder 15 -- Tattnall Historic Preservation, Inc. (1983-1984)  
Folder 16 -- *The Land Before Us* -- A Bicentennial History of Tattnall County 2001  
Folder 17 -- Hopewell, Va. James River history (photocopies)  
Folder 20 -- A Brief History of Reidsville Baptist Church  
Folder 21 -- Lillian Eason School Documents, and item of interest (1950, 1956, 1961, 1965, 1996). Teacher salary info. Graduate school testing. Collins Elementary roster 2002.  
Folder 22 -- Tattnall County High Schools (dates unknown)  
Folder 23 -- Retired Teachers Association meeting (date unknown)  
Folder 24 -- Lillian G. Eason -- Will & probate (2001-2003)  
Folder 25 -- A Brief History of Reidsville Baptist Church

#### **Box 2: M.W. Eason Files**

Folder 1 - Atlantic Refining Company (1933)  
Folder 2 - Collection Actions of M W Eason (1915-1919)  
Folder 3 - Collection Actions of M W Eason (1920-1925)  
Folder 4 - Collection Actions of M W Eason (1926-1927)  
Folder 5 -- Collection Actions of M W Eason (1928-1929)  
Folder 6 - Collection Actions of M W Eason (1930-1939)  
Folder 7 - Collection Actions of M W Eason (1940-1942)  
Folder 8 - Collection Actions - J K Moore (1938-1940)  
Folder 9 - Collection Action - Sikes Telephone Company  
Folder 10 - Collection Actions - Straus & Schram  
Folder 11 - Collection Actions -- Strickland vs Southwell  
Folder 12 - Collection Actions -Lottie Mulling Williams (COW)  
Folder 13 -- Collection Receipts - various  
Folder 14 -- George H Cummings (Divorce)

#### **Box 3: M. W. Eason Files**

Folder 1 -- M W Eason Correspondence (1921-1935)  
Folder 2 -- M W Eason Records uncategorized (1923-1941)  
Folder 3 -- Rebecca Easterling Estate (1932-1939)  
Folder 4 -- Darwin Lee Gillis vs Judy Rae Gillis (11/9/01)  
Folder 5 -- Hartford Fire Insurance Company (1921)  
Folder 6 -- A H Holland Estate (1934-1937)  
Folder 7 -- Indemnity Insurance Company of North America (1935-1936)  
Folder 8 -- Life Insurance Claims (1929-1936)

Folder 9 – Luden & Bates (1928-1929)  
Folder 10 – Middleton & Peterson vs Smith (date unknown)  
Folder 11 – T G Moore (1927)  
Folder 12 – Morris Fertilizer Company (1928-1930)  
Folder 13 – Newark Fire Insurance Company (date unknown)  
Folder 14 – New York Life Insurance Company (1930)  
Folder 15 – North British Mercantile Insurance Company (1921-1924)  
Folder 16 – Poppell vs Kicklighter (1929-1931)  
Folder 17 – W. H. Poppell Estate (1927 – 1930)  
Folder 18 – Realty Savings and Trust (1930)  
Folder 19 – Rushing, Lemuel K vs Mutual Benefit Health (1948-1954)  
Folder 20 – L C Smith & Brothers Typewriter Company (1921-1922)  
Folder 21 – L H Smith & Company Bankers & Brokers (1925)  
Folder 22 – Turpentine Privileges (Mikel & Hampton) (1934-1935)  
Folder 23 – Lilla Bell Wells (1922-1932)

#### **Box 4: Tattall County United Methodist Church History Papers**

Folder 1 – Cedar Creek Church History by Charles E Wildes (1973)  
Folder 2 – Methodist Church Conference - information (1984,1998)  
Folder 3 – Reidsville United Methodist Church Directories  
(1980,?, 1990, 1993, 1993-1994, 1998, 1999, 2003)  
Folder 4 – Shiloh Church (1966, 1973, 1984, 1993, 2010)  
Folder 5 – Tattall Campground 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program (1967)  
Folder 6 – Tattall Campground 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program – Compilation for program  
Folder 7 - Tattall Campground – committee information (1955, 1981, 1984)  
Folder 8 – Tattall Campground – Trustee information (1908,2002)  
Folder 9 – United Methodist Church Booklets ( 1908, unknown, 1989, 1993)  
Folder 10 – United Methodist Church – History notes (date unknown)  
Folder 11 - United Methodist Women – Reidsville United Methodist Church (1990)  
Folder 12 – *One Hundred Years of Methodism in Tattall County, Ga. 1808-1908*

#### **Box 5: 3-Ring Binder – atypical items**

Page 1 - leather document holder of M. W. Eason  
Page 2 - Tobacco warehouse log book – no entries  
2 Panorama Annuals of Screven County 1956 & 1958

#### **Box 6: 3-Ring Binder – Structure Guide & Maps for Tattall Historic Resource Survey Vol. I Shelved in Metal Shelves**

Pages 1 copy of original cover  
Page 2-8 Guide  
Page 9 Tattall County Map  
Page 10 Cobbtown Map

Page 11 Collins Map  
Page 12 Glennville Map  
Page 13 Reidsville Map

**Box 7: Tattnall County Historic Resource Survey Vol. III, Sections E-H  
Shelved in Metal Shelves**

Copy of original cover  
Historic buildings with descriptions and thumbnails

**Box 8: Tattnall County Historic Resource Survey Vol. IV, Sections I-K  
Shelved in Metal Shelves**

Copy of original cover  
Historic buildings with descriptions and thumbnails

**Box 9: Blueprints of Pole Barn**

Item 1: 2 - blueprint renderings of pole barn (rolled up)

**Items Removed from Collection & Filed Elsewhere**

*Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Summer 1983 issue, #2, filed with these magazines

Photos Removed to Photo Collection:

Vanishing Georgia thumbnails & explanations of photos, 1980

Photo of family Bible of William Eason 1771-1831

Photo of 2 small children, females, one probably being Lillian Eason

Large, 11x14 black-and-white of Eason Family Reunion in front of what is probably Shiloh Church, Stone memorial in front with name EASON engraved on it

**Items Removed Permanently from the Collection**

National Association for Gifted Children: Convention Abstracts, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, Nov. 2-8, 1985