

**TATTNALL COUNTY ARCHIVES
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**MS 008
Miscellaneous Papers**

Repository: Tattnall County Archives
Creator: Various
Title: Miscellaneous Papers
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Quantity: 4-inch document box
Archivist: Janisse Ray
Collection Completed:
Collection Number: **MS008**

Source: Various

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

These documents are collected into one collection because they come from various individuals, usually a single document at a time. Each document is given its own folder.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Wide range of scope and content.

INDEX TERMS

Tattnall County
Tattnall County taxes
Glennville High School
Reidsville High School
Tison, Ga.
Tison Junior High
Collins, Ga.
Western Union
Vintage postcards
World War II
Rural mail delivery

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS AND FOLDER LISTINGS

Box 1

Series 1

Folder 1 -- 1937 Tax Receipt Showing Poll Tax

In April 2020 Georgia state officials announced that Georgia's primary would be moved to June 9 and mailed applications for absentee ballots to Georgia households. These applications have to be filled out and mailed in, then the ballot itself mailed in. This involves paying for at least two postage stamps. Some have likened the cost of postage stamps to a poll tax.

This situation reminded Mr. Dennis Martin of Collins of a historic document he owned. It is a receipt for payment of 1937 Tattnall County Tax taxes. Mr. Martin delivered the document to county manager Frank Murphy and asked that it be kept at the Tattnall County Archives. According to the receipt, E. D. Hadden of Collins, Ga. is paying \$2.40 in taxes for the year. Forty cents go to the county and fifty cents to Collins schools. This bill includes a poll tax of \$1.00.

A poll tax is a sum levied on individuals. The word "poll" means "head," or one person. In 1870 the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution extended voting rights to all races, and afterwards many states implemented a poll tax to exclude African-Americans from voting. Essentially every person had to pay a tax, and if they didn't, were unable to vote. Native Americans and poor whites were also effectively disenfranchised by a poll tax. Georgia had a poll tax of \$1.00 in place from 1877 until it was repealed in 1945.

Folder 2 -- Glennville High School Reunions, Classes of 1942, 1943, & 1957. Contains 2 color photos from 2010, as well as 3 newspaper clippings.

Folder 3 – Tison Junior High, c. 1950s black-and-white photo, donated by William Roger Kirkland. Includes incomplete list of names of people in the photo, as Mr. Kirkland could remember.

Folder 4 – Reidsville High School Class of 1927, Invitation to Commencement Exercises (in excellent shape), for Miss Janet Brewton, with envelope and calling card. Donated by Randy Shuman.

Folder 5 – Small Historic Book, "Answers to Sutton and Lennes's Brief Business Arithmetic," Revised Edition, Allyn and Bacon. Book itself is not dated. Handwritten on the front cover are "Grace Mosley, Collins, Georgia" & "C.H.S. In the year of 1934-35" & "Miss Pearl Mosely, Collins, Georgia." This was donated by Lucille Coleman of Collins, Georgia on Aug. 2, 2019, accessioned by Signe Anderson.

Folder 6 – Various Items donated by Lucille Coleman, namely:

- Blank postcards with 3-cent, 5-cent, 19-cent, and 20-cent postage stamped on them.
- "War Ration Book Two" issued to Lynn, Rosa Lee, Manassas, Ga. 14 years of age by Shirley Corbin. No date.
- Western Union Telegraph, June 8, 1920 6 p.m. From Mrs. Hoke Lynn, care Wilkes Drug Co., Collins, Ga. "Eight pound girl arrived Lucille fine." From Claude.
- Postcard to Miss Rosa Lee Lynn, from Johnny "At Sea. Undated
- Postcard to Mr. & Mrs. Hoke Lynn, from Germany, dated May 27, 1945, signed Ray, Pfc. R.J. Paplinski.
- Postcard to Rosalee Lynn, from Germany, dated May 27, 1945, signed Pep, Pfc R.J. Paplinski.

Series 2

(Larger Items)

Folder 1 -- Historic Photos from Nancy Crosby.

Nancy Jo Hodges Crosby is the author of an oral history book called *Tales of Old Tattnall and Evans: Stories from Interviews*. Crosby is a native of the Bay Branch area and is now a resident of Townsend, Georgia. In homage to her passionate interest in local history she runs a Facebook site called "Vanishing Tattnall County," which contains some wonderful historic photographs from the area. Nancy is a registered nutritional dietician and served as director of nutrition services at Evans Memorial Hospital for 28 years. Now retired, she is an avid birdwatcher who travels far and wide to see unusual birds. She monitors and bands birds at Harris Neck National Wildlife Reserve and along Georgia's barrier islands. Nancy is also a gardener and a photographer. She is married to Johnnie Crosby Jr. and has one son and a number of grandchildren.

In addition to her own book, Nancy donated a dozen other wonderful volumes to the Archives, including *Early Days on the Georgia Tidewater* by the popular coastal historian Buddy Sullivan. The oldest volume she donated is the 1908 treatise, *One Hundred Years of Methodism in Tattnall County, Georgia*. Two of her donations are books that concern Evans County, including the Images of America book. In addition, Nancy brought in a 1994 church history of Shiloh United Methodist and a 2002 history of Bay Branch Primitive Baptist.

Nancy Jo Hodges Crosby donated the following historic photos to the Archives:

- 1) Reidsville High School Senior Class, 1963, two copies, laminated (shows Johnny Crosby as class president)
- 2) Reidsville High School Senior Class, 1965, original (shows Nancy Jo Hodges as a graduating senior)
- 3) Original photo of George Eason Wood, rural mail carrier, Manassas, Georgia, c. 1930. Wood is in a buggy pulled by a single bay mule.