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Descriptive Summary

Title:	George Smith Adams papers
Date(s)	1826-2010
Date(s)	(bulk 1925-1999)
Creator:	Adams, George Smith, 1923-
Abstract:	Mainly George Smith Adams' genealogical research documenting his father George Alexander Adams (1887-1984), mother Theodora Elizabeth Smith Adams (1888-1983), grandfather Daniel Townsend Smith (1842-1929) with data on the Washington Artillery, and great grandfather Thomas Peter Smith (1814-1899). Also included are materials relating to his extended family and their surrounding areas, especially the Townsend family, Medway Plantation, Edisto Island, Charleston, South Carolina.
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Biographical Note

George Smith Adams, a descendant of Smith, Townsend and other South Carolina families, was born January 1, 1923, in Greenville, S.C. A veteran of World War II, and a professional engineer, he married Virginia Juanita Lester (1922-2003) May 10, 1951 in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Adams later moved from Florida to Summerville, S.C. An avid researcher, he has collected information and primary materials on his ancestors and documented their lives before, during and after the Civil War, on Edisto Island, in Charleston and Greenville, S.C. and elsewhere.

Collection Overview

This collection consists mostly of George Smith Adams' family research, with the majority of materials documenting his father George Alexander Adams (1887-1984), mother Theodora Elizabeth Smith Adams (1888-1983), grandfather Daniel Townsend Smith (1842-1929), and great grandfather Thomas Peter Smith (1814-1899). Also included are materials relating to his extended family and their surrounding areas, especially the Landgrave Smiths, Medway Plantation, Bleak Hall, Edisto Island, Charleston, and a small number of items relating to *Gone with the Wind*.

Collection Arrangement

1. George Smith Adams and immediate family, 1922-2010 (bulk 1935-1975)
2. Thomas Peter Smith, 1814-1903
3. Daniel Townsend Smith, 1842-1929
4. Smith family research
5. Edisto Island
6. *Gone with the Wind* materials

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Separated Material

Bound pamphlets and books originally with the collection have been removed and catalogued separately.

Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

Adams, George Smith, 1923-
Adams, George Alexander, 1887-1984
Adams, Theodora Elizabeth Smith, 1888-1983
Smith, Daniel Townsend, 1842-1929
Smith, Thomas Peter, 1814-1903
Smith family
Townsend family
Confederate States of America. Army. Washington Artillery Battalion (New Orleans, La.)

Subjects

Genealogy

Places

Charleston (S.C.)
Edisto Island (S.C.)
Medway (S.C.)

Types of Material

Black-and-white photographs
Books
Charts (graphic documents)
Clippings (information artifacts)
Color photographs
Correspondence
Diaries
Pamphlets
Photocopies
Printouts
Research notes

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. George Smith Adams and immediate family, 1922-2010, (bulk 1935-1975)

Materials include death certificates, photos, correspondence, wills, deeds, diplomas, census information, U.S. Army records, school notes, real estate materials, and newspaper clippings for George Smith Adams, his wife Virginia Juanita Lester Adams and his parents, especially his mother Theodora Elizabeth Smith Adams who married George Alexander Adams. Also includes notes relating to George Smith Adams' engineering career and his service in the United States Army.

Biographical and genealogical material, 1963-2009

Box 1 Folder 1 — George Smith Adams and wife Virginia Juanita Lester legal and related materials, 1922-2003

Box 1 Folder 2 — George Alexander Adams and wife Theodora Elizabeth Smith legal and related materials, 1962-2003

Box 1 Folder 3-4 — Theodora Elizabeth Smith Adams notes and poetry, 1936-1975

Includes handwritten United Daughters of the Confederacy Convention notes and photocopy of a story about a former Smith residence titled"The Saga of Augusta Road."

Box 2 Folder 1 — George Smith Adams career and United States Army materials, 1974-2009

Box 2 Folder 2 — Real estate titles, deeds, and related materials, 1925-1956

Includes plat for "Ballentine lot" and materials from land in Greenville County, South Carolina, and DeKalb County, Georgia.

Box 2 Folder 3 — Miscellaneous receipts and other materials, 1935-1970

Research notes

Box 2 Folder 4 — George Smith Adams "first book"

Typed copy of George Smith Adam's "first Smith family genealogy book."

Box 2 Folder 5 — South Carolina clippings

20th century materials relating to Greenville, Greenwood, Myrtle Beach, Camden, slavery reparations, and the song "Dixie."

Box 3 Folder 1 — World War research, 1997-2010

Includes battle history of the United States 30th Infantry Division during World War I and the 44th Infantry Division during World War II.

Box 3 Folder 2 — Lester genealogical materials, 1995-2004

Also includes small composition book, presumably of Virginia Juanita Lester Adams.

2. Thomas Peter Smith, 1826-2004, (bulk 1860-1903)

Materials include photocopies, handwritten notes and correspondence, and internet printouts. Biographical materials include documentation of his service in the Civil War, stock certificates, materials relating to Wando Mining and Manufacturing Company, and photographs of former homes and family tombstones. Correspondence is primarily between Thomas Peter Smith and various business partners, also includes some personal and genealogical letters. Also included is a presidential pardon for William Nayler and a slave deed of gift for Charles Lawton, both business partners of Thomas Peter Smith.

Box 3 Folder 3 — Biographical material, 1847-2002 (bulk 1860-1903)

Materials are mostly photocopies; also includes photographs, emails, and George Smith Adams' handwritten notes.

Box 3 Folder 4 — Correspondence, 1826-1902

Business correspondence from John French to Joseph Lawton about Thomas Peter Smith's account balances, and also between business partners including William Nayler, Joseph Lawton, and Thomas Peter Smith. Personal letters chiefly between Smith, Cuttino, Manly, and other related families. Also includes 1869 letter from Elizabeth Ann Poyas to Thomas Peter Smith regarding Smith family history.

Box 4 Folder 1 — Book research, 2001-2004

Research for George Smith Adam's book, *Thomas Peter Smith: Factor & Commission Merchant, Devout Baptist Deacon.*

Box 4 Folder 2 — *Thomas Peter Smith: Factor & Commission Merchant, Devout Baptist Deacon* by George Smith Adams

Bound typescript, close to final draft.

Box 12 — Thomas Peter Smith scrapbook, circa 1869-1884

Includes clippings relating to horticultural and practical daily life such as gardening, pest control, and food preparation.

Oversize Paper Folder 1 — Andrew Jackson presidential pardon of William Nayler, 1865

(Flat storage)

Formal pardon granting amnesty to William Nayler, business partner of Thomas Peter Smith.

Oversize Paper Folder 1 — Confederate dignitaries lithograph

(Flat storage)

Includes figures such as Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee.

Oversize Paper Folder 1 — Deed of gift for slaves from Margaret Slade to Charles Lawton, Charleston, South Carolina, 1826 August 14

(Flat storage)

3. Daniel Townsend Smith, 1842-1929

Biographical materials on Professor Daniel Townsend Smith document his service in the Civil War, with data on the Washington Artillery, and his later ancient languages professorship at Furman. Also includes diaries, correspondence, Civil War research, and some Confederate-era newspapers.

Box 4 Folder 3 — Biographical clippings, handwritten notes, and photocopies

Also includes handwritten daily expenditure account lists for Professor Smith, 1870-1894.

Box 4 Folder 4 — Correspondence, 1862, 1863, 1865-1899

Chiefly from Daniel Townsend Smith to his immediate family regarding his daily life, sent from various military camps.

Box 4 Folder 6 — Washington Artillery Varieties theatrical program, 1863 March 9

Staged by Confederate troops in Adams Run, South Carolina.

Research notes

Box 4 Folder 5 — Daniel Townsend Smith diaries, 1861-1865, 1865-1903

Includes photocopy, typed copy, and transcript excerpts by George Smith Adams. Details the Washington Artillery, daily life, and post-war Greenville.

Box 5 Folder 1-3 — Confederate Civil War in South Carolina, Florida, Georgia

Research includes causes of the Civil War and various battle and event summaries.

Newspapers, 1864-1981, (bulk 1864-1870)

Oversize Paper Folder 1 — *The South Carolinian*, (Columbia, S.C.), 1864 May 10

(Flat storage)

General advertisements and news relating to the Confederate States of America.

Oversize Paper Folder 1 — *The Southern Enterprise*, (Greenville, S.C.), 1866 March 29

(Flat storage)

Includes article, "General Sherman on the Burning of Columbia, S.C."

Oversize Paper Folder 1 — *Kind Words for Sunday School Children*, (Macon, Ga.), Southern Baptist Convention, 1867-1870

(Flat storage)

Oversize Paper Folder 1 — *Charleston Daily News*, (Charleston, S.C.), 1868 June 23

(Flat storage)

Mentions Wade Hampton's address at the commencement of Washington College, Lexington, Virginia.

Oversize Paper Folder 1 — *Charleston Daily News*, (Charleston, S.C.), 1868 August 24

(Flat storage)

Includes an address "To the People of Charleston" by Daniel Ravenel about recent "disturbance of public peace" in Charleston.

Oversize Paper Folder 1 *New York Evening Express*, (New York, N.Y.), 1868 August 27

(Flat storage)

Includes article "Bad Signs in the South," which advises " Radicals and carpet-baggers" to "Talk kindly to the negroes-advise and consult with them for the common good."

Oversize Paper Folder 1 *Greenville: A Family Album*, (Greenville, S.C.), 1981 December 17

(Flat storage)

Supplement to *The Greenville News* and *Greenville Piedmont*. Includes printed photographs relating to Greenville and surrounding areas.

4. Smith family research

This series includes research conducted by George Smith Adams. Materials include internet printouts, photographs, charts, maps, receipts, ancestral family crests, real estate materials, indentures, and instructions for genealogical research. Also includes information about the Landgrave Smiths, Medway Plantation, Yeaman's Hall Plantation, Daniel Townsend Smith, Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend, Thomas Peter Smith, Bleak Hall, and Edisto Island.

Box 6 Folder 1-4 Smith family genealogical research, 1997-2005

Oversize Paper Folder 1 Tyler and Mason family crests sketches

(Flat storage)

Both ancestors of the Smith family.

Oversize Paper Folder 1 Mortgage of personal property between Susan E. Smith and Margaret Slade

(Flat storage)

Box 10 Folder 1 Smith genealogy handwritten notes, undated

Box 7 Folder 1-2 "First Families of South Carolina" membership data, correspondence, and applications

Also includes photocopies of book chapters about First Families.

Box 7 Folder 3 Landgrave Smiths lineage research

Box 7 Folder 7 Elizabeth Ann Poyas materials

Includes George Smith Adam's notes about Poyas and photocopies from *The Olden Time of Carolina* and *Shadows of the Past.*

Box 8 Folder 1 Medway research notes, maps, photos, clippings

Oversize Paper Folder 1 Warrant from The Lords Proprietors of South Carolina for land abutting Medway River, reproduction

(Flat storage)

Box 8 Folder 2-3 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, printouts, correspondence

Includes family record book which details births, deaths, marriages and related events for a number of the Smiths.

Townsend family

Includes internet printouts, photocopies, book excerpts, photographs, poetry, and correspondence. Genealogical research materials primarily relate to Bleak Hall Plantation, Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend, and Edisto Island.

Box 9 Folder 1-3 Genealogical research, notes and charts

Also includes photocopy of the 1904 Washington Artillery record, photocopies of land grants, indentures, and a small number of other topics.

Box 9 Folder 4 Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend research, 1951-1978

Chiefly research by Theodora Elizabeth Adams, including correspondence, photographs, handwritten notes, and small number of other materials.

Box 9 Folder 5 Tabby from Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend oven, Edisto Island

Oversize Paper Folder 1 Townsend family tree, photocopy

(Flat storage)

5. Edisto Island

This series includes notes, photographs, printouts, and correspondence relating to Edisto Island and the Smith family. Photographs include Smith family antiques, Hephzibah Jenkins Smith's grave, and an Edisto Island church. Also included is genealogical correspondence between George Smith Adams and members of an Edisto Island listserv discussing Jenkins, Smiths and other Edisto Island families.

Box 10 Folder 2 Image case

Box 10 Folder 3 "Documents on Edisto Island History," by Charles Spencer

Box 10 Folder 4 Maps, photographs, and related material

Includes draft of "Edisto Island Antiques: Thomas Peter Smith & Theodora Elizabeth Townsend, Bleak Hall Edisto" by George Smith Adams.

Box 10 Folder 5 Miscellaneous Edisto Island notes and printouts, 1994-2005

Also includes correspondence between George Smith Adams and the Edisto Island Preservation Society regarding donations.

Box 10 Folder 6 Genealogical correspondence, 2001-2004

Oversize Paper Folder 1 Edisto Island map, undated

(Flat storage)

6. *Gone with the Wind* materials

Includes newspaper clippings from 1939 theatrical release of *Gone with the Wind*, a copy of *Gone with the Wind*, and a commemorative chocolates box.

Box 11 Folder 1 Newspaper clippings, 1939-1960

Box 11 Folder 2 *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell, 1939

Also includes *Margaret Mitchell and Her Novel* booklet.

Box 11 Folder 3 *Gone with the Wind* chocolates box