

**BRYAN, SHEPARD, 1871-1970.**  
**Shepard Bryan papers, 1750-1984**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Bryan, Shepard, 1871-1970.  
**Title:** Shepard Bryan papers, 1750-1984  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 698  
**Extent:** 2 linear feet (3 boxes), 1 oversized papers box(OP), and 1 oversized bound volume (OBV)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Atlanta businessman and judge Shepard Bryan, including correspondence and business records.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Citation**

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Shepard Bryan, Atlanta attorney, judge and banker, was born 8 December 1871 in New Bern, North Carolina, to Henry Ravenscroft and Mary Norcott Bryan. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating in 1891.

Upon graduation, Bryan read law under Honorable John Manning and Judge James E. Shepherd. In the fall of 1892 he was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Bryan came to Atlanta in January 1893 and was associated with the firm of Erwin and Cobb. From this firm he went on to that of Tye, Peoples, Bryan, and Jordan. Among the clients Bryan represented were the Georgia, Alabama, and Western Railroad along with several insurance companies.

In 1914 Bryan was elected president of the Atlanta Bar. He was appointed Judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County in 1922, but served only one term, wishing instead to return to private practice. Along with a consortium of investors, Bryan filed an application to charter the DeKalb County Federal Savings and Loan Association in 1940. The application was approved and the bank opened 1 July 1941. Bryan was the first president and became Chairman of the Board in 1948, retiring in 1966.

Bryan was very active in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, serving as senior warden in the 1930's. He was instrumental in getting the church to establish an endowment. Bryan married Florence King Jackson (1881-1962), daughter of Harry and Sarah (Sallie) Cobb Jackson, 14 January 1909. This union produced three daughters. Bryan died 20 October 1970 in Atlanta. He is buried in Crest Lawn Memorial Park in Atlanta.

**Biographical Source:** "Life of Shepard Bryan" by Florence Bryan Ansley (privately printed, 25 July 1988) and Bryan's obituary from the 21 October 1970 issue of *The Atlanta Constitution*.

### Scope and Content Note

The Shepard Bryan papers consist family correspondence and business papers from 1713-1970. Materials specifically related to Shepard Bryan include writings by and about Bryan, speeches delivered by Shepard Bryan, John H. Bryan, and Henry R. Bryan, a scrapbook about Bryan, photographs of Bryan and a copy of his obituary. Materials relating to his affiliation with DeKalb County Federal Savings and Loan Association include the application for permission to organize, charter and bylaws, minutes of the Board of Directors (15 January 1958), correspondence, and clippings. The last item is an over-sized bound volume scrapbook of materials pertaining to St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

The bulk of the papers are family correspondence and family business papers. The correspondence is between Bryan and his daughters and parents and between family members. Bryan family business papers mainly concern ancestors of Bryan's mother, Mary Norcott Bryan, and pertain to disputes over property and slave documents. Also includes writings by Henry R. Bryan, and genealogical materials.

Memorabilia includes such items as railroad passes (1908), a commemorative ribbon of the Centennial of the Chatham Artillery (1 May 1886), postcard from Christ Episcopal Church in

New Bern, North Carolina, stationery, and a photograph of the dedication of a plaque to John Winder (19 October 1948).

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by subject.

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## Container List

### Shepard Bryan materials

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Writings by Shepard Bryan, 1931, 1949
1	2	Speech by [Shepard Bryan?], November 18, 1934
1	3	Addresses: (1) Orations on the Death of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, Delivered at the Request of the Citizens of Newbern (N.C.), on the 17th and 24th July, 1836. By the Honorable John H. Bryan and the Honorable John Stanly. [Newbern: Printed by Watson & Machen, at the Office of the Carolina Sentinel, 1826]; (2) Circular, To the Freemen of the Counties of Carteret, Craven, Jones, Leniore, Greene, Wayne, and Johnston, composing the Fourth Congressional District of North Carolina by John H. Bryan [Washington City, February 12, 1829; (3) Photocopy of An Oration Delivered at Chapel Hill, on Wednesday, the 23d June, 1830; The day preceeding Commencement at the University of North Carolina; According to the Annual Appointment of the two Literary Societies belonging to the University. By the Honorable John N. Bryan [Newbern, Printed by John I. Pasteur, 1930]; (4) Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association held at Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, N.C., July 3, 4, and 5, 1912. Edited by Thomas W. Davis, Secretary of the Wilmington Bar; Jackson and Bell Co., Printers, Wilmington, N.C. [contains address by Henry R. Bryan]; and (5) Photocopy of The University of North Carolina Record. The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Commencement, Chapel Hill; Published by the University, 1906 [contains Shepard Bryan's speech]
1	4	Writings about Shepard Bryan, no date
1	5	"Looking Back: Shepard Bryan, 1953"
1	6	Scrapbook about Shepard Bryan
1	7	Photographs: Shepard Bryan, 1878, 1957
1	8	Obituary, October 1970

### Shepard Bryan: DeKalb County Federal Savings and Loan Association

1	9	Application for permission to organize, 1940; Charter and By-Laws, no date
1	10	Minutes of the Board of Directors, January 15, 1958
1	11	Correspondence, 1944
1	12	Clippings, 1941, 1957, 1961, 1967, no date

### Shepard Bryan: St. Luke's Episcopal Church

OBV1 Scrapbook

### Bryan family: Correspondence

1	13	Shepard Bryan to Florence and Mary Bryan, 1929
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- 1 14 Henry R. Bryan to Shepard Bryan, 1909
- 1 15 Henry R. Bryan to Shepard Bryan, 1910, 1913
- 1 16 Henry R. Bryan to Shepard Bryan, 1914-1915, 1917
- 1 17 Mary Norcott Bryan to Shepard Bryan, 1909, 1913, no date
- 1 18 Mary Norcott Bryan to Shepard Bryan, no date
- 1 19 Mary Norcott Bryan to Shepard Bryan, no date
- 1 20 Henry R. Bryan to Mary Norcott Bryan, 1877, 1880, 1906
- 1 21 Henry R. Bryan to Mary W. Shepard Bryan, 1870 [laid in BV 1]
- 1 22 Mary Norcott Bryan to Granddaughter, no date
- 1 23 Mary Norcott Bryan to Florence Jackson Bryan, 1909, 1913, no date
- 1 24 Florence Jackson Bryan to Cornelia Jackson Moore, 1928 (photocopy)
- 1 25 Isabel Bryan Jordan to Shepard and Florence Jackson Bryan, 1950
- 1 26 [?] to Florence Jackson Bryan, 1950
- 1 27 Sarah Francis Carraway [step-mother?] to Mary Norcott Bryan, 1855-1856
- 1 28 Francis F. Bryan to Mary [?], 1912
- 1 29 D. A. Tompkins to Mary Norcott Bryan, 1912 (photocopy)

### **Bryan Family**

- 1 30 Writings by Henry R. Bryan
- 1 31 Genealogy
- OP1 1 Genealogical chart
- OP1 2 Scrapbook: Clippings

### **Bryan Family: Business Papers**

- OP1 3 James Bryan, 1791
- 1 32 John H. Bryan: Client's disposition, March 20, 1833
- 1 33 John H. Bryan, 1824, 1832, 1873
- 1 34 Sarah F. and S. B. Carraway, 1857 [step-mother of Mary Norcott Bryan?]
- 1 35 Sarah F. Norcott, 1854 [step-mother of Mary Norcott Bryan?]
- 2 1 William Biddle, 1822, 1847 [grandfather of Mary Norcott Bryan]
- 2 2 Samuel Simpson, 1791, 1793, 1799 [great grandfather of Mary Norcott Bryan]
- 2 3 Samuel Simpson, 1801, 1804, 1808, 1812, 1825, 1829
- 2 4 Samuel Simpson: Ledger book, no date
- 2 5 Samuel L. Biddle [ancestor of Mary Norcott Bryan]
- 2 6 Samuel L. Biddle, 1840, 1849, 1854
- 2 7 Joseph Norcott, 1849
- 2 8 Miscellaneous, 1713, 1733, 1761, 1770, 1772
- OP1 2 Miscellaneous, 1761
- 2 9 Miscellaneous, 18th-19th centuries
- 2 10 Miscellaneous, no date

2 11 Slave values

### **Jackson-Cobb Family: Correspondence**

2 12 Henry Rootes Jackson to Florence King Jackson, 1887, 1893  
 2 13 Henry Rootes Jackson to Florence King Jackson, 1873, 1875  
 2 14 Henry Rootes Jackson to Cornelia [granddaughter], 1890  
 2 15 Henry Jackson to Sally Cobb, 1866 Aug-Nov  
 2 16 Henry Jackson to Sally Cobb, 1866 Dec  
 2 17 Henry Jackson to Sally Cobb, 1867  
 2 18 Sally Cobb to Henry Jackson, 1867  
 2 19 Sally Cobb to Henry Jackson, no date  
 2 20 Sally Cobb to Henry Jackson, no date  
 2 21 Sally Cobb to Henry Jackson, no date  
 2 22 Marion McHenry Cobb letters, 1863, 1871  
 2 23 Mother to Florence [?], 1894  
 2 24 Mother to Sally [?], no date  
 2 25 S. R. Cobb to Sallie [granddaughter], 1866  
 2 26 Jackson-Cobb, 1863

### **Jackson-Cobb Family**

3 1 "The Jacksons: The General, The Captain" compiled by Florence Bryan Ansley  
 3 2 Henry Rootes Jackson: Monument inscriptions

### **Martian Family**

3 3 Genealogy

### **Smith Family**

3 4 Genealogy

### **Memorabilia**

3 5 Railroad passes, 1908  
 3 6 Commemorative ribbon of the Centennial Anniversary of the Chatham Artillery,  
 May 1, 1886  
 3 7 Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, North Carolina: Postcard  
 3 8 Stationery  
 3 9 Photograph: Dedication of plaque to John Winder, October 19, 1948

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