CANDLER, ASA GRIGGS, 1851-1929.
Asa Griggs Candler papers, 1821-1951

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Candler, Asa Griggs, 1851-1929.
Title: Asa Griggs Candler papers, 1821-1951
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1
Extent: 8.75 linear ft. (18 boxes), 8 bound volumes (BV), and 1 oversized papers box and 2 oversized papers folders (OP)
Abstract: Papers of businessman, philanthropist, mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, and founder of the Coca-Cola Company Asa Griggs Candler, including personal correspondence; speeches; material related to Candler's personal, civic, and religious activities; correspondence and other material concerning Emory University; business papers, mainly relating to Candler's real estate dealings in the United States and Canada; clippings; photographs; and memorabilia.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
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Gift, 1946, with subsequent additions.

Citation
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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Asa Griggs Candler (1851-1929), businessman, philanthropist, mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, and founder of the Coca-Cola Company, was born December 30, 1851, near Villa Rica, Carroll County, Georgia. Candler married Lucy Elizabeth Howard (1859-1919) in 1878. They had five children: Charles Howard Candler (1878-1957), Asa Griggs Candler, Jr. (1880-1953), Lucy Beall Candler Owens Heinz Leide (1883-1962), Walter Turner Candler (1885-1967), and William Candler (1890-1936). After Lucy's death in 1919, Candler married Mary Reagan Little in 1923. As an Atlanta druggist (1873-1890), Candler became the sole owner and manufacturer of the Coca-Cola elixir. After the sale of the company to Ernest Woodruff and other businessmen in 1919, he invested in real estate and opened banks in Atlanta and elsewhere. He also founded Atlanta's Chamber of Commerce, and served as mayor of Atlanta (1916-1919). Candler helped organize and fund activities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, including Wesley Memorial Enterprises, Emory College, and Emory University, serving as president of the Board of Trustees of the college (1906-1919) and of the university (1915-1929). Candler died in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 12, 1929.


Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of Asa Griggs Candler from 1821-1980. The papers contain personal correspondence; speeches; material related to Candler's personal, civic, and religious activities; correspondence and other material concerning Emory University; business papers, mainly relating to Candler's real estate dealings in the United States and Canada; clippings; photographs; and memorabilia. The correspondence, arranged chronologically, concerns Emory College, Emory University, business matters including the Coca-Cola Company, and family life. Correspondents include Charles Howard Candler, Lucy Elizabeth Howard Candler, Warren Akin Candler, Charles Edward Dowman, Andrew Jackson Lamar, Gordon Lee, George Samuel Sexton, George Gilman Smith, and Harry Harlan Stone. Other papers that are concerned with Candler's personal life and with his family include miscellaneous family documents and various material about his civic, political, charitable, and church-related activities. Contained here are deeds and documents of Candler's ancestors; biographical sketches of his life; items from his 1916 mayoral campaign; and material concerning civic organizations, church work, and the YMCA.

Asa Griggs Candler's personality is further revealed in the many speeches he made (Box 2). He spoke to many different groups on many different occasions, yet his speeches sounded similar themes, and often contained identical words and phrases. Recurring themes included patriotism, reverence for democracy, pride in the rebuilding South, praise for the church, faith in God, respect for education and hard work, emphasis on moral goodness, and faith in American business ingenuity and free enterprise. These speeches are filled with personal anecdotes and historical examples.
Emory University was one of Asa Candler's main interests throughout his life. He sent his sons
to Emory College, served as a trustee for nearly thirty years, and made many generous gifts
to the college and the university. This collection contains approximately 180 letters, mostly
concerned with financial matters, exchanged between 1900 and 1911 by Candler and various
Emory officials including James Edward Dickey (bp., 1864-1928), college president, and Harry
Harlan Stone (1861-1932), college treasurer (Box 4). Other Emory material includes financial
documents; papers relating to those parts of Wesley Memorial Enterprises that became affiliated
with Emory University; items concerning the Asa Griggs Candler Library; reprints of the "Million Dollar Letter;" the 1930 Emory Campus yearbook dedicated to the memory of Asa
Griggs Candler; and material relating to the 1951 celebration of the centennial of Asa Candler's
birth (Boxes 4).

The collection contains miscellaneous papers relating to some of Asa Candler's many business
interests including Asa G. Candler and Co.; Central Bank and Trust Corporation; Atlanta
Warehouse Company; and the Coca-Cola Company (Box 5, BV1).

Asa Candler became progressively more interested in real estate dealings. His early ventures
centered around the Druid Hills corporation which was chartered in 1908. Much of the Druid
Hills land came from the property of the Kirkwood Land Company, and some of the original
Kirkwood Land Company papers are preserved in the collection (Box 5) as are the minute book,
organization papers, and charter of the Druid Hills Corporation (Box 6). Land transactions for
the land lots in Druid Hills along with papers such as abstracts of title and wills are included
(Boxes 6). The collection also contains documents concerning road building, utilities, and
corporation finances (Boxes 6 and 7) as well as some original plans, maps, and land plots for the
Druid Hills Subdivision. Some of these plans are unlabeled blueprints; others are of Kirkwood
Land Company and Druid Hills property designed by Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) and
the Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects of Brookline, MA. (OP2)

There are four other boxes of business papers concerned with Atlanta: Miscellaneous real estate
papers (Boxes 9 and 11); those concerned with the Ansley Hotel (Box 10); and those concerned
with the Point Peachtree Company and the Forsyth Building and (Box 11 and 12).

Business papers from places other than Atlanta include those related to dealings in Chicago,
Kansas City, Los Angeles, Washington (Box 12), and New York (Box 13), and papers related to
the business of Asa G. Candler, Ltd., in Montreal and Toronto, Canada (Box 13).

Box 14 contains most of the clippings found in the collection. Included are clippings about
Candler and his family, Emory University, the Coca-Cola Company, the Atlanta Warehouse
Company, various other business interests, and civic and political activities. There are also two
folders of clippings apparently collected by Asa Candler himself; these clippings are not directly
related to him, but interested him in some way.

The final portion of the collection consists of family photographs (Box 15), miscellaneous items
concerned with business and civic activities, family memorabilia, clippings about the many
Candler family homes (Box 14), several large certificates entitling Asa Candler to membership in
the Chamber of Commerce, the Governor's House Guard, and other similar organizations (OP2),
and a various personal items belonging to Asa Candler (Boxes 16 and 17).
Arrangement Note
Arranged by record type.

Finding Aid Note
An index to correspondents is available.
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Pamphlets - *The Emory University Quarterly*, vol. XII, December 1951, no. 4
[honoring Asa Griggs Candler]

Pamphlets - Asa Griggs Candler, Coca-Cola and Emory College, 1888" - Emory Sources and Reprints, Series 7, No. 2 [3 copies]

*Campus*, 1930, dedicated to the memory of Asa Griggs Candler

**Business Papers: Various Business Ventures and Activities**

- Asa G. Candler and Co.
- Asa G. Candler - Financial Statement 1890 January 1
- Central Bank and Trust Corporation, opened 1906
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Kansas City, MO - Candler Building, 1913-1950
Los Angeles - 612 San Pedro Street, 1907-1944, n.d.
Los Angeles - Miscellaneous, 1903-1941, n.d.
Washington, D.C. - North Capitol and Massachusetts Avenues, 1908-1923
Washington, D.C. - Miscellaneous, 1909-1913
Washington, D.C. - Miscellaneous, 1914-1923

Business Papers: New York
223 to 229 West 41st Street, 1936
223 to 229 West 41st Street, 1942-1946, n.d.
West 27th Street, 1907-1920
West 27th Street, 1927-1937, n.d.
Properties, mainly West 27th and West 42nd Streets, 1911-1932
Properties, mainly West 27th and West 42nd Streets, 1934-1950, n.d.

Business Papers: Canada
Toronto - Minerva Building Property, 1907-1917
Toronto - Minerva Building Property, 1925-1941, n.d.
Montreal - Real estate papers, 1910-1928, n.d.
Canada - Miscellaneous insurance policies and correspondence
Canada - Asa G. Candler, Ltd. record book, 1931-1950

Newsclippings
Personal re Asa Griggs Candler
Other family members
Emory University - contemporary with Asa Griggs Candler
Emory University - not contemporary with Asa Griggs Candler
Business re Coca-Cola
Business re Atlanta Warehouse Company
Business re banking, railroads, other business
Civic activities, mainly re Chamber of Commerce
Mayor of Atlanta
Miscellaneous - Political activities
Miscellaneous - Awards, honors, general information, etc.
Miscellaneous - Clippings saved by Candler (miscellaneous subjects)
Candler Family homes – clippings [preservation photocopies]
"The Olmsted Connection," Atlanta Journal Constitution, May 17, 1992
"The Candler's Indelible Mark," Atlanta Journal Constitution, December 6, 1992
OP3  -  Obituary, Utica Daily Press, Utica, New York, March 13, 1929
BV7  Asa Griggs Candler's clipping scrapbook

**Photographs**
15  1  Asa Griggs Candler
OP1  3  Asa Griggs Candler and wife with "Bacon Rind and Squaw"
OP1  4  Asa Griggs Candler, head portrait
OP1  5  Asa Griggs Candler, full-length portrait
15  2  Candler family
15  3  Lucy Elizabeth Howard Candler
15  4  James G. Woodward
15  5  Atlanta Chamber of Commerce founders
15  6  Houses - Birthplace of Asa Griggs Candler
15  7  Houses - Other
15  8  Asa G. Candler and Co., 1888
15  9  Candler Building, n.d.

**Miscellany**
15  10  Miscellaneous pamphlets, leaflets, directories
15  11  Miscellaneous notes, poems, etc.
15  12  Business envelopes
15  13  Coca-Cola - "The Passing of the Chief"
15  14  Memorabilia
OP1  1  Miscellaneous Certificates: 7 certificates - Chamber of Commerce, Governor's Staff, etc.
OP1  2  Inman Park calendar, 1978 [includes photograph "The Candler Home debuts with a wedding feast"]

**Ephemera**
16  1  Blotter, Lycett souvenir
16  2  Blotter, New Year 1910
16  3  Blotter, New Year 1916
16  4  Blotter, New Year 1918 (2)
16  5  Blotter, New Year 1919
16  6  Bookmark, embroidered by Martha Bernetta Candler
16  7  Buttons, Atlanta mayoral campaign 1916
16  8  Button, Boy Scouts
16  9  Button, Georgia Chamber of Commerce
16  10 Button, Past President Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, 1908-1909
16  11 Copper letterhead plate of "Asa G. Candler & Co. Successors to Hallman & Candler Wholesale Druggists, 47 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA."
Asa Griggs Candler papers, 1821-1951

16 12 Glass cutter, P.H. Sinse
16 13 Jewelry, pins, cuff links
16 14 Jewelry, wedding ring
16 15 Keys, set
16 16 Key, single unknown
16 17 Letter opener, Kent Sign Co.
16 18 Letter opener, The R.C. Maxwell Co., Trenton N.J.
16 19 Pen, Whal Eversharp, engraved A.G.C.
16 20 Pen, Whal Eversharp, engraved Asa Griggs Candler
16 21 Ribbon, Sunday School Association delegate, 1892, 1895
16 22 Ribbon, Governor's Horse Guard Association, 1900, 1917
16 23 Wallet, monogrammed "C"
16 24 Wallet, Candler Building
17 1 Coca-cola bottle, gold
17 2 Pharmaceutical kit, Lundborg's Triple Extracts
17 4 Jar, kola nuts
17 5 Jar, coca leaves
17 6 Watch belonging to Asa Griggs Candler
17 7 Watch engraved A.G.C.

Lucy Beall Candler papers
18 1 Correspondence: 1895
18 2 Correspondence: 1897 May-September
18 3 Correspondence: 1897 October-December
18 4 Correspondence: 1898
18 5 Correspondence: 1899
18 6 Correspondence: 1900
18 7 Correspondence: 1901 January-February
18 8 Correspondence: 1901 March
18 9 Correspondence: 1901 April-May
18 10 Correspondence: 1902-1915
18 11 Correspondence: Undated
18 12 Correspondence: Envelopes
18 13 Invitations, cards announcements, etc., 1897-1901
18 14 Report card, Lucy Beall Candler's record at West End Institute, December 22, 1897
18 15 Servants list [position and pay], 1913