

# **HARRISON, EMILY STEWART, 1874-1973.**

## **Emily Stewart Harrison papers, 1829-1979**

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**Title:** Emily Stewart Harrison papers, 1829-1979  
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**Extent:** 19.5 linear feet (35 boxes), 2 oversized papers boxes and 1 oversized papers folder (OP), 2 extraoversized papers (XOP), and AV Masters: .25 linear feet (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Atlanta journalist, educator Emily Stewart Harrison. The collection contains personal and business correspondence, writings, printed material, legal and financial records, photographs and an audiocassette tape related to Emily and the Harrison family.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Citation**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Atlanta journalist and educator Emily Stewart Harrison (1874-1973), was born and reared in Atlanta, Georgia. Her father, Z.D. Harrison, served for many years as Clerk of the Georgia Supreme Court, and her mother, Laura Hendree Harrison, participated in Atlanta's cultural and educational life. Emily Harrison graduated from Washington Seminary in Atlanta (ca. 1890). She toured and studied in Europe for several months and attended college classes in Boston before beginning her career in journalism and teaching. After almost twenty years in these professions (1894-1913), she returned to school to earn an undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago (1915) and graduate degrees from the University of Georgia (1918) and Columbia University's Teachers College (1923) where she studied under John Dewey.

She began her professional career as a journalist editing the *Southern Educational Journal* (1894-1901) and the woman's department of the *Atlanta Daily News* (1901/1902). Turning from journalism to teaching in 1902, she joined the faculty of the State Normal School in Athens, Georgia. After nine, somewhat turbulent, years there, she left to chair the English Department at Shorter College in Rome, Georgia (1911-1913). Poor health forced her resignation from Shorter. Thereafter she returned to active teaching only briefly. Instead she pursued her own education and became involved with various progressive educational efforts.

Growing up in a family active in public life, Harrison became acquainted early in her career with ideas about educational reform that were current in the progressive movement. She was convinced that new kinds of schools should be based on philosopher John Dewey's theories that children learn by doing rather than by memorizing. After receiving her undergraduate degree, she involved herself with various progressive schools around the country and worked actively with two such institutions (Tallahassee Industrial School in Georgia and the Out-of-Door School in Florida). She also renewed her interest in journalism as a way to advance progressive theories. She contributed regularly to various newspapers about educational affairs and frequently asked newspaper executives to establish educational or women's departments under her direction.

For a brief period, Emily Harrison was interested in working with the American Red Cross. Her sister Fanneal (b. 1882), an avowed social and political reformer, spent several years during

and after World War I with the Red Cross in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and France. The Red Cross did not hire Emily Harrison, but she did join her sister in Czechoslovakia for several months in 1921.

Harrison's interest in progressive education focused on three specific institutions. In 1924 when Fanneal had returned from Europe, she and Emily founded and operated the progressive Out-of-Door School in Sarasota, Florida. After a short time, Emily withdrew from active participation at the school and returned to Atlanta to care for her aging parents.

The second focus of Harrison's educational efforts was her plan to establish a "school in the woods" at Fernbank, her family's estate near Atlanta. Even as a young girl Harrison dedicated herself to the preservation of this 65-70 acre piece of virgin forest. Later as an educator, she planned to bring her love for Fernbank together with her educational theories in a school she would found there.

Through membership in women's organizations, particularly the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, Harrison involved herself with a third educational institution that was based on progressive ideas. The Tallulah Falls Industrial School in Tallulah Falls, Georgia, was founded (1909) and supported by the Georgia Federation. Many Atlanta women, including Emily Harrison, spent a great deal of time at the school working with the children and their families.

Harrison's mother died in 1931 and her father in 1935. The 1938 establishment of Fernbank, Inc., (a non-profit corporation founded to purchase and hold the land) had ensured the preservation of the Harrison property, but it also made the building of a progressive school there less possible. After that date Harrison abandoned her plans for a Fernbank School. In 1942 and 1943, she wrote many schools across the country, offering to teach English and the practical arts of cooking and gardening. During the following years she continued to live at Fernbank and took an active interest in what Fernbank, Inc., planned for the property. She died September 3, 1973 at age 99. She is buried in Westview Cemetery in Atlanta.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains papers of Emily Stewart Harrison from 1874-1973. The papers include personal and business correspondence, writings, printed material, legal and financial records, photographs and an audiocassette tape.

Series 1, Personal Papers (1900-1941), contains a few business and medical records as well as some material pertaining to Harrison's religious beliefs. More information about her personal life and activities can be gleaned from Series 2, Correspondence (1863-1943), which accounts for one-third of the collection's bulk. The Harrison letters, particularly those dated 1863-1920 produce as much information about the Harrison family as they do about Emily herself. Besides documenting the personal and family life of Emily Harrison, the correspondence series also holds a great deal of information about her main interests and activities, some of which are also reflected in the Series 4, 5 and 6 concerning her travels in Europe, her interest in progressive education, and her dedication to the preservation of her family's estate, known as Fernbank.

Series 3, Writings (1887-1940), contains articles and stories in both printed and manuscript form. Emily Harrison spent most of her life studying and teaching English as well as reporting in newspapers and professional journals. While the contents of this series must be only a fraction of

her total writings, the items held include school compositions, journals she kept while traveling, and papers she prepared for study groups to which she belonged.

Harrison led a group of schoolgirls on a European tour in 1908-1909. A few printed items of memorabilia as well as a journal, itineraries, and expense accounts pertaining to the trip are located in Series 4, European Travel (1908-1909).

Series 5, Education (1898-1943), is second only to the correspondence series in quantity and quality of material. It contains correspondence, writings, and printed material that document Harrison's interest and activity in the field of progressive education. Harrison corresponded with a number of educators across the country. Some of this correspondence is located in this series, while other similar items are in Series 2, Correspondence. A few articles and notes concerning educational topics are also located in this series. Printed material, however, accounts for the bulk of Series 5 and includes pamphlets and journal articles; material having to do with various professional organizations; and clippings and brochures about a large number of individual progressive schools. Material about schools in Atlanta and Georgia, as well as some information about camps, is included in the series.

Also located in Series 5 are materials that document Harrison's plans to establish a school on her family's estate near Atlanta as well as her participation in the operation of the Out-of-Door School in Florida and the Tallulah Falls Industrial School in north Georgia. The items concerning Fernbank offer information about the kind of school Harrison wanted, some of the ways she approached the project, and the campaign she led to prevent the estate's dismemberment after her father's death. The material concerning the Out-of-Door School and the Tallulah Falls School is less extensive, consisting primarily of printed materials. [See Series 2 for related correspondence and Series 8 for photographs of leading educators at a 1924 National Education Association meeting and for photographs of Fernbank, the Out-of-Door School, and Tallulah Falls School.]

Series 6, Czechoslovakia (1921-1927), holds the material Harrison collected during the time she worked with her sister, Fanneal, and the American Junior Red Cross in Czechoslovakia. Containing a small number of letters, the series pertains primarily to the production of a Red Cross periodical in Czech (*Mesicnik Dorastu Cerveneho Krize* or *Junior Red Cross Monthly*). Additionally, Harrison collected a large number of printed items about Czechoslovakia, including guidebooks, maps and several children's books, all of which are located in this series. [See also Series 8 for photographs of Czechoslovakia and its people.] ext

Series 7, Harrison Family Papers (1829-1960), is a collected series containing the papers of Harrison family members. Among these are some papers belonging to her father, Z.D. Harrison, that relate to his long tenure as Clerk to the Georgia Supreme Court but which also cover his extensive service in the Atlanta and Georgia Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church. A few papers belonging to Emily's aunt and uncle, Emily Hendree [Stewart] Park and Robert Emory Park are included and pertain to some of the couple's activities and to Mrs. Park's work with the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. A few pieces of writing by Fanneal Harrison are also located in Series 7 as are the business records of a more distant relative, James M. Ball. Some legal papers belonging to Z.D. Harrison's friend, Judge Richard H. Clark, complete the series.

Series 8, Photographs (1860-1943), contains the large number of photographs included in the Emily Harrison papers. They provide information in four different areas of her life: personal

and family photographs; pictures taken or collected when she traveled; items that illustrated her interest in education (including photographs of Fernbank, the Out-of-Door School, and the Tallulah Falls School); and photographs, sketches, and engravings depicting Czechoslovakia, its people and folk arts.

**Arrangement Note**

Organized into eight series: (1) Personal papers, (2) Correspondence, (3) Writings, (4) European travel, (5) Education, (6) Czechoslovakia, (7) Harrison family papers, and (8) Photographs

## **Description of Series**

[Series 1: Personal papers, 1900-1941](#)

[Series 2: Correspondence, 1860-1943](#)

[Series 3: Writings, 1887-1940](#)

[Series 4: European travel, 1908-1909](#)

[Series 5: Education, 1898-1943](#)

[Series 6: Czechoslovakia, 1921-1927](#)

[Series 7: Harrison Family papers, 1829-1960](#)

[Series 8: Photographs, 1860-1943](#)

**Series 1**  
**Personal papers, 1900-1941**  
**Boxes 1**

**Scope and Content Note**

A small number of records having to do with Emily Harrison's daily life can be found in Series 1, Personal Papers. Though sparse, these papers provide a glimpse into Ms. Harrison's attitude toward her physical and spiritual well-being as well as into her professional career.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	Financial records, 1909-1912, 1935-1936
1	2	Insurance records, 1937-1939
1	3	Medical records, 1904-1906, 1918-1923
1	4	Employment records, 1908-1910; 1918-1922 and undated
1	5	Z.D. Harrison estate records, 1935-1938 [contains information about Fernbank]
1	6	Printed material: Clippings re Emily Harrison, 1911[?], 1936
1	7	Printed material: Life Extension Institute, 1923-1924 and undated
1	8	Printed material: Health and exercise, 1937 and undated
1	9	Printed material: Miscellaneous, 1899, 1903, 1913, 1922, 1932-1934 and undated
1	10	Printed material: Oxford Group [contains information about Fernbank] 1934-1939
1	11	Miscellaneous, 1900, 1911, 1914-1915, 1925, 1933-1941 and undated

## **Series 2**

### **Correspondence, 1860-1943**

#### **Boxes 2 - 12**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Series 2 holds most of the correspondence contained in the Emily Harrison papers, although some correspondence is also located in Series 5 (Education), Series 6 (Czechoslovakia), and Series 7 (Harrison family papers). While the dates range from 1860 to 1943, the bulk of the correspondence falls after 1880 and in large part concerns personal and family matters. Many of the letters were not written to or by Emily Harrison but rather were exchanged among different members of the Harrison family. The series is arranged chronologically, although a large number of undated letters located at the end of this series are arranged by name of correspondent.

The large proportion of family letters in this series makes the collection a good source for information about the internal dynamics of family life during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Emily Harrison's maternal grandmother, Cornelia Paine Hendree, exchanged letters regularly with her daughters (Emily Hendree [Stewart] Park, Anna Hendree Norwood and Laura Ligon Hendree Harrison) and with her brother (S. B. Paine). Emily's aunt, Emily Hendree [Stewart] Park, known as "Mamma Semmie" to her young nieces and nephews, wrote frequently to them and to their mother, Laura Hendree Harrison. The series also contains numerous letters that Emily Harrison's father, Z.D. Harrison, wrote to his children (Emily, Fanneal, Courtenay, Tinsley, Z.D. Jr., Hendree, and Agnes). Many of the Z.D. Harrison letters are undated and hence located at the end of the series.

Besides revealing aspects of family and personal relations for this period, the correspondence series also provides information about the family's involvement in church work, social service organizations and, generally, in the progressive reform movement (1880-1920). The earlier portion of the series contains letters that document Emily Hendree [Stewart] Park's European tours in 1889 and in 1891/1892. The correspondence also shows the interest she had in the budding careers of her younger relatives.

The correspondence series provides information about the involvement of the Harrison children, particularly Emily and Fanneal, in the progressive reform movement of the early twentieth century. When Emily Harrison went to work for the *Southern Educational Journal*, she appealed to her mother and aunt to submit articles and discussed with them some of the difficulties she experienced. Fanneal also became involved with the reform movement and sometimes wrote to her family about her work in various social service agencies. In 1909 she traveled to England to attend a labor conference where she met George Bernard Shaw and other Fabians. Later she performed social work in El Paso, Texas, and took a job as a hotel maid in San Francisco to experience first-hand the life of the working class.

After 1902, when Emily Harrison began her teaching career, her correspondence focused more on her own activities and the contacts she made outside the family. In 1902 she began a correspondence with Charlotte Hopkins that was to span four decades. While the series holds only the letters from Hopkins, this extensive and frequent correspondence provides a picture of an intense friendship as well as regular reactions to Harrison's various activities. Other correspondents outside the family include Suzette Lewington who reported that she had



addressed the Susan B. Anthony Club in San Francisco (12 January 1908); Caroline Crosby, who worked in a settlement house (14 February 1908); and Lucy Graham, who was involved in the labor organization movement and in the fight against the abuse of child labor.

An increasing number of letters after 1902 concern Harrison's interest in educational reform. At the Georgia State Normal School she worked with Celestia S. Parrish, who had established the south's first laboratory school there (1902-1911) and who later became the state's supervisor of rural schools (1911-1918). Harrison corresponded with Parrish after the two of them left the Normal School. She also stayed in touch with Passie Fenton Ottley, another southern woman who avidly pursued her own educational goals (she received a D.Litt. from the University of Chicago in 1926, almost 40 years after her marriage in 1890). Ottley was a founder of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, was active in social work and politics in Georgia, and played a central part in establishing the Tallulah Falls Industrial School in which Harrison took keen interest. [See Series 5, Education, and Series 8, Photographs, for other information about the Tallulah Falls School.]

Series 2 also contains letters to and from a wide range of educators and literati. Harrison met many such persons at educational association meetings, but she also wrote to others whom she had never met. Such exchanges during the period 1902-1920 provide a rich source of information about progressive education as well as about other aspects of the progressive movement. Correspondents include Julia Collier Harris, Elvira Cabel, Clark Howell, Lucy Stanton, Lucy Davis, H.W. Rolfe, William H. Kilpatrick, Frank R. Page and J.R. Moseley. In August 1925 a series of letters concerns the Fairhope, Alabama, educational project. There is additional information about Fairhope's School of Organic Education in Series 5, Education.

Some of Harrison's early correspondence also shows how strongly she felt about Fernbank, her family's estate that encompassed many acres of virgin Piedmont woodlands. The topic of Fernbank and her plans for a "school-in-the-woods" figured prominently in her correspondence early in her educational career and became a central focus after 1926 when she returned to Atlanta. Between 1926 and 1943 Harrison concentrated on developing plans for her school and on devising means to preserve Fernbank's forest in its natural state. Much of this effort is documented in this series, but there are other pertinent records and correspondence about Fernbank in Series 5. Photographs of the property are located in Series 8.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

### **Dated correspondence**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
2	1	1860-1889
2	2	1891 January-July
2	3	1891 August
2	4	1891 September
2	5	1891 October-December
2	6	1892
2	7	1893-1895

2	8	1896-1900
2	9	1901-1902
3	1	1903 January-June
3	2	1903 July-December
3	3	1904 January-February
3	4	1904 March-April
3	5	1904 May-June
3	6	1904 July-September
3	7	1904 October-December
4	1	1905 January-February
4	2	1905 March-May
4	3	1905 June-August
4	4	1905 September-December
4	5	1906 January-March
4	6	1906 April-May
4	7	1906 June-September
4	8	1906 October-December
5	1	1907 January-March
5	2	1907 April-June
5	3	1907 July-August
5	4	1907 September-November
5	5	1907 December
5	6	1908 January
5	7	1908 February
5	8	1908 March
6	1	1908 April-May
6	2	1908 June-August
6	3	1908 September-October
6	4	1908 November-December
6	5	1909 January-February
6	6	1909 March-June
6	7	1909 July-September
6	8	1909 October-December
7	1	1910 January-February
7	2	1910 March-April
7	3	1910 May-August
7	4	1910 September-October
7	5	1910 November-December
7	6	1911 January-February

7	7	1911 March-April
7	8	1911 May-July
8	1	1911 August-October
8	2	1911 November-December
8	3	1912 January-February
8	4	1912 March-April
8	5	1912 May-September
8	6	1912 October-December
8	7	1913 January-May
8	8	1913 June-September
8	9	1913 October-December
9	1	1914
9	2	1915 January-April
9	3	1915 May-December
9	4	1916 January-June
9	5	1916 July-September
9	6	1916 October-December
9	7	1917 January-June
9	8	1917 July-December
10	1	1918 January-August
10	2	1918 September-December
10	3	1919 January-April
10	4	1919 May-December
10	5	1920 January-June
10	6	1920 July-December
10	7	1921
10	8	1922 January-May
10	9	1922 June-December
11	1	1923 January-March
11	2	1923 April-August
11	3	1923 September-December
11	4	1924 January-March
11	5	1924 June-November
11	6	1925 January-April
11	7	1925 May-December
11	8	1926-1927
11	9	1928-1930
11	10	1931-1932
11	11	1933-1936

11 12 1937  
11 13 1938  
11 14 1939-1943

**Undated correspondence**

11 15 From Emily Harrison, ca. 1891  
11 16 From Emily Harrison  
12 1 Z.D. Harrison  
12 2 Mrs. Z.D. Harrison  
12 3 Courtenay Harrison, ca. 1908  
12 4 Fanneal Harrison  
12 5 Tinsley Harrison  
12 6 Michael Hoke  
12 7 Emily Hendree [Stewart] Park  
12 8 Nora Belle Starke ("Cousin") and her mother, ("Auntie")  
12 9 Family letters  
12 10 Elvira "Ellie" D. Cabell  
12 11-12 Charlotte Hopkins  
12 13 Laura Macadoo Triggs  
12 14-16 General

### **Series 3**

### **Writings, 1887-1940**

### **Boxes 13**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

This series contains examples of Emily Harrison's work as a student, educator and journalist. Although the items here must only be a small portion of her total writings, they document some of her activities and demonstrate how she combined her interest in education with her skill as a journalist. The writings are arranged by type of document, but there is a rough chronological order as well.

Some of Harrison's earliest writings include an 1887 composition describing the Piedmont Exposition held in Atlanta that year. An inveterate journal keeper, Harrison recorded her thoughts about her travels, her teaching experiences, her plans for the future and her spiritual growth. The collection holds journals or fragments of journals for 1889, 1899, 1905-1907, 1939, 1940. [For journals kept during her European tour of 1908/1909, see Series 4. See also Series 6 for journals covering her work in Czechoslovakia.]

Harrison belonged, along with her mother and aunt, to the Every Saturday Club and to the History Class of 1908, both of which were groups of women who met for study and discussion. [Interestingly, records in another collection show that in 1972 she was still an active member of a similar group, the History Class of 1884.] Some of the papers that Emily Harrison prepared for these groups are included in the writings series. Series 3 also contains short stories and articles on various subjects. These manuscripts address matters such as the role of women, the meaning of work, child labor, the importance of nature, and the cultivation of the mind. [See also Series 1, Personal Papers, and Series 5, Education, for other writings.]

#### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
13	1	Composition books, 1887, 1889, undated
13	2	Journal, 1891
13	3	Journal fragments, 1889, 1891, 1899, 1905, 1907, 1939, 1940, and undated
13	4	Ledger: Expenses of Emily H. Stewart and Emily Harrison on European tour, 1891-1892
13	5	Student Papers, 1917-1918
13	6	Literary Notes
13	7-8	Stories
13	9-10	Articles, 1896-1909?, and undated
13	11	Articles, re women
13	12	Articles, re Irene Ashby and Child Labor Legislation in the South
13	13	Speech, re Negroes vs. foreigners in the South
13	14	Speech, re Daughters of the American Revolution
13	15	Papers on India, The 1908 History Class, 1924/1925

13 16 Papers by unidentified authors

**Series 4**  
**European travel, 1908-1909**  
**Box 14**

**Scope and Content Note**

Emily Harrison took a group of school girls to Europe for several months in 1908-1909. A travel journal, itineraries, expense accounts and some printed memorabilia in Series 4 document that tour. [See Series 2 for correspondence from this period, although most of the letters written from Europe by the tour group have been lost. See also Series 3 for journals kept during other tours and Series 8 for photographs of Greece and Czechoslovakia.]

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
14	1	Journals
14	2	Itineraries
14	3	Expense accounts
14	4	Printed material: Maps
14	5-8	Printed material: Memorabilia

**Series 5**  
**Education, 1898-1943**  
**Boxes 15-23, OP 1-2, AV1**

**Scope and Content Note**

Containing correspondence, writings and collected printed material, Series 5 documents Harrison's involvement in progressive education. The series is arranged by type of document. The first section includes her correspondence with others working in the field as well as some of the articles and notes she wrote. Located in this section are also pamphlets about progressive education in general and articles from scattered educational journals. One folder contains articles about nature study, a topic that had fascinated Harrison since her childhood at Fernbank, the family estate outside Atlanta.

Through her interest in educational matters and her role as a journalist reporting on such issues, Harrison collected material about many educational organizations. Such material is located in the second section of Series 5. Sometimes limited to a single convention program for some professional associations, items for others provide substantive information in correspondence, printed material and photographs. The National Education Association is well documented with items dating 1899-1943. The material in this section of the series bulks for the 1920's and 1930's but ranges between 1898-1943. It is arranged alphabetically by organization name.

Another major portion of Series 5 is composed of materials Harrison collected about progressive schools that were being founded around the country during the 1920's and 1930's. This material is arranged alphabetically by the name of the school. Folders may contain correspondence, school bulletins and advertising, and newspaper clippings. Of particular note is the material on Fairhope, Alabama's, School of Organic Education. The folder includes four 1920 lectures by Marietta Johnson.

Three "laboratory schools" drew Harrison's particular interest: a proposed school at Fernbank, the Tallulah Falls Industrial School in north Georgia, and the Out-of-Door School in Sarasota, Florida. The final section of Series 5 contains information about these institutions.

Sometime during Harrison's years at the Georgia State Normal School she began to think about founding a "school-in-the-woods" at the Fernbank estate. The papers show that beginning in 1917, Harrison pursued this goal tenaciously. Between 1917-1941 she corresponded with prominent Atlantans, such as Bishop Warren A. Candler, Thomas Glenn, W. B. Baker and H.W. Cox (all associated with Emory University), with J. R. McCain, president of Agnes Scott College, and with Mrs. Ernest Woodruff. At different times she suggested that the North Avenue Presbyterian School or Lovett School join in establishing the Fernbank School. She also wrote to educators from other parts of the country asking for support and advice. Frank R. Page, headmaster at Utica Country Day School, was prepared in 1927 to come to Atlanta to get the school underway.

When Harrison's father died in 1935, the issue became critical. With the estate in danger of being sold so that the proceeds could be distributed among the heirs, Harrison worked to keep the property intact and the virgin forest preserved. The records of her efforts that in 1939 resulted in a non-profit consortium named Fernbank, Inc., buying the property are included in this section of Series 5. A few records concerning Fernbank and the surrounding Druid Hills property are



also located in this portion of Series 5. These items include maps, property plats, and blue prints and are dated 1919-1961. [See Series 1, Personal Papers, Series 2, Correspondence, and Series 8, Photographs, for additional information about Fernbank.]

Harrison involved herself in two other schools that did operate for a number of years. In Tallulah Falls, Georgia, a school for mountain children was founded under the leadership of Passie Fenton Ottley who helped organize the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. Emily Harrison and other members of the Harrison family belonged to the women's club federation and thus became personally involved in the school, spending time there and with the pupils' families. This section of Series 5 contains printed material about the Tallulah Falls School as well as a few miscellaneous items. Of more interest is the extensive collection of photographs (some with annotation) of the Tallulah Falls students, their families, and environs. These photographs can be found in Series 8.

During the 1920's Emily and Fanneal Harrison founded and operated a school in Sarasota, Florida. Called the Out-of-Door School, the institution existed for several years although Emily Harrison's part in its operation occurred primarily in 1924-1926. The material about the school includes correspondence, school bulletins and descriptions, student publications and newspaper clippings. A few interesting items are located in the miscellaneous folder including an essay Harrison wrote about a school play the students had produced. A small number of photographs are located in Series 8, Photographs.

### Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type, and then in chronological order.

Box	Folder	Content
15	1	Correspondence, 1898-1916
15	2	Correspondence, 1917-1923
15	3	Correspondence, 1924-1937
15	4	Correspondence, 1940-1943
15	5-7	Writings: Articles
15	8-9	Writings: Re new schools
15	10	Writings: Re educational work of Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs
15	11	Notes: Re National Education Association
15	12-13	Notes: Miscellaneous

### Printed material

OP1	-	Broadside, "Georgia's Choice - Ignorance or Progress" issued by the Citizen's Education Movement, ca. 1922; and Reprint, "Martha Berry: Builder of a Great School," 1938
16	1	Pamphlets, 1917-1923
16	2	Pamphlets, 1924-1939, undated
16	3	Journal: American Teacher, 1928, 1934
16	4	Journal: Childhood Education, 1936, 1939
16	5	Journal: Educational Trends, 1939-1940

- 16 6 Journal: Educational Trends, (in French), 1920-1928
- 16 7 Journal: Miscellaneous, 1902, 1920, 1932, 1939
- 16 8 Journal: New Era in Home and School, 1932
- 17 1 Journal of Progressive Association, 1924-1926
- 17 2 Journal of Progressive Association, 1935-1936
- 17 3 Sargeant's Handbooks: Correspondence, 1922-1927, undated
- 17 4 Sargeant's Handbooks: Miscellaneous
- 17 5 Articles on nature study
- 17 6 Clippings, rural education
- 17 7 Clippings, progressive education
- 17 8 Clippings, miscellaneous
- 17 9 Reading lists, Atlanta
- 17 10 Reading lists, Georgia
- 17 11 Lucy Graham Crozier
- 17 12 Miscellaneous
- 17 13 "Miss Celeste Parrish," by Elsie Gibbs, 1937

### **Organizations**

- 18 1 American Association of School Administrators, 1940
- 18 2 American Federation of Teachers, ca. 1935
- 18 3 Association for Childhood Education, 1934-1940
- 18 4 Association of American Colleges, 1932
- 18 5 Commission on Educational Freedom
- 18 6 Cooperative Bureau for Women Teachers, 1926
- 18 7 Educational Advancement Association
- 18 8 Georgia Education Association, 1918-1934
- 18 9 Industrial Arts Cooperative Service, 1926-1930
- 18 10 Institute of Citizenship, 1938-1939
- 18 11 National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations
- 18 12 National Association for Nursery Education (formerly National Committee on Nursery Schools), 1929-1933
- 18 13 National Education Association, 1899-1940 [see Series 8 for photographs of leaders at national conference, Washington, D.C., 1924]
- 19 1 National Education Association, press releases, speakers' biographies, and abstracts of addresses, 1926, 1929, undated
- 19 2 National Conference of Church Related Colleges, [1934?]
- 19 3 National Kindergarten Association
- 19 4 National Youth Administration of Georgia, 1936
- 19 5 New Education Fellowship, 1926-1936
- 19 6 Parent-Teacher Association (and forerunners), 1932-1934

- 19 7 Parent-Teacher Association, Georgia Branch, 1924-1938
- 19 8 Progressive Education Association, 1926-1937
- 19 9 Progressive Education Association, 1938-1940 and undated
- 19 10 Progressive Education Convention, Cleveland, 1927 [contains abstracts of addresses]
- 19 11 Progressive Education Conference, St. Louis, 1937 [contains abstracts of addresses]
- 19 12 Religious Education Association, 1931
- 19 13 Society for Visual Education, Inc.
- 19 14 Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
- 19 15 Southern Conference for Education and Industry
- 19 16 Southern Conference on Tomorrow's Children, 1939
- 19 17 Southern University Conference, 1939
- 19 18 Miscellaneous and unidentified [contains abstracts of addresses]

### **Progressive Schools**

- 20 1 Beaver Country Day School, Brookline, Mass., 1934
- 20 2 Castilleja School, Palo Alto, Ca., 1932-1933
- 20 3 City and Country School, New York, N.Y., 1919-1920 [contains Harrison notes]
- 20 4 Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., 1927, 1931 [contains draft of Harrison plan for Fernbank School]
- 20 5 Ethical, Cultural School, New York, N.Y., 1927
- 20 6 Florida University School, Green Cove Spring, Fla., undated
- 20 7 Francis W. Parker School, Chicago, Ill., 1935-1936
- 20 8 Massachusetts Bay School, Port Washington, Long Island, N.Y., 1926-1931
- 20 9 Manumit School, Pauling, N.Y., 1927-1928
- 20 10 Metairie Park Country Day School, New Orleans, La., 1931-1932
- 20 11 Montgomery School, Wynnewood, Pa., 1919-1920
- 20 12 New School for Social Research, New York, N.Y., 1920, 1930 [contains four 1920 lectures by Marietta Johnson]
- 20 13 Moraine Park School, Dayton, Ohio, 1917-1918
- 20 14 Peninsula School, Menlo Park, Calif., 1932-1933
- 20 15 Scarborough School, Scarborough-on-Hudson, N.Y., 1932-1934
- 20 16 School of Organic Education, Fairhope, Ala., 1920-1922, 1927, 1931, 1937-38 [contains correspondence and four 1920 lectures by Marietta Johnson]
- 20 17 Shady Hill School, Cambridge, Mass., 1936-1937
- 21 1 Solebury School, New Hope, Pa., 1932-1934
- 21 2-3 Utica Country Day School, New Hartford, N.Y., 1919-1927 and undated
- 21 4 Winbrook, White Plains, N.Y., undated
- 21 5 Miscellaneous [contains correspondence]

- 21 6 Progressive Schools in France or England
- 21 7 Lists of Progressive schools in U.S. and Europe
- 21 8 Regional: Atlanta, Ga., 1922-1937
- 21 9 Regional: Georgia, 1906, 1906-1912, 1936-1938
- 21 10 Camps, 1919, 1934-1937, undated

**Fernbank**

- 22 1 Correspondence, 1917-1928
- 22 2 Correspondence, 1931-1934
- 22 3 Correspondence, 1936-1937
- 22 4 Correspondence, 1938-1941, undated
- 22 5-7 Campaign for Fernbank School records, [1932-1941]
- 22 8 Lists of potential contributors
- 22 9 North Avenue Presbyterian School proposed merger, 1933-1937
- 22 10 Expense records, 1930s and undated
- 22 11 Property Records, 1912, 1927-1929
- 22 12 Printed material
- 22 13 Girl Scouts material, 1933
- 22 14 Atlanta Bird Club: Correspondence, 1931-1934
- 22 15 Atlanta Bird Club: Minutes and announcements, ca. 1935
- 22 16 Atlanta Bird Club: News letters, journals, clippings, 1931-1936
- AV1 - Interview with Dr. W.B. Baker, Emily Harrison and Fernbank, 1979 [original:  
audiocassette]  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rg1xj][Digital/digitized  
copy available in the Reading Room: id rg1wd]
- XOP1 - Plans, plats and maps of Fernbank property, 1919-1961

**Out-of-Door School**

- 23 1 Correspondence, 1925-1926, 1938
- 23 2 Printed material, 1926-1938
- 23 3 Printed material, undated
- 23 4 Student publications, 1927-1930
- 23 5 Clippings
- 23 6 Miscellaneous

**Tallulah Falls School**

- 23 7 Printed material: Clippings
- 23 8 Miscellaneous [see Series 8 for photographs]

**Series 6**  
**Czechoslovakia, 1921-1927**  
**Boxes 24-27; OP 3-4**

**Scope and Content Note**

A large part of Series 6 is printed material having to do with Harrison's editorial work on a Czechoslovakian Junior Red Cross publication, *Mesicnik Dorastu Cerveneho Kirze* [The Junior Red Cross Monthly]. Copies of the periodical in Czech and in English for the years 1921-1923 and 1925 are included. Also located in this series are other Red Cross publications, guidebooks and maps to Czechoslovakia, as well as Czech children's books.

Some of the more interesting material in this series appears in the subject files and includes information about Czech women, folk arts and customs, and literary efforts. Three folders contain material regarding individuals important to Czech political and social history: Catherine Breshkovsky, Thomas G. Masaryk, Alexander Kerensky and Bozena Nemcova. Of particular note is Fanneal Harrison's first-hand accounts of meetings with Alexander Kerensky and with Catherine Breshkovsky, known as the grandmother of the Russian Revolution. [See Series 8 for photographs of Czech children, scenery and decorative art work.]

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

**Correspondence and writings**

Box	Folder	Content
24	1	Correspondence, 1921 January 10-1922 June 2 1927 July 9
24	2-6	Writings: Stories and articles
24	7	Writings: Notes
24	8-9	Writings: Manuscripts and layouts for Junior Red Cross Monthly, 1921 and undated fragments

**Printed material**

25	1	<i>Mesicnik Dorastu Cerveneho Krize</i> , 1921
25	2	<i>Mesicnik Dorastu Cerveneho Krize</i> , 1922
25	3	<i>Mesicnik Dorastu Cerveneho Krize</i> , 1923
25	4	<i>Mesicnik Dorastu Cerveneho Krize</i> , 1925 and fragments
25	5	<i>Junior Red Cross Monthly</i> , 1921 [in English]
25	6	<i>Junior Red Cross Monthly</i> , 1922
25	7	<i>Junior Red Cross Monthly</i> , 1923
25	8	<i>Junior Red Cross Monthly</i> , 1925 and fragments
25	9	Junior Red Cross publications
25	10	Guidebooks
25	11	Maps
XOP2 -		Maps

**Printed material: Subject files**

26	1	Czech women
26	2-5	Folk arts and customs
OP2	1	Bound volume re Czech costume design
26	6	Literary works
26	7	Bakule Choristers, 1923
26	8	Catherine Breshkovsky
26	9	Thomas G. Masaryk
26	10	Bozena Nemcova
26	11	Miscellaneous

**Printed material: Children's books**

27	1-6	Children's books
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## **Series 7**

### **Harrison Family papers, 1829-1960**

#### **Boxes 28-32**

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Among the Emily Harrison papers are materials that pertain primarily to other Harrison relatives including her father, Z.D. Harrison; her aunt and uncle, Emily Hendree [Stewart] Park and Robert Emory Park; her sister, Fanneal, and a more distant relative, James M. Ball. There are also papers that belonged to Z.D. Harrison's friend, Judge Richard H. Clark.

Prominent Atlanta attorney Zadok Daniel Harrison (1842-1935) served as Clerk of Georgia's Supreme Court for sixty-six years (1868-1934). He attended Oglethorpe University in 1862 until he left to fight in the Civil War; upon his return he practiced law in Atlanta and shortly thereafter began his tenure with the supreme court. He helped organize the Georgia Bar Association and served as its president in 1922-1923.

Harrison's personal papers include a small amount of correspondence, most of it concerning his service as Georgia's Supreme Court Clerk and as a member of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. There are, however, a few family letters located here. [See Series 2 for additional personal letters.] Correspondents include Bishop Lewis W. Burton and Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court Richard B. Russell. A few articles and speeches are included, notably a biographical sketch of Judge Richard H. Clark, some of whose papers are located in this series. Among the personal papers are clippings, insurance papers, and a few items having to do with the Georgia Bar Association (1886-1914), the Georgia Supreme Court (1866-1869) and Oglethorpe University.

The Z.D. Harrison papers also include a substantial number of records having to do with the Protestant Episcopal Church. Some of these materials pertain to Harrison's own church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta and include the Women's Auxiliary Minute Book (1900-1906) and church finance committee records for 1885. [See series 8 for a photograph of Cary B. Wilmer, rector (1900-1924).]

A greater number of records in this series have to do with the Diocese of Atlanta and were accumulated during Harrison's membership on the Board of Officers of the Diocesan Corporation, and the Diocesan Standing and Finance Committees. Most of the records, dating 1908-1925, concern the activities of these three bodies and include correspondence, minutes, and reports. They are arranged chronologically by type of document. The papers address various topics including the election of clergy, the administration of church pension funds, home missions and church property.

A small group of materials concerns the Georgia Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church and includes several items about John Waltrous Beckwith, Bishop of Georgia. Among these papers are letters, clippings, writings, legal papers and a biographical sketch. [See Series 8 for photographs of Bishop Beckwith and an engraving of Bishop Stephen Elliott.] The second section of Series 7 contains two folders of items having to do with Emily Hendree [Stewart] Park, one of Emily Harrison's aunts, after her marriage to Robert Emory Park. Park, an Emory College alumnus and trustee was active in Georgia politics and served as state treasurer for several terms beginning 1 October 1900. The Park items in this series concern some of the

couple's activities as well as Mrs. Parks' work with the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. Included are copies of two wills Mrs. Park made prior to her marriage in 1892. [See Series 2, Correspondence, for other documents written by or about Mr. and Mrs. Park.]

Other miscellaneous Harrison family items include some of Fanneal Harrison's writings and two folders containing newspaper clippings and miscellaneous memorabilia having to do with members of the Harrison family.

James M. Ball, Atlanta banker and businessman, married Emily Harrison's great aunt, Sarah Hendree. A few of his papers, primarily concerning business dealing, appear in this series of collected family papers. Included are letters, legal documents and financial records dating 1854-1882, which pertain to his business affairs in Atlanta involving the Atlanta Paper Mills (later known as the Fulton Paper Mills). The pre-1865 papers relate to Ball's business activities in Boston, New York, Savannah, Macon, and Tuskegee, Alabama.

Another small group of papers, primarily legal records, belonged to Atlanta attorney and judge Richard H. Clark (1824-1896). The papers apparently fell into the hands of Harrison family members through his friendship with Z.D. Harrison. Clark served in the Georgia state senate in 1849, the Secession Convention in 1861 and as judge of the southwestern circuit, 1862-1866. He moved to Atlanta after the Civil War and sat on the bench of both the Atlanta City Court and the Stone Mountain Circuit. He edited, along with Jared Irwin and Thomas R.R. Cobb, the 1861 *Code of the State of Georgia*. Clark's papers include deeds, mortgages, and other legal documents drawn up in various Georgia counties by him and his partner, Osborne Augustus Lochrane.

### Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

### Z.D. Harrison papers

Box	Folder	Content
28	1	Personal papers: Correspondence, 1905,1913, 1920-1934
28	2	Personal papers: Writings
28	3	Personal papers: Certificates
28	4	Personal papers: Insurance records, 1929-1936
28	5	Personal papers: Miscellaneous
28	6	Personal papers: Clippings
28	7	St. Luke's Church: Women's Auxiliary Minute Book, 1900-1906
28	8	St. Luke's Church: Finance committee ledger book and bills, 1885
28	9	St. Luke's Church: Miscellaneous materials
29	1	Diocese of Atlanta records, 1908-1912
29	2	Diocese of Atlanta records, 1913-1916
29	3	Diocese of Atlanta records, 1917
29	4	Diocese of Atlanta records, 1918-1919
29	5	Diocese of Atlanta records, 1920-1925 and undated
29	6	Diocese of Atlanta audits, 1907-1917; 1921-1924



- 29 7 Diocese of Atlanta: Bishop C.K. Nelson materials
- 29 8 Diocese of Atlanta: Reverend Russell K. Smith materials
- 29 9 Diocese of Atlanta: Woman's Auxiliary annual report, 1939
- 29 10 Diocese of Atlanta: *The Diocesan Record*, 1939-1941
- 30 1 Diocese of Atlanta: Standing Committee, Applications for Holy Orders, 1908, 1910-1911, 1913-1915, 1917-1919
- 30 2 Diocese of Atlanta: Standing Committee, Applications for Holy Orders, 1920-1925
- 30 3 Diocese of Atlanta: Standing Committee, Applications for Holy Orders, 1926-1930
- 30 4 Diocese of Atlanta: Standing Committee, Certificates of Election, 1908, 1910-1911, 1914-1915, 1917-1918, 1920-1921
- 30 5 Diocese of Atlanta: Standing Committee, Certificates of Election, 1922-1924
- 30 6 Diocese of Atlanta: Standing Committee, Certificates of Election, 1925-1927, 1929-1930
- 30 7 Diocese of Georgia: John W. Beckwith
- 30 8 Diocese of Georgia: Miscellaneous

#### **Other family members**

- 31 1 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emory Park: Miscellaneous
- 31 2 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emory Park: Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs
- 31 3 Fanneal Harrison: Writings
- 31 4 Harrison family: Clippings, [1864?]-1960 and undated
- 31 5 Harrison family: Memorabilia
- 31 6 James M. Ball: Family correspondence, 1876-1882
- 31 7 James M. Ball: Business correspondence, 1857-1881, undated
- 31 8 James M. Ball: Business records, 1854-1858
- 31 9 James M. Ball: Business records, 1860
- 31 10 James M. Ball: Business records, 1861
- 31 11 James M. Ball: Business records, 1862-1874
- 31 12 James M. Ball: Business records, 1875-1882, undated
- 31 13-14 James M. Ball: Bills, checks, receipts, ca. 1860-1873
- 31 15 James M. Ball: Civil War memorabilia

#### **Richard H. Clark papers**

- 32 1 Legal papers, 1829-1858
- 32 2 Legal papers, 1863-1869
- 32 3 Legal papers, 1870-1880, miscellaneous

**Series 8**  
**Photographs, 1860-1943**  
**Boxes 33-35; OP 5-20**

**Scope and Content Note**

Series 8 contains photographs that have to do with several of the series. It holds snapshots and portrait photographs of some of Harrison's immediate family, including her parents, some of her siblings and their children, and other more distant relatives. Some of the items are not identified. One folder of older photographs includes tintypes, cartes-de-viste, cabinet photos and a collodio-chloride print taken during the late 19th century.

Emily Harrison collected photographs and postcards during her various tours including travels in California, North Carolina and Greece. An extensive collection of photographs, engravings, and sketches about Czechoslovakia fill Box 37.

Aspects of Emily Harrison's professional activities are also represented in the photographic series. The portrait photographs of professional educators who attended a 1924 National Education Association meeting in Washington, D.C., are located in Box 35, folder 11.

Photographs showing the Out-of-Door School and the Tallulah Falls School are located in Box 36. The Tallulah Falls pictures feature life in the North Georgia mountains as well as showing scenes of the school and its students.

Many items pertain to Fernbank Forest, the Harrison family home on the Fernbank property, and some of the groups that used Fernbank during the 1930s while Harrison worked to keep the estate intact. [See Series 2, Correspondence, Series 4, European Travel, and Series 5, Education, for additional information about Harrison's travels and her involvement with progressive education.]

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by subject.

**Family**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
33	1	Emily S. Harrison [Images 0556-005 and 0556-006]
33	2	Z.D. Harrison, portraits [Images 0556-007 and 0556-008]
33	3	Z.D. Harrison, snapshots
33	4	Laura Ligon Hendree Harrison [Mrs. Z.D. Harrison] [some with Z.D. Harrison] (Images 556-001 and 556-002)
OP2	1	Z.D. Harrison, Laura Ligon Hendree Harrison, and unidentified
33	5	Children of Loring and Courtenay (Harrison) Raoul (Brantley, Harrison, Polly, and Loring)
33	6	Harrison family members, identified [Image 0556-003]
33	7	Harrison family members, unidentified

**Travel**

33	8	California
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- 33 9 Greece
- 33 10 North Carolina

### Education

- 33 11 National Education Association leaders [Washington, D.C., 1924]
- 33 12-13 Fernbank Forest [includes photograph of Dr. W.B. Baker] [Image 0556-004]
- OP3 1 Fernbank Forest
- OP3 2 Fernbank Forest
- OP3 3 Fernbank Forest
- OP3 4 Fernbank Forest
- OP3 5 Fernbank Forest
- OP3 6 Fernbank Forest
- OP3 7 Fernbank Forest
- OP3 8 Fernbank Forest
- OP3 9 Fernbank Forest
- OP3 10 Fernbank Forest
- OP3 10 Fernbank Forest
- 34 1 Fernbank, house [Images 0556-009 through 0556-011]
- 3 12 Fernbank house
- 3 13 Fernbank house
- 34 2 Fernbank, groups
- 34 3 Out-of-Door School, activities [includes school visit with Thomas Edison and field trip to Indian village in the Everglades]
- OP2 3 Out-of-Door School, activities
- 34 4 Out-of-Door School: Sarasota, Florida, scenes
- 34 5 Tallulah Falls Industrial School, buildings
- 34 6 Tallulah Falls Industrial School, students
- 34 7-8 Tallulah Falls, Georgia, miscellaneous

### Other

- 34 9 Bishop John Waltrous Beckwith; Bishop Stephen Elliott
- 34 10 Miscellaneous: Unidentified persons and scenes
- OP2 4 Miscellaneous: Unidentified scenes

### Czechoslovakia

- 35 1-3 People
- 35 4-5 Postcards
- 35 6-7 Scenes
- 35 8 Illustrations for "Little Shepherd of the High Tatras"
- 35 9 Miscellaneous

35    10    Picture books, Prague

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