

POWELL, ARTHUR G. (ARTHUR GRAY), 1873-1951.

Arthur G. Powell papers, 1933-1951

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Powell, Arthur G. (Arthur Gray), 1873-1951.
Title: Arthur G. Powell papers, 1933-1951
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 530
Extent: 1.5 linear ft. (3 boxes)
Abstract: Papers of Georgia lawyer, judge, and author Arthur G. Powell, including correspondence, notes, clippings, articles, manuscripts, and photographs.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Processing

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Arthur Gray Powell, lawyer, judge, and author, was born September 2, 1873, in Blakely, Georgia. His parents were Richard Holmes (1841-1899), attorney, and Keturah Perry Powell.

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Powell attended Mercer University in Macon (1889-1990), but did not graduate from there. He left Mercer to study law (1891) and received his law license (October 8, 1891). His father was already practicing law in Blakely, and Powell joined him forming a partnership known as R.H. Powell and Son. Two years after receiving his law license, Powell was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court (1893). Six years after his father's death, Powell formed a new partnership in Blakely with Robert Pottle under the name of Powell and Pottle (1905-1907).

In 1907, he became a judge for the Court of Appeals for Georgia (1907-1912) and moved to Atlanta (1906). He was a member of the Atlanta law firm Little, Powell, Reid, and Goldstein which later became Powell, Goldstein, Frazier, and Murphy. Arthur Gray Powell was a member of the American Bar Association, American Law Institute, American Judicature Society, Georgia Bar Association, and Atlanta Bar Association. He served as an officer in most of these organizations at some point in his career. Powell married Annie Wilkin (December 31, 1896), whom he had known since his teen-age years. The Powells had four children, one of which died in infancy. Powell died August 5, 1951. He is buried at Westview Cemetery in Atlanta.

Biographical Source: *I Can Go Home Again* by Arthur G. Powell, *Who Was Who* Vol. III, and Powell's obituary from the August 6th and 7th issues of *The Atlanta Journal* (1951).

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Arthur Gray Powell from 1933-1951. The papers include correspondence, notes, clippings, articles, manuscripts, and photographs. Materials relate to his autobiography, *I Can Go Home Again* (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1943). Included are a letter, forward, and corrected typescripts of chapters 1-22 of the draft originally entitled "Lady Godiva and Her Horse"; 19 legal pads of notes; correspondence; reviews, and an interview typescript related to *I Can Go Home Again*. Also included are writings and speeches by Arthur Gray Powell, miscellaneous notes, Wallace Stevens materials, general correspondence, photographs, documents related to Powell's death, and other collected memorabilia.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Autobiography

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	"Lady Godiva and Her Horse": Letter to children about writings this book, no date
1	2	"Lady Godiva and Her Horse": Forward, Chapter 1, Chapter 2, fragments: Corrected typescript
1	3	"Lady Godiva and Her Horse": Chapter 14: Corrected typescript
1	4	"Lady Godiva and Her Horse": Chapter 5-8: Corrected typescript
1	5	"Lady Godiva and Her Horse": Chapter 9-11: Corrected typescript
1	6	"Lady Godiva and Her Horse": Chapter 12-15: Corrected typescript
1	7	"Lady Godiva and Her Horse": Chapter 16-22: Corrected typescript
1	8	Untitled manuscript: Legal pad 1a
1	9	Untitled manuscript: Legal pad 1b
1	10	Untitled manuscript: Legal pad 2
1	11	Untitled manuscript: Legal pad 3
1	12	Untitled manuscript: Legal pad 4
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2	6	Untitled manuscript: Legal pad 15
2	7	Untitled manuscript: Legal pad 16
2	8	Untitled manuscript: Legal pad 17
2	9	Untitled manuscript: Legal pad 18
2	10	<i>I Can Go Home Again</i> : Letters and notes from Richard Holmes Powell, 1942, 1944, 1946
2	11	<i>I Can Go Home Again</i> : Correspondence, 1943
2	12	<i>I Can Go Home Again</i> : Correspondence, 1944-1945
2	13	<i>I Can Go Home Again</i> : Correspondence, 1946, 1948-1949
2	14	<i>I Can Go Home Again</i> : Reviews, 1943-1944, n.d.
2	15	<i>I Can Go Home Again</i> : Powell interview for WSB radio: Corrected typescript, November 16, 1943

Writings by AGP

- 3 1 "The Young Lawyers," *The Georgia Jurist*, July 1938
- 3 2 "The Birth of the Court of Appeals," *The Georgia Review*, Summer 1948
- 3 3 "Deweese and His Trial," no date
- 3 4 Good Morning column: Clipping, no date
- 3 5 Poetry: Manuscripts and typescripts

Speeches by AGP

- 3 6 "The Twin Sister of Liberty," Georgia Bar Association, June 1, 1922
- 3 7 "Democracy in the United States," The Ten Club, July 1937
- 3 8 "Margaret Mitchell and *Gone with the Wind*," The Ten Club, August 16, 1939
- 3 9 "To Get Her Poor Dog a Bone," March 22, 1940
- 3 10 "Construction of Fraternal Contracts by the Courts of Georgia": Typescript carbon, no date
- 3 11 "'Scratchin' a Board'--Negro Sermon": Typescript carbon, no date

Notes

- 3 12 Miscellaneous notes

Wallace Stevens materials

- 3 13 Correspondence: Powell-Stevens, 1933-1951
- 3 14 Photograph: Powell-Stevens, February 1940
- 3 15 Writings about Powell-Stevens, 1946, 1980
- 3 16 Writings by Powell: Poetry about Stevens: Manuscripts
- 3 17 Writings by Stevens: "Like Decorations in a Nigger Cemetery," *Poetry*, February 1935

General correspondence

- 3 18 Correspondence, 1938-1952

Photographs

- 3 19 Arthur Gray Powell, no date

Death of Powell

- 3 20 Correspondence: Telegrams, 1951
- 3 21 Articles and clippings, 1951
- 3 22 "Memorial to Judge Arthur G. Powell 1873-1951," Georgia Court of Appeals, December 16, 1952

Collected materials

- 3 23 Blakely, Georgia: Maps and other information

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| 3 | 24 | Collected maps |
| 3 | 25 | Writings of others: "A Trip on Horseback" by W. T. Couch: Typescript carbon, no date |
| 3 | 26 | Writings of others: "The Union catalog of Floridiana" by A. J. Hanna, <i>Special Libraries</i> reprint, 1941 May/June |
| 3 | 27 | Printed material: "Executive and Congressional Directory of the Confederate States, 1861-1865," 1899 |
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