

DeKalb History Center

Scottdale Mill Collection

Scope and content: The Scottdale Mill collection contains statements of accounts, cash books, checks, payroll lists, stock certificates, itemized account journals, W-2 forms and other items from Georgia Duck and Cordage, Estates of J.J. Scott, Scottdale Mills and Whittier Mills. The collection begins in 1899 and contains records through 2008. Access is restricted as the books are kept in cooler basement storage for safety. Please call ahead.

Provenance: Donation of Fenner Dunlop Americas Inc., Accession # 2011.20.

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citation should be as follows:

Description of specific item; Scottdale Mill Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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Size: Over 100 Volumes of Financial and Personnel Records, 1 oversized document box, 4 document boxes, map and plans, ephemera.

Brief Organizational Sketch of Scottdale Mills: Scottdale Mills was opened in 1901 by George Washington Scott and closed in 1982. The mill was a business that also built homes for workers on surrounding land. The Scottdale Mills Village homes were rented for 25 cents per room per week, but rent would be excused in hard times, according to an interview with Milton Candler Scott. A school building for workers was eventually taken over by the county and a nurse and dental clinic were also onsite. The Scott family also owned the Georgia Duck and Cordage Mill. The Scottdale location was last owned by Fenner Dunlop Americas, Inc., based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, incidentally the birthplace of Milton Candler Scott. At its peak, the mill employed 600 workers and spun and wove an average of 25,000 bales of cotton annually. A high point of 750 workers occurred during the Vietnam War in the 1960s, driven by demand for cloth for uniforms and sandbags. In 1971, Scottdale Mill closed down Whittier Mills Company near Chattahoochee Brick Company, as it was never very successful. The mill was torn down in 2010-2011 and will be redeveloped.

Description: The majority of the Scottdale Mill Collection consists of books of financial information such as assets and liabilities, W-2 tax forms, payroll, payment registers, retirement benefits, invoices, payment reports, itemized account journals and board minutes. There are approximately 115 ledger books. There is also tax information and the paperwork from renewing the charter in 1949. The collection includes lists of prices that individuals paid for Scottdale cemetery plots, Scottdale Mill ephemera and proposed warehouse plans.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: Scottdale Mill, Scottdale (Ga.)

Subject/Added Entries: Georgia Duck & Cordage Mill, Scottdale (Ga.)
 Estate of J.J. Scott
 G.W. Scott Investment Co.
 Whittier Mills, Atlanta (Ga.)
 Estate of G.B. Scott
 Scott Estates Inc.
 Scott Enterprises Inc.
 Fenner Dunlop Americas, Inc.
 Scottdale (Ga.)
 Scott, Colonel George Washington
 Scott, David W.
 Scott, Milton Candler
 Cotton mills
 Cotton mills--United States--1900-1930.

Note: A detailed description of individual ledger volumes is in a separate Excel sheet.

Box and Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	Financial notes	1980-1983
	2	Adhesive mailing labels	
	3	Adhesive warning labels	
	4	Annual Report – Fenner Dunlop	2008
	5	Deposit ticket book – Scottdale Mill	
	6	Estate of James Julius Scott – RESTRICTED	
	7	Fenner – <i>The Group and its Products</i>	2008
	8	Financial document examples	
	9	Magnet – Fenner Dunlop	
	10	Note pads	
	11	Retirement plan	Aug 31 1981-Aug 31 1982
	12	Retirement plan	Aug 31 1981-Aug 31 1983
	13	Retirement plan	Sep 1 1983-Sep 30 1983
	14	Retirement plan - RESTRICTED	Sep 1983-Dec 1983
	15	Annual Accounting summary	
		Retirement plan	Aug 31 1984-Aug 31 1985
16	Retirement plan - RESTRICTED	1984	
2	1	Retirement plan – RESTRICTED	1985
	2	Safety Sam stickers	
	3	Scott Estates financial	1958-1970
	4	Scottdale Cemetery; also see map, below	1933
	5	Scottdale Mill tax documents	1978-1984

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
2	6	Signs and procedures	
	7	Social security journal – RESTRICTED	Mar 31, 1980
	8	Social security journal – RESTRICTED	June 30, 1980
	9	Social security journal – RESTRICTED	Sep 30, 1980
	10	Social security journal – RESTRICTED	Dec 31, 1980
	11	Social security journal – RESTRICTED	Mar 31, 1982
	12	Stock certificates 1 of 3	
	13	Stock certificates 2 of 3	
	14	Stock certificates 3 of 3	
3	1	Financial Audit Reports	1931-1938
	2	Financial Audit Reports	1939-42;1945-47
	3	Financial Audit Reports	1948-1954
	4	Financial Audit Reports	1955-1960
	5	Financial Audit Reports	1961-1966
4	1	Financial Audit Reports	1967-1972
	2	Financial Audit Reports	1973-1977
	3	Financial Audit Reports	1978-1982
	4	Scottdale Mill charter	1949
5		Georgia Duck and Cordage employee Records – RESTRICTED	1987-1991

Photograph Subject Files Box 21 – Room 034 basement

- Scottdale Mill –
- 1) Miscellaneous slides
 - 2) 3M Occupational Health and Safety Products
 - Training slide show with cassette

Plan for proposed warehouse for Georgia Duck and Cordage, Dec 4, 1989, oversized cabinet, drawer 3

Scottdale Cemetery Map, small map cabinet, 1920s drawer

District 18, land lot 8

Has names of those buried and in most cases, what they paid for the plot, see box 2, folder 4