

DeKalb History Center

Joe M. Lee III Collection

Scope and Content: The Joe M. Lee III Collection is composed of documents, newspaper clippings and photographs from Lee's time at the DeKalb County Roads and Drainage department, primarily from the 1970s through the 1990s.

Provenance: Gift of Joe Lee. Accession # 2011.29.

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Size: 4 document boxes

Biographical sketch of Joseph M. Lee III: Author and historian Joseph M. Lee III has collected stereoviews, photographs, postcards and memorabilia of Augusta, Georgia for over 50 years. He has published a postcard history and a photo history of Augusta with Arcadia Publishing. During the 1970s through the 1990s when he worked for the DeKalb County Roads and Drainage Department he collected DeKalb County postcards, maps and other memorabilia that has been donated to the DeKalb History Center. He has been a speaker at past DHC events and served on its Board in 1979 and 1980. Lee is an Augusta, Georgia native and a graduate of Richmond Academy in Augusta. He received a BIE at Georgia Tech in 1960 and a MBA at Georgia State in 1969. He worked at Lockheed-Georgia in engineering and administration for 10 years; at the State of Georgia, Office of the Governor for 2 years; in Real Estate for 2 years and at the DeKalb County Roads and Drainage Department for 25 years before retiring in December 1998 as the Deputy Director for Road Maintenance.

Description: The Joe Lee Collection contains papers from Lee's time working for the DeKalb County Roads and Drainage department and is primarily from the 1970s to the 1990s. There are newspaper clippings of the 1998 Dunwoody tornado and cleanup, the pauper cemetery found on the grounds of the Camp Road facility, the building of the new jail on Memorial Drive and the emergency effort to fix Memorial Drive from the effects of a water main break the day before the Olympic torch relay took the route in July 1996. There are documents on training programs, memoranda, photographs and staff meeting notes.

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

Main Entry: Lee, Joseph M. III

Subject/Added Entries: DeKalb County (Ga.)
Decatur (Ga.)
DeKalb County Public Works Department, Roads
and Drainage Division
1996 Atlanta (Ga.) Olympics
MARTA

Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	Organization chart	1974
	2	New direction issues	1995-1996
	3	<i>Assertiveness Skills for Managers and Supervisors</i>	1997
	4	Avondale MARTA opening day	June 30 1974
	5	Award, letters of recognition	
	6	Bidec road (DeKalb Industrial Parkway)	1993-2011
	7	DeKalb Employee Connection newsletters	1978-1999
	8	Business cards	
	9	Camp Road complex	
	10	Classification studies, class descriptions	
	11	Comprehensive classification and Compensation study	1995
	12	Decatur directory map	
	13	DeKalb County pension plan data	1995-2004
	14	DeKalb Historical Society	
	15	DeKalb newsletters	1974-2000
	16	Department documents	1970s, 1980s
	17	Department documents	1990-1994
	18	Department documents	1995
	19	Department documents	1996
	20	Department documents	1997
	21	Department documents	1998
	22	Diary pages	Aug 1994-Sep 1994
	23	Diary	1996
2	1	Diary pages	Jan 1997-October 1997
	2	Dunwoody tornado newspaper articles	April 1998
	3	Evaluation of Morale and Productivity Report and suggestions	1980
	4	First asphalt truck	1994
	5	Forms – examples	

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2	6	Jail, Kensington MARTA, bridge	Dec 1994, July 21, 1995
	7	Joe Lee, personal, Comp time records, ID cards	1974-1997
	8	General foreman's daily report	
	9	<i>Guilt Free Assertiveness</i>	
	10	New supervisors' orientation workshop for DeKalb County	
	11	Newspaper articles	1974-1991
	12	Newspaper articles	1992-2001
	13	Newspaper articles-DeKalb County	1974-2011
	14	Obits, etc.	
	15	Old Ashford Dunwoody Road	1968
	16	Old job classifications, 1978, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994	
	17	Pauper cemetery	
	18	Personnel actions	1974-1998
3	1	Phone numbers and radio call numbers	
	2	Photographs	1975-1983
	3	Photographs	1984-1993
	4	Photographs	Feb 1991
	5	Photographs – panoramic	1991-1997
	6	Photographs	1993-1994
	7	Photographs	1996-2005
	8	Photographs – Memorial drive repairs	Jul 17 1996
	9	Photographs – Christmas luncheons	1993, 1997
	10	Photographs – production engineering Office, old building, 729 Camp Road	
	11	Photographs – Dunwoody tornado	Apr 9 1998
	12	Photographs – retrieving DeKalb police Helicopter	May 1984
	13	Photographs – new office construction	Dec 1993
	14	Photographs – Calloway office, Decatur	Mar 1975
	15	Photographs – Camp road view from jail	Mar 11 1994, 1984
	16	Photographs – Louis Culbreath retirement	Mar 22 1994
	17	Photographs – construction and maintenance	1978-1998
	18	Removed items	
	19	Rick Daniel retirement	Mar 21 2003
	20	Roads and drainage memos and documents	
	21	Roads and drainage organization	
	22	Roads and drainage policy book	
	23	Roads and drainage	Sep 1996-Aug 1997
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4	1	Roads and Drainage Staff meeting notes	Sep 1997-Oct 1998
	2	Steno notebook	Dec 1992-Mar 1993
	3	Train the Trainers program	1978-1982
	4	Training certificates	
	5	Training certificates	1974-1978
	6	Vehicle usage reports	1994-1995
	7	Water main break Memorial drive	1996